

Westminster to Putney on South Bank

An easy route from central London upstream alongside the Thames, suitable for families. One day it should be possible to stick to the river all the way; until then, this shows you how to hug the river as much as you can.

Cumulative	Distance	Where	Notes	Elevation
0km	0km	Westminster Bridge	Down steps on to riverside path. An alternative is to cycle through St Thomas' Hospital and exit onto Lambeth Palace Road before Lambeth Bridge	9m
0.69km	0.69km	Lambeth Bridge	Use tunnel under bridge	3m
1.15km	0.46km	Albert Embankment	Use pavement with care towards Vauxhall. I believe this is legal - I've never been challenged.	6m
1.56km	0.40km	Vauxhall Bridge	Take riverside behind 3 high rise buildings	7m
1.63km	0.07km	Vauxhall	Use subway beneath Vauxhall Bridge	3m
1.78km	0.15km		Up onto pavement on Vauxhall Bridge, then pick up bike path contraflow in front of St George development.	11m
1.99km	0.20km		Keep on pavement at Nine Elms Lane, proceed with caution alongside ongoing construction site	4m
2.13km	0.14km	Nine Elms	Follow sign back onto riverside	4m
2.62km	0.49km		Riverside path runs out: rejoin pavement on Nine Elms Lane. Most of this is a marked cycle path. Watch out for vehicles exiting from wharves, garages etc	2m
3.62km	1km	Battersea	Having passed Battersea Power Station and the Dogs Home, cross at lights onto Prince of Wales Drive	11m
3.79km	0.17km		At Queen's Circus (roundabout), take marked lane and enter Battersea Park at Rosery Gate	5m
3.93km	0.14km	Battersea Park	You can choose to cycle through Park clockwise or (shown in this route) anticlockwise. 'The Gondola' cafe beside the lake is decent. Peace Pagoda is by river at North of park	6m
5.05km	1.12km		Note that Parks Police are very hot on prosecuting cyclists who stray from authorised routes. So this 200M section of path from North Carriage Drive to Albert Bridge should strictly be done with bike being wheeled (!) Ho hum.	10m

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5.31km	0.26km	Albert Bridge	Cross road at Albert Bridge, then down ramp to riverside (caution: blind turn with oncoming cyclists/pedestrians)	4m
5.70km	0.40km	Battersea Bridge	Along river, past Albert Wharf, then up ramp to Battersea Bridge Road	9m
5.74km	0.04km	Battersea	Cross road at traffic island, then down past bronze sculpture onto river. Along, past Monte Vetro building (Norman Foster) and St Mary's Church (1777)	9m
6.66km	0.92km		At rail bridge, path runs out. Push on pavement for 50 meters along Lombard Road (caution car park exits). Right up ramp back onto river front.	5m
7.02km	0.36km	Battersea Heliport	Skirt Battersea Heliport then round front of hotel, then right between apartment blocks back to river front.	5m
7.27km	0.24km	Plantation Wharf	Keep along river, over 2 little creek bridges, then follow river to Battersea Reach development, at Wandsworth Bridge.	6m
7.84km	0.57km	Wandsworth Bridge	Take underpass beneath Wandsworth Bridge. Beware heavy vehicles using aggregate wharf on right. Keep straight on with Ship Inn on right, across courtyard back onto riverside	5m
8.16km	0.32km	Smugglers Way	Just before waste transfer station, turn left, then right into Smugglers Way (caution white vans using B&Q; garbage trucks using waste station on river)	7m
8.48km	0.32km	River Wandle	Cross the River Wandle on pedestrian/cycle bridge, and onto Enterprise Way (light industrial estate)	4m
8.78km	0.30km		Turn right, follow road round to left, then take path on right, into Riverside Quarter	7m
8.94km	0.16km	Point Pleasant	Right at T junction back onto river.	9m
9.08km	0.15km	Wandsworth Park	Follow riverside bike path through the park	6m
9.59km	0.51km		Exit park through Blade Mews onto Deodar Road	12m
9.93km	0.34km	Putney	As Deodar Road turns left, go right back onto riverside. Numerous eating/drinking options at Putney Wharf, including French Farmers' Market at weekends	9m
10.11km	0.18km		This route ends at St Mary's church on Putney Bridge. But if you cross the road, the towpath is then practically traffic-free all the way past Richmond, onto Kingston and Hampton Court	10m