
Elmbridge self-guided walks

Weston Green to Thames Ditton from Marney's Pond

3.9 km circular walk (approx. 45-55 mins)

Walk information

This is an urban walk through Weston Green and on to Thames Ditton with a few hidden gems in between.

The route features 2 ponds, a rest stop at the River Thames and passage through the grounds of a 12th century church. You'll also pass by the quaint, independent cafes and shops of Thames Ditton, and a 13th Century riverside pub. All offering ample excuse for a break or a more leisurely pace. Or alternatively 'go for it' and save refreshments until your walk is complete as it conveniently starts and ends next to an idyllic pub dating back to the 1700's.

This walk is suitable for beginners, pushchairs and mobility scooters (purple route on map only) as the majority of the walk is on pavements.

There is one busy main road to cross at the beginning and end of the walk, and a trip up Thames Ditton high street but the rest of the route is alongside quiet suburban roads or pedestrian footpaths.

Car parking

Small car park by Marney's pond / Marney's Village Inn, Chestnut Avenue, Weston Green, KT10 8JL. Or free street parking on Chestnut Avenue or surrounding roads.



Public transport

Buses – 515/514 or Hampton Court Way routes, Thames Ditton.

Train: Thames Ditton Train station is in the middle of the route.

The walk start point

Marney's pond / in front of Marney's village Inn

The walk route

With Marney's Village Inn on your left and **Marney's pond** on your right - walk straight ahead. Note the pond is a little hidden by shrubbery but it's just in front of the pub.

As you head off, you'll see a golf course ahead of you and a group of old cottages slightly to your left (**Jubilee Villas**). Turn left and walk past the front of the cottages and continue to the main road - **Hampton Court Way**.

Cross Hampton Court Way at the traffic island and walk across the green opposite, passing down the right side of the pond to join **Weston Green Road**.

Veer right onto Weston Green Road. Walk along on the right-hand side of the road and you'll pass **Weston Park** and **Newlands Road** before arriving at **Longmead Road**.

Turn **right into Longmead Road** (St. Helens Flats are straight ahead of you) and cross over the road. Then follow the footpath immediately down the right-hand side of the St. Helen's flats, to the left of the grassed area.

Follow this path, through a narrow section with a red brick wall on your left, and ahead until you go under a railway bridge.

NB: just before the bridge assess the steepness and muddiness of the slope down to your left heading to a path beyond. On the return you can either return on this side of the railway and come up this slope or opt for the flat road on the other side of the railway.

Once under the railway veer slightly left where there is a thick hedge across the road and pass through the gap within it onto **Basing Way**. **Follow Basing Way to Station Road**.

Turn right onto **Station Road**, remaining on the raised path and then left onto the **High street** (at its junction with **Watts road**). The High Street bends to the right, then at the

next junction is a roundabout where you need to keep left.

As you near the very end of the High Street you will see 'Ye Olde Swan' pub ahead of you and '**Church Walk**' signposted on your left. Here – either:

- Cross over **Summer Road** to take a look at the river and Thames Ditton Island ahead of you / stop for refreshments if the pub is open. Once done re-trace your steps back to **Church Walk** – now on your right.
- Or, head straight away down **Church Walk** on your left.

Turn left onto **Speer Road** and walk to the roundabout. Cross over towards the train station. Here you have a choice.

Either turn right under the railway bridge and take the grassy path to your left (just beyond the bike shelter). Follow the train line and this will take you to the steep slope noted earlier.

Or, turn left and then first right onto Basingfield road. At the end turn right onto the footpath under the railway.

Both choices lead you back to a familiar path back to **Longmead Road**.

At the end of **Longmead Road**, you'll meet **Weston Green Road**. Cross over this to the small green the other side.

Walk across the green, bearing leftish to take either **Weston Avenue** or **Lime Tree Avenue** – either of which will lead you back to the main road of **Hampton Court Way**.

Cross Hampton Court Way at the lights. Turn left and then right to follow **Alma Road** back to **Marney's Pond**.

Footnote

We hope you enjoyed your walk. If so tell your friends, if not, or you have encountered any problems please tell us at:

Health@elmbridge.gov.uk or call 01372 474574

Healthy Walks program

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elmbridge.gov.uk/sports-and-health/healthy-walks-and-cycle-rides/

Walk map

- ★ Start and finish of walk
- Walk route
- Walk route to avoid steep slope
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