

London's Lost Route to the Sea

1. Bank of England to Putney Bridge - 15km (9.4 miles)

The first stage of this long distance path takes you from the City of London to Putney Bridge, predominantly following the Thames Path west through London. Many famous landmarks can be seen on this part of the route.

From	To	Distance (km)	Distance (Miles)	Directions	Places of Interest
Bank of England (TQ 327 188)	London Bridge (TQ 327 803)	0.88	0.55	From outside the bank of England walk west down Threadneedle Street to junction of Cornhill and King William Street. Proceed South down King William Street to Monument Station. Cross over Cannon Street and continue on King William Street until London Bridge. Cross over the River Thames on London Bridge.	Bank of England Royal Exchange Monument to Great Fire of London London Bridge
London Bridge (TQ 327 803)	Blackfriars Bridge (TQ 316 805)	1.34	0.83	At South side of London Bridge head further south and just before railway bridge drop down the steps from the road and into Borough Market. Walk through Borough Market and past the Cathedral, keeping the railway bridge on your left. On leaving the market join Cathedral Street and head back towards the river (opposite way to bridge). Keep on Cathedral Street bearing left at Montague Close. On reaching the Golden Hinde you need to head west onto Pickfords Street and then Clink Street, passing the Prison Museum. Keep on until you reach a T Junction with Bank End, there is a Premier Inn directly in front. Turn right here and head to riverside. At riverside join the Bankside and head west following the edge of the river, passing under Southwark Bridge and Millenium Bridge and passing by Bankside Pier, Shakespeare Globe, Tate Modern Gallery, Bankside Gallery and Founders Arms. Keep on Bankside path until you reach Blackfriars Bridge	Borough Market Southwark Cathedral Queenhithe Dock (<i>Where the barges from Portsmouth docked</i>) Golden Hinde 2 Clink Prison Museum Shakespeare Globe Tate Modern Bankside Gallery
Blackfriars Bridge (TQ 316 805)	Westminster Bridge (TQ 305 796)	1.66	1.03	From Blackfriars bridge continue on Thames Path westwards, passing the OXO tower and then Bernie Spain Gardens. Continue on path with Thames on your right to Waterloo Bridge passing the National Theatre. From Waterloo Bridge continue on the Queens Path next to the Thames to Westminster Bridge. On this path you will pass Festival Pier, Southbank Skatepark, Southbank Centre, Jubilee Gardens, the London Eye and London Dungeons and Sealife Centre which is next to Westminster Bridge.	OXO Tower National Theatre Southbank Centre London Eye London Dungeons London Sealife Centre
Westminster Bridge (TQ 305 796)	Vauxhall Bridge (TQ 302 781)	1.67	1.04	Continue on path after passing Westminster, which passes by St Thomas' Hospital, this is a long straight path. The Houses of Parliament are prominent on the other side of the river. Pass under Lambeth Bridge and continue on Thames Path. This part of the path runs alongside Albert Embankment. The Thames path moves away from Albert Embankment and sticks close to the Thames. The path passes Camelford House and M16 offices which is next to Vauxhall Bridge.	Houses of Parliament Lambeth Palace M16 Offices
