



The Duke's River Walk

The Duke's River Walk kingfisher emblem was designed from drawings provided by children from Chase Bridge Primary School and Isleworth Town Primary School. It is used as a waymarker along the route of the walk.



The River Crane
The River Crane, a tributary of the Thames, provides a green corridor of semi-natural habitats from its source (as the Yeading Brook) in Harrow to the Thames at Isleworth. It supports a wide variety of small mammals and birds including water voles, kingfishers and owls, as well as 15 species of fish.



Mereway Nature Park
This small area of mixed bramble scrub is a haven for wildlife. It is located at the divergence of the River Crane and the Duke of Northumberland's River, where there is a large weir which controls the flow between the two rivers. There is an outdoor classroom for use by schools on the site and the adjacent Kneller Gardens has refreshment facilities and public toilets.



Rugby
Two rugby grounds can be seen from the river walk. Twickenham Stoop has been home to the Harlequin Rugby Football Club since 1963. Further downstream is Twickenham Stadium home of the Rugby Football Union and England's national rugby stadium. The first international match took place there in 1910.



Whitton Brook
Whitton Brook is the historic administrative boundary between Isleworth and Twickenham. It is identified by a line of mature trees on the opposite bank to the path. Water voles can be found along this stretch of the river. They feed on bankside vegetation, and live in burrow systems excavated into the river bank, which include underwater entrances used as an escape route.



Mogden Sewage Treatment Works & Eel Pass
This is the second largest sewage treatment works in the UK, constructed in the 1930s and owned and operated by Thames Water. The site covers 55 hectares and serves over 2 million people. ZSL has been monitoring for eels in the River Crane since 2011, and an eel pass has been installed to aid the eels over the manmade barriers, such as the weir on this site, that inhibit their migration. In its first year of use over 600 eels were counted moving upstream via this pass.



Mills
The river north of Worton Road is the site of two mills and a moated manor house which were still visible until the twentieth century. This natural looking section of the river has areas of mature willows, scrub and bankside vegetation, and provides good habitat for bats and nesting water birds.



Isleworth Brewery
This part of the river runs along the line of the old Hounslow Brook, the flow of which was augmented by the construction of the Duke's River. There was a brewery on this site from the eighteenth century, owned by the Farnell family. After 1866 it became the Isleworth Brewery and operated here until the 1980s. The river was heavily altered for industrial purposes, and in addition to the brewery provided power for copper mills, a paper mill and brazil (a red dye used for dyeing cloth) mill.



Mill Plat and Kidd's Mill
There is a substantial wall along Mill Plat marking the boundary of Kidd's Flour Mill. Just before the river enters the River Thames there is a basin which was used to load barges with produce from the mills. An eel pass in the mill basin helps eels navigate upstream over the large manmade structures of Kidd's Sluice.

