

# THAMES PATH

NATIONAL TRAIL 

## Elm Trees for Butterflies in Historic London



The Thames Path in London takes people from the heart of the city and the sounds of urban life into the leafy countryside with historic palaces, just within a few miles.

In 2020 the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham planted disease-resistant elm trees alongside the Thames Path. These will attract the rare White Letter Hairstreak butterfly which lays its eggs on elm leaves for their caterpillars to feed on. This project is one element of the Thames Strategy – Kew to Chelsea which aims to make the National Trail more accessible for everyone while improving wildlife habitats.

The riverside through Richmond and Twickenham is known as the Arcadian Thames because of the beautiful scenery, majestic houses and palaces, including Hampton Court Palace and Marble Hill House.

Walking along the Thames Path beneath the spreading tree canopies is the perfect way to visit these unique attractions with their gardens, parkland and cafes.

Marble Hill House <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/marble-hill-house/>

Ham House - take the Hammerton's Ferry <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ham-house-and-garden>

Visit Strawberry Hill <https://www.visitrichmond.co.uk/>

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