Vauxhall Bridge (TQ 302 781)	Chelsea Bridge (TQ 285 777)	2.22	1.38	Cross over the Thames on Vauxhall Bridge to the North side and then drop down steps to rejoin Thames path on the northern side of the river. The path passes through the Crown Reach Development and then joins Grosvenor Road. Follow the path alongside Grosvenor Road until Pimlico Garden and Shrubbery, follow path around garden and back out to Grosvenor Road. Follow Grosvenor road all the way to Chelsea Bridge. Battersea power station can be seen on the other side of the river. At Chelsea Bridge cross over the Thames again so that you are back on the South Side	Battersea Power Station
Chelsea Bridge (TQ 285 777)	Wandsworth Bridge (TQ 260 754)	4.59	2.85	Leave Chelsea Bridge and head into Battersea Park, follow riverside path past peace pagoda to other side of park. Exit park onto Albert Bridge Road and head towards river, just before bridge take riverside path on other side of road. Follow path in front of residential developments and crossing Ransomes Dock until you reach Battersea Bridge Road. Cross over road and continue on riverside path on the other side keeping residential properties on your left. Keep on path passing St Mary's Church and then a little further on past Vicarage Gardens until you reach a railway bridge. Turn left at railway and follow inland until you reach Lombard Road, follow Lombard Road under railway bridge for approx 100 metres before turning left on path back to riverside. Continue on Thames path until you reach the London Heliport where you will take a sharp left and have to head inland again to Bridges Court. Walk along Bridges Court past the London Heliport and Crowne Plaza Hotel. Take path by side of hotel back to riverside. Follow Thames path all the way to Wandsworth Bridge, keeping residential properties on your left.	Battersea Park Childrens Zoo Peace Pagoda St Mary's Church
Wandsworth Bridge (TQ 260 754)	Putney Bridge (TQ 241 756)	2.72	1.69	At Wandsworth Bridge take subway under road and into Pier Terrace, passing gravel yard and on to T junction by The Ship pub. At the pub take Jews Row by the side of it into residential apartments and just behind pub take path leading back to riverside. Follow Thames Path along Nickols Walk until you reach the end of the apartments where you will need to turn away from river and follow Waterside Path to Smugglers Way. Walk along Smugglers Way passing the waste amenity site and just past B & Q keep going straight until you reach a wooden bridge across the River Wandie and Bell Lane Creek. On leaving bridge take Enterprise Way until you reach a T junction, Turn right onto Osiers Road which then bears round to left. From Osiers Road take Knightley Walk through to Eastfields Ave, turn left and head west until you reach Riverside Quarter building where you can take path back up to Thames side. Continue west for about 75 metres on Thames Path and you will pass through gates into Wandsworth Park, stay on path next to Thames through Park. Exit Park at Western edge through arched gate and onto Blade Mews, after 50 metres you'll reach Deodar Road on which you need to continue heading west through residential street, you will pass Fiorian Road and Merrivale Road on your right. At end of straight section of Deodar Road it will then bear sharply to the left and you will need to turn right here heading back to riverside through pathways between residences.	Wandsworth Park

