

The Lower Crane Valley

Hounslow Heath to Hanworth Road

This section of the lower Crane Valley includes Hounslow Heath, once part of a vast heathland. The open spaces are now made up of mixed grassland, remnant heathland, meadows, scrub, woodland and wet woodland.

It is possible to continue upstream for a further 20km through the boroughs of Hounslow, Hillingdon and Harrow.

See *Donkey Woods & Brazil Mill Woods* leaflet

See *Crane Park to Hounslow Heath* leaflet



Donkey Wood



Feltham Marshalling Yards

front cover
Crane Park from Chertsey Road



Little Park

Crane Park Hanworth Road to Hospital Bridge Road

Crane Park is on both sides of the river for this stretch. The semi deciduous woodland covers much of the park but there are grasslands, small islands, reed beds and wetland areas. The park is managed for wildlife and has a rich history as the site of Hounslow Gunpowder Mills on the Richmond bank and Hanworth Farms, a model farm, now the site of Butts Farm estate on the Hounslow bank. London Wildlife Trust manages Crane Park Island and has an education centre based in a tower linked to the gunpowder mills.

See *Dragonfly Trail (Crane Park)* leaflet



Crane Park



Crane Park Island Nature Reserve

Hospital Bridge Road to Meadway

This narrow linear section of park includes areas of grassland, flower meadows, wetland, reed beds and a native hedge planted with fruit trees. The area around Mill Road was the site of Fulwell Mill and Fulwell Lodge once home to ex-King Manoel of Portugal. There are information boards in the park exploring the history and ecology of the site.

Kneller Gardens to Cranford Recreation Ground

Kneller Gardens is a popular local park with play and sporting facilities. There are toilets and refreshments available.

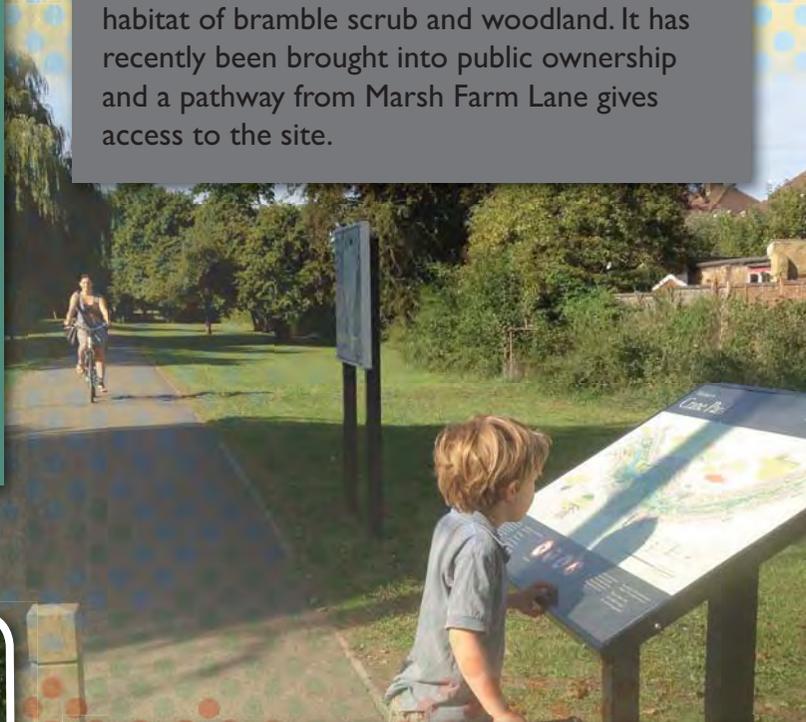
Mereway Nature Park is a small area of bramble scrub, woodland and meadow. The site contains an outdoor classroom for use by schools.

See The Outdoor Classroom
www.force.org.uk/learn

The River Crane has been put into a concrete channel from this point. Cranford Recreation Grounds include playing fields, a playground and a small wooded area to explore.

Cranford Recreation Ground to London Road

Twickenham Junction Rough, provides valuable habitat of bramble scrub and woodland. It has recently been brought into public ownership and a pathway from Marsh Farm Lane gives access to the site.



London Road to Chertsey Road (through Moormead Recreation Ground)

Moormead Park includes a children's playground, tennis courts and sports pitches. It is the site of the annual St Margarets Fair.

Chertsey Road to River Thames

From St Margarets it is difficult to follow the River Crane to the River Thames at Isleworth as much of the bank is in private ownership. Before it flows into the River Thames the river becomes tidal. Isleworth Ait nature reserve can be seen on the Thames at the mouth of the river.

Lower Crane Valley

The Lower Crane Valley is a linked network of open spaces along the River Crane. Many of these spaces are of high environmental significance and valued for recreation.

The variety of flora and fauna create an important wildlife corridor for west London. The River Crane, a tributary of the River Thames, also supports a diverse range of aquatic and marginal river wildlife.

This leaflet highlights the open spaces, walks and some of the carved benches to be found along the paths.

There are other leaflets with maps in this series which may be downloaded from www.force.org.uk/discover

To learn more about green spaces along the lower Duke of Northumberland's River and the River Crane please contact or visit:

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Look out for other leaflets in this series:
Donkey Woods & Brazil Mill Woods
Crane Park to Hounslow Heath
Dragonfly Trail (Crane Park)
The Duke's River Walk
The Three River Walk (download only)

Duke of Northumberland's River

The Duke of Northumberland's River, built in the 16th century to supply water to the mills in Isleworth, links the river Crane with the Thames along a narrow wildlife corridor.

See the *The Duke's River Walk* leaflet and *The Three River Walk* map (download only)



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Hounslow Heath

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Heathfield Recreation Ground

Feltham

Little Park

De Brome Playing Fields

Pevensy Road Nature Reserve

Dragonfly Trail
Crane Park



Hanworth Park

Crane Park Island Nature Reserve

Crane Park
(London Borough of Richmond)



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0 approximate distance in miles 0.5

Dragonfly Terrace

Crane Park
(London Borough of Hounslow)

Willow Way

A312 Harlington Road East / Uxbridge Road

Hounslow Road

Hanworth Road

Powder Mill Lane

A316 CHERTSEY ROAD

Hospital Bridge





The Duke's River Walk
 Kneller Gardens to River Thames Isleworth



The Three River Walk
 Duke of Northumberland's River to the River Crane via the Thames Path (download only)



Duke of Northumberland's River

Moormead Recreation Ground

Whitton

Twickenham

Kneller Gardens

Mereway Nature Park

Meadway Orchard

Mill Road

Strawberry Hill 0.7 m

Isleworth & The Thames

The Thames

St Margaret's

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