

THAMES PATH

STAGE 9.

Stage 9 of the Thames Path from Chertsey Bridge to Hampton Bridge was walked on Saturday 26th July 2014. The walk started at Chertsey Bridge.

The walk went downstream with Chertsey Lock behind us.



We walked through Dumsey Meadow.



The next lock was Shepperton Lock.



Just past Shepperton Lock, we took the ferry across the Thames.



Further on, we saw a canal boat.



and then some rowers.

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.We saw the new Walton Bridge.



followed by Molesey Lock.



The next lock was Sunbury Lock,



The walk finished at Hampton Court Bridge.



with a boat showing a plaque Dunkirk 1940,



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STAGE 10.

Stage 10 was walked from Hampton Court Bridge to Richmond Bridge. Across the river from Hampton Court Station is Hampton Court Palace, with its Tudor entrance.



Further along the river, the view back shows the later side from the time of William and Mary through some gates.



An impressive gateway was seen.



Hampton Court Bridge was seen by looking back.

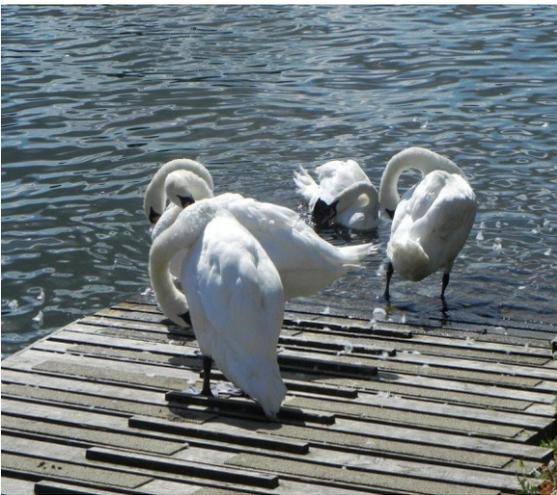


There is an island in the river.

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Some swans were on a landing stage.



The next bridge was Kingston.



Shortly after Kingston bridge, Turk's pier was reached. Regular boat services up - and down - stream operate from here during the summer months.



Boats were moored beside an island a little further downstream.



After Kingston, the river opens out to become a wide river.



An imitation paddle steamer went past, with some house boats in the foreground.

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The next and final lock on the Thames going downstream is Teddington lock.



Across the river was Marble Hill House.



Belted Galloway cattle were grazing in Petersham meadow

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below the former Star and Garter home.



A small pleasure boat sailed past.



This stage of the walk ended at Richmond bridge.