

PEDAL TO SERENE HAPPINESS!

A Wheels of Time cycle route



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ROUTE OF TRANQUILLITY

The borough of Kingston is known to be a happy place. It is leafy and green and consists of beautiful parks and gardens such as the lush gardens of Hampton Court consisting rich heritage. The Bushy Park, the luscious Richmond Park, which is the "jewel in the crown".

This is a picturesque route perfect for leisure cyclists as well as families. Every spot has all the facilities, break areas, restaurants, bike stands. Riding along the Thames path one experiences views that dreams are made up of !It is a great way to appreciate the stunning scenery. Along the way you drift into a zone of joyful serenity and will have a sense of adventure where one view is better than the other giving a joyous sense of well-being. This route will be one to remember!

All together therapeutic and happy!



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Route begins from
Victoria Recreation Ground

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Hampton Court Gardens

500 years of garden history. These gardens, now visited by thousands of people every year, were once the exclusive playground of kings and queens. New ideas and designs arrived with each new era, from the Tudors through to the Victorians. Today the Gardens and Estate team continue the work of past royal gardeners. Henry VIII designed his as a heraldic garden; later, art collector Charles I created a simple Italianate style garden in which to display his classical statues.



The great fountain garden

The pond gardens

The privy gardens





③ Bushy Park

During the Second World War, part of Bushy Park became the US air base, Camp Griffiss, and it was from here that General Eisenhower planned the D-Day Landings. Bushy Park is one of London's eight Royal Parks and covers an area of 1,099 acres.

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Cycling along the beautiful Thames path we reach Richmond Park. This Borough of Richmond upon Thames, was created by Charles I in the 17th century as a deer park. The largest of London's Royal Parks, it is of national and international importance for wildlife conservation. Escape to the great outdoors in Richmond Park with its wide open spaces, grasslands and deer herds, just a stone's throw from central London. The park is a top UK site for ancient trees and supports a range of rare species including fungi, birds, beetles, bats, grasses and wildflowers.

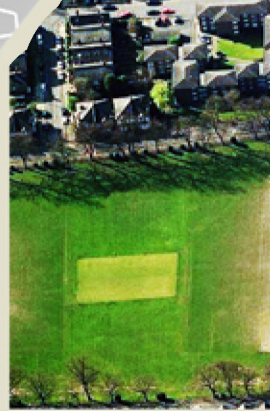
Richmond Park





Kingston Hill 5 and Dorich House

One of London's hidden gems, Dorich House Museum at Kingston University is located a 'Deer's Leap' from Richmond Park, along Kingston Vale in South West London. The Museum holds the world's largest collection of Gordine's work, which spans her artistic career. Visitors can enjoy the house and collections and, weather permitting, spectacular views from its roof terrace overlooking Richmond Park



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**The Fairfield
Recreation
Ground**

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Museum of Futures

Route finishes at The Museum of Futures, which can be reached by the Portsmouth Road. Which is the historical cycle way, part of the ripley run, and queen Victoria has traveled on it aswell.

This map is part of a project called 'The Wheels of Time' celebrating the history and heritage of cycling in the Royal Borough of Kingston. The project was supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The maps were designed by volunteers and students of Kingston University to encourage people to get on their bikes and explore the local area. You can find out more about the project and about The Community Brain at thecommunitybrain.org. Happy cycling

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