



The ramble is mainly on gravel tracks across scenic Richmond Park, the wilder spaces of Ham Common and Ham Riverside lands, finishing through pretty Petersham Village and up Star & Garter hill for the classic view of the Thames from Richmond Hill. It is necessary to use some suburban streets. Two alternatives exist: The shorter route uses suburban streets away from the Thames. The longer follows the Thames towpath National Trail. The shorter route is shown: (red line). The longer is shown: (blue line)

Lunch : at the Hawker Centre, Thameside – plenty of space available inside and out, snack meals or bring your own picnic. Accessible WC.

Start Point : Ⓢ Pembroke Lodge in Richmond Park. Some designated parking spaces and an accessible WC. Grid Reference : TQ 187730

How to get there !

From Richmond town centre, follow the A307 (signposted Petersham, Ham, Kingston) Very soon after leaving Richmond, turn left on to Nightingale Lane. This is a small road and easily missed! At end turn right on to Richmond Hill (B321). At mini roundabout bear right (B353) passing the Royal Star and Garter Home. At mini roundabout turn left on to Sawyers Hill. Enter the Park at Richmond Gate. At roundabout take the second exit on to Queen's Road. Pembroke Lodge is on your right after about ½ mile.

Ramble :

From Pembroke Lodge go south using a path parallel to the road. You will reach an exit road from the Park. Follow this to your right briefly then cross over and continue down on the far side of Ham Common. Cross the main A307 road with great care and work your way through housing to the Thames National Trail.

The Hawker Centre is to your left. Continue right along the Riverbank to Teddington Lock. The shorter route leaves the river side at this point and skirts the built up area of Ham. The longer route continues along the National Trail, until you reach a car park near Ham House (NT property).

The two routes join behind the Mansion, and continue back to Petersham village. It may be possible to skirt around behind the village (as shown on the map). Alternatively take great care through the village as the main road is the busy A307. Cross the A307 by the B353 which turns off to climb the hill up to the Star and Garter home. It is possible to climb the hill just to the left of the B road. Turn back into Richmond Park and follow the path back to Pembroke Lodge.

Scenery :

Varied, with good views in Richmond Park. Some suburban streets need to be traversed, but the scenery is good along the Thames National Trail.

Short Rambles :

It is possible to park on the Thames riverbank by Ham House, allowing you to visit the historic mansion and enjoy the Thames walk up to Teddington Lock. Similarly, you can ramble extensively within Richmond Park from Pembroke Lodge.