



Celandine Route

along the River Pinn



2.7 miles
1 hour, 20 minutes

A Walk of 12 miles along the River Pinn from Pinner to the Grand Union Canal at Cowley, through green spaces, conservation areas and wildlife havens.



Key

- Celandine Route
- River Pinn
- Hillingdon Trail
- Roads
- Railway line
- Mainline station
- Underground station
- Bus station
- Green spaces
- Gate

- Refreshments
- Public house
- Toilets
- Parking
- Cricket table
- Bowls green
- Tennis court
- Golf course





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1 Starting from Pinner station (Metropolitan Line) walk down Station Approach and turn right along Bridge Street. Cross the road at the zebra crossing; here the River Pinn may be seen from the bridge.

The High Street has many fine old buildings including the 14th century church of St John the Baptist and others over 300 years old.

2 Turn right and then left into Chapel Lane. Walk under the bridge and cross the car park entrance to enter Pinner Memorial Park. This park was bought by the residents and Friends of Pinner and given to Harrow Council to commemorate those who died in the two world wars (here the route leaves the river for a while as it disappears underground).

Walk along the path through the park and turn left at the play area and before the aviary to walk around the edge of the lake.

The building you see is the remains of West House which was the home of Nelson Ward, grandson of Lord Nelson.

3 Turn to the left of West House and follow the path to the gate passing the small dog cemetery dating from the 19th century.

4 Cross West End Lane with care and turn left past the school. On your left is Rose Cottage with its rose decoration on the front. This cottage was built when West End was part of a hamlet.

Continue along the road crossing two other roads until Cranbourne Drive, then turn right and enter Cuckoo Hill allotments.

5 Here the walk rejoins the river. Walk straight ahead along a wide path through some woodland and on reaching the open grass area keep to the path on the left. In spring a common yellow flower called celandine can be seen here and at many places along the walk.

Many of the open spaces between Eastcote and Ickenham are managed as hay meadows, to encourage wildlife, and increase biodiversity.

You are now entering the London Borough of Hillingdon.

6 Cross Cheney Street and enter Long Meadow open space where cows used to graze; walk ahead past a group of poplar trees.

These trees are called Hinman Copse named after Margaret Hinman who was a great benefactor to Eastcote during the 1940 and 50s. Here a bird called the tree creeper may be seen.

At the wooden bridge it is possible to cross the river and enter Eastcote House Gardens containing 16th Century buildings; Stables, Dovecot and Walled Garden. The Walled Garden has recently been replanted as has the rockery in the orchard

Return to the road and cross Eastcote High Road with great care. Walk through Haydon Hall grounds; on the left there are the remains of an old lake now enjoyed by local young cyclists.

7 Walk past the large sequoia tree and other conifers and go through gate. Cross road with care, turn left along Joel Street to bridge and T-junction. Turn right to walk past tennis courts, and a mock Tudor building (a substation).

Walk through Forge Green Open Space which used to be the site of a blacksmiths forge.

Turn right over footbridge and then immediately left with the river on the left. Follow the riverside path as it crosses over two roads and enter King's College Playing Fields.

8 Cross King's College Road with care. Enter via a metal gate and pass between the river and a skate-boarding park and continue ahead with the river on your left. After 200 yards cross over the footbridge and continue with the river on your right.

Cross St Martins Approach and Pinn Way.

At Pinn Way an interesting diversion is possible. Bear left and walk up path to the left of the Winston Churchill Hall to visit the Manor Farm, an ancient moat site, the Great Barn built about 1300, Manor Farm House, Little Barn (now Ruislip Library), Cow Byre art gallery and tea rooms, craft workshops.

Continue through Pinn Meadow until reaching main road at Bury Street and cross at the pedestrian crossing and enter King's Gardens.