

Route 2 – Crane River Ride

Start from Richmond Station cross the road and cycle to the roundabout. Turn onto the shared footway and cross the A316 on the toucan. Cycle west along the cycle path (care with entrances) . After crossing the Thames turn back to the river and cycle north. Before the road turns away from the river look ahead to where the Crane runs into the Thames 100m further north. Follow the road round into St Margarets Drive.

Cross St Margarets Rd at the toucan and continue ahead down Northcote Rd to a footbridge across the Crane. Turn left and keep on to meet the main Twickenham Rd. Do not cross but use the footway path south before turning left into Cole Park Rd. Cross the A316 at a toucan and keep ahead (still Cole Park Rd) into Teddington.

Yet another toucan takes you across the main road into Whitton Rd where you take the first left and then left again into Craneford Way. Follow this around past playing fields and at the end take a path on your left which takes you under the railway (care steep historic cobbles here !) Note the fox carved on a bench in the wilded area here. Turn right to cross a bridge into Kneller Gardens. (The painter Gottfried Kneller from Lubeck , a pupil of Rembrandt , became court painter to Charles II as Sir Godfrey Kneller and owned a house near here)

Cross the Park (refreshments /toilets) by the cycle track and go straight across Meadway into Crane Park. Follow the path under two bridges (after the second the track turns up to your right) . You pass the Shot Tower where you can park to look round the nature reserve on an island in the Crane.

When you finally get to the Hanworth Road turn left to cross the river and then follow the track on the south bank giving you a different view of the reserve. You pass a playground and reach the A316 where you turn left along a cycle track to re-enter Crane Park through a gate. Head back to Kneller Gardens but after crossing the bridge turn right and then twice left into Gould Road where a marked cycle route takes you into Twickenham. Use the bus lane along Heath Road and at the crossroads cycle onto the shared footway to cross diagonally by a toucan to Wharf Lane which takes you to the Thames which you can follow back to Richmond.