Public Transport

Start:

London Underground - Bank, Bank DLR
National Rail - Cannon Street Station, London Bridge Station

Finish:

London Underground - Putney Bridge
National Rail - Putney Station

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2. Putney Bridge to Kingston Upon Thames - 21.78km (13.53 miles)

The second stage of this long distance path takes you from Putney Bridge, past the famous rowing clubs that race along the Thames, Kew Gardens, Stately Homes and the most downstream of the Thames locks. This stage leaves the urban metropolis of Greater London behind and into the more leafy suburbs.

From	To	Distance (km)	Distance (Miles)	Directions	Places of Interest
Putney Bridge (TQ 241 756)	Hammersmith Bridge (TQ 229 780)	2.81	1.75	From Putney Bridge head west down Lower Richmond Road and after about 100m turn onto Embankment sticking to the edge of the Thames. Follow embankment passing by many rowing clubs and boat houses, after Festing Road continue on Embankment past Leaders Gardens to bridge crossing Beverley Brook. Cross the brook and continue on path passing Putney Bridge Canoe Club and London Wetlands Centre, Fulham football club can be seen on the other side of the Thames . After the wetlands centre continue on Thames Path passing housing development on your left until Hammersmith Bridge.	London Boat Race (<i>Annual Event</i>) London Wetlands Centre
Hammersmith Bridge (TQ 229 780)	Chiswick Bridge (TQ 202 762)	4.18	2.6	From Hammersmith Bridge continue following Thames Path passing St Pauls School, at this point the Thames is curving round. Continue on Thames Path following the curve around, passing the school playing fields at this point you will also pass Chiswick Eyot (an island in the Thames). Continue on Thames Path passing 'Leg of Mutton Nature Reserve' and into 'Small Profit Dock Gardens'. On exiting th gardens the path will run alongside Lonsdale Road, past a roundabout and then alongside The Terrace until you reach Barnes railway bridge. As you pass through Barnes you will see the blue plaques of Edouard Espinosa, Gustav Theodore Holst and Dame Ninette de Valois on the houses of The Terrace and Lonsdale Road. Pass under the bridge and continue on path on The Terrace alongside the Thames, When reaching The White Hart pub the path will leave The Terrace and continue with the Thames to your right. Follow path past residential properties until you reach the Stag Brewery at Mortlake, just past the brewery you reach the The Ship pub and the path runs along Thames Bank and just opposite Parliament Mews the path leaves the road and continues to Chiswick Bridge.	Leg of Mutton Nature Reserve Edouard Espinosa, Gustav Theodore Holst and Dame Ninette de Valois Houses (<i>No access to properties</i>)
Chiswick Bridge (TQ 202 762)	Kew Bridge (TQ 190 777)	2.02	1.26	Pass under Chiswick Bridge and continue on Thames path through park and past Putney Town Rowing Club. Continue on Thames Path alongside Thames to Kew Railway Bridge. Pass under bridge and continue on Thames Path passing Olivers Island to Kew Bridge.	
Kew Bridge (TQ 190 777)	Richmond Lock (TQ 170 750)	3.89	2.42	Pass under Kew Bridge and continue on Thames Path past Kew Green Preparatory School and then the path runs alongside Ferry Lane. At the end of Ferry Lane is Kew Palace and the car park for Kew Gardens, continue on Thames Path past Kew Gardens on left and Syon House on right which is on the other side of the Thames. After Kew Gardens you will pass the Royal Mid Sussex Golf Course and Isleworth Eyot. Continue on Thames Path until you reach Richmond Lock.	Kew Palace Kew Gardens Syon House Richmond Lock
Richmond Lock (TQ 170 750)	Teddington Lock (TQ 166 716)	5.48	3.4	From Richmond Lock continue on Thames Path, pass under Twickenham Road Bridge. Continue along the Thames path to Riverside, then follow road for a short way in front of garages and just past the White Cross pub rejoin path by side of Thames passing in front of the war memorial and under Richmond Road Bridge. Continue to follow Thames to Buccleuch Gardens and then Petersham Meadows continue through and pass by Ham House and Gardens. Eel Pie Island will be in the Thames just the house. Continue around the curve of the Thames in Ham Lands, across bridge and into woodland until Teddington Lock	Richmond on Thames Boat Trips Ham House Teddington Lock
Teddington Lock (TQ 166 716)	Kingston Bridge (TQ 177 693)	2.85	1.77	From Teddington Lock continue on Thames path pass Teddington Weir and on towards Lower Ham Road. Follow Lower Ham Road until you reach Canbury Gardens, pass through gate and follow the path next to the Thames through the gardens. Leave Canbury Gardens at the far end after following the path next to the Thames and join Thameside, pass under railway bridge and past the residential apartments. At junction at the other end of Thameside rejoin path and pass between John Lewis and the Thames to Kingston Bridge.	Canbury Gardens Kingston upon Thames

Public Transport

Start:

London Underground - Putney Bridge
National Rail - Putney Station

Finish:

National Rail - Kingston Station

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3. Kingston Upon Thames to Weybridge - 15.5km (9.7 miles)

The third stage of this long distance path takes you from Kingston Bridge, past the Royal Hampton Court Palace and a few more of the Thames locks to the beginning of the Wey Navigation. This stage will follow the edge of the Thames all the way to Weybridge and will become more rural as you walk away from London.

From	To	Distance (km)	Distance (Miles)	Directions	Places of Interest
Kingston Bridge (TQ 177 693)	Hampton Court Palace (TQ 155 684)	4.54	2.82	Cross over the river via Kingston Bridge and turn left into Hampton Court Park and follow the lane called 'Barge Walk', passing by 'Barge Walk Cottages' and then 'Parkfield'. Continue following Barge Walk until just past the Ravens Ait where the Thames Path follows close to the waters edge and leaves barge walk. Continue on the Thames Path past the Pavilion Terrace and on towards Hampton Court, passing the gates at the end of the palace gardens. Continue along Thames with Hampton Court to your right.	Kingston upon Thames Hampton Court Home Park
Hampton Court Palace (TQ 155 684)	Sunbury Lock (TQ 109 685)	5.34	3.32	From Hampton Court Palace proceed along the Thames to Hampton Court Bridge and cross over to other side of Thames. On other side of bridge turn right into road called Riverside and follow pavement until trees and then take the path by the side of the Thames. Keep to path at side of Thames passing by Molesey Lock and Ash Island. After approximately 1km you will enter Hurst Park, keep to the path at side of Thames and pass pavilion in the park which is opposite Tags Island. Within the park still, pass by the car park at the end of Sadlers Ride and also Garrick's Ait (an island with property on) Keep following the edge of the Thames out of the park and past a residential area, just past the houses you will come to Molesey Reservoirs Nature Reserve, again keep to edge of Thames. The path is a little wooded by the nature reserve and the reservoirs are very evident on your left, continue past the reservoirs and then a water treatment works keeping to Thames path until you reach Sunbury Lock.	Hampton Court Palace Molesey Lock Molesey Reservoir Nature Reserve Sunbury Lock
Sunbury Lock (TQ 109 685)	Walton Marina (TQ 095 665)	2.51	1.56	From Sunbury Lock continue following Thames on the path passing gas works, The Weir pub, Elmbridge Leisure Centre and Walton Rowing Club. Continue walking on path next to Thames with residential properties of Walton on your left. Pass The Anglers pub and continue following Thames until you reach the marina.	
Walton Marina (TQ 095 665)	Weybridge Landing (TQ 075 658)	2.35	1.46	Leave the Marina and continue upstream following the Thames path, pass under Walton bridge, follow Thames Path that runs alongside Walton Lane. Pass under the two Walton Lane Bridges that link Desborough Island. After passing under the 2nd Walton Lane Bridge continue on tree lined path and around the corner to Weybridge Landing.	
Weybridge Landing (TQ 075 658)	River Wey Navigation (TQ 072 655)	0.8	0.5	From Weybridge Landing continue following the Thames round the bend which will very shortly meet the River Wey. At Weybridge Dam Car Park leave the Thames and proceed on Thames Street towards Weybridge. At the Old Crown Pub turn right down the public footpath, continue along the footpath past houses until you reach Jessamy Road. At Jessamy Road turn right and cross bridge on to Willets Ait, turn left and follow road for approx 30 metres and then take the River Wey Towpath between the trees and across the green. The path passes behind some flats and rejoins the river Wey at the first lock on this navigation.	River Wey and Godalming Navigations

Public Transport

Start:

National Rail - Kingston Station

Finish:

National Rail - Weybridge Station

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4. Weybridge to Guildford - 24km (15 miles)

The fourth stage of this long distance path takes you away from the Thames at Weybridge down the Wey Navigation through the Surrey countryside to the city of Guildford. This leg will follow the Wey South Path.

From	To	Distance (km)	Distance (Miles)	Directions	Places of Interest
River Wey Navigation (TQ 072 655)	Wey Bridge (TQ 068 647)	1.1	0.69	From the Thames lock and the visitor centre head south down the tree lined towpath. Continue along towpath keeping the Wey Navigation on your left. After approximately 1km pass under Weybridge Road (A317). After passing under road follow towpath around in front of the flats and walk up ramp to Addestone Road at Wey Bridge.	Visitor Centre at Thames Lock
Wey Bridge (TQ 068 647)	Coxes Lock (TQ 061 641)	1.1	0.69	From Wey Bridge, cross the road to Weybridge Town Lock and follow the towpath by the side of the Addestone Road which is away from the bridge. After 400m turn left off of Addestone Road and cross the canal over the road bridge, then rejoin the towpath and head south on the tree lined path opposite Weybridge Business Park. Keep following towpath with navigation on your right and pass under the railway bridge, shortly after you will arrive at Coxes Lock.	Coxes Lock
Coxes Lock (TQ 061 641)	New Haw Lock (TQ 055 630)	1.37	0.85	From Coxes Lock continue on tow path with the canal on your right. Immediately after Coxes Lock you will pass Mill Pond on your right and shortly after this some watercress beds on your left. Following this the path will become wooded. Continue on tow path past commercial buildings until you reach the A318. Go up ramp to road and safely cross. Rejoin Wey Navigation by going down ramp on other side of road and New Haw Lock is here.	New Haw Lock
New Haw Lock (TQ 055 630)	Pyrford Lock (TQ 053 592)	4.23	2.63	From New Haw Lock continue south on tow path keeping the canal on your right. The tow path here will be very straight for approx 1.8 kilometres, initially passing by a residential area and then some fields. Continue on towpath under the M25 motorway, past the junction with the Basingstoke Canal and then immediately under the railway bridge. Continue on the straight towpath until you reach Old Parvis Road and a rowing boat hut. Go up ramp to road and turn left down slope of road bridge. At end of road turn right and go down footpath to the left of the green gates of a boat yard, this will take you back down to the canal. After a short while on towpath pass under the A245 road bridge and continue south, the towpath will pass by some fields and get quite close to M25 motorway before veering away. Continue to follow the towpath through fields and woodland until you reach the Anchor Pub almost opposite Pyford Marina. Cross over Wisley lane, rejoin towpath and immediately arrive at Pyrford Lock.	Basingstoke Canal WeyDays Boat Hire Pyrford Lock
Pyrford Lock (TQ 053 592)	Papercourt Lock (TQ 034 568)	3.86	2.4	From Pyrford Lock continue on tree lined towpath heading south passing by a golf course on the left. As the canal curves around continue on tow path with the canal on your right and ignore the bridge that crosses the Wey. Continue to follow towpath past fields and wooded areas until you reach Walsham Lock. Walk past lock keepers house then across bridge/weir to the left of the house which is over the River Wey. Immediately after weir crossing turn right and continue on tow path. Follow towpath through fields and meadows with canal on the right until you reach Newark Lock. At Newark lock cross the River Wey Navigation and continue following the canal until you reach Newark Lane. At Newark lane cross back over the navigation on the narrow road bridge and immediately turn right at end of railings to rejoin tow path. Follow tow path through open meadows until you reach Papercourt Lock.	Walsham Lock Newark Lock Papercourt Lock Newark Priory (No public access)
Papercourt Lock (TQ 034 568)	Bowers Lock (TQ 011 529)	7	4.35	Just before Papercourt Lock cross over small car bridge towards Papercourt Lock Cottage and then pass in front of cottage on Wey South tow path. Continue on tree lined towpath which is on a small strip of land between the River Wey and the Wey Navigation called 'Broadmead Cut'. At small footbridge near Tannery lane keep on tow path with navigation on your left at this point you will pass Send business centre on the other side of the canal. Continue on tow path all the way to the A247 (Send Road) then go up steps and ramp to bridge. Cross the canal on the road bridge and then cross the road to rejoin the towpath between the New Inn and the canal. The canal is now on your right. Continue on towpath passing the rear gardens of private residences and follow all the way to Triggs Lock, you will cross the River Wey on a footbridge just before the lock. Pass Triggs Lock and keep on tow path through the fields and meadows, after approx 1km cross the Wey Navigation on the footbridge and continue on tow path the other side. Continue on tow path for approximately 1km more and you will meet the road access to Sutton Place. Turn left on this road following line of canal and after 200m rejoin towpath on the right. Continue on this tow path to Bowers Lock, crossing a bridge just before the lock.	Triggs Lock Bowers Lock
Bowers Lock (TQ 011 529)	A25 Road Crossing (SU 991 507)	3.91	2.43	Cross over lock and continue on towpath passing under Clay Lane road bridge and then past the end of Bowers Lane. Follow navigation on tow path through Riverside Park Nature Reserve and on to Stoke Lock. On approaching Stoke Lock cross the canal via the footbridge towards the lock cottage and then continue on tow path (without crossing next bridge to cottage) until you reach the A320 (woking Road) and Stokemill House. Turn left here and walk on pavement towards Guildford and the Roundabout, just before the roundabout cross the road using the island and rejoin the canal tow path on the otherside of the road. Continue following towpath around meadows opposite residential housing and pass under the A3 road bridge. At A25 come up the ramp to the road and cross over both the canal and the road.	Riverside Park Nature Reserve Stoke lock
A25 Road Crossing (SU 991 507)	Guildford (SU 992 496)	1.46	0.91	On other side of road and canal take the paved path that runs alongside Woodbridge Meadows, (the canal is now on the left). Pass under the railway viaduct and keep to tow path following the canal through the industrial suburbs of Guildford. As you approach the centre of Guildford you will pass converted warehouses and under a footbridge until you reach the centre at Bridge Street (A322)	Dapdune Wharf Guildford Museum Guildford Cathedral City Centre Shopping

Public Transport

Start:
National Rail - Weybridge Station

Finish:
National Rail - Guildford Station
Bus - Guildford Bus Station