

2. Staines

2 miles [short route 1¼ miles]

A short walk incorporating views of the Thames, historic Staines, Staines Moor and Church Lammas

Easy Access *** *Public toilets in Lammas Park. No stiles. Mostly level ground and good paths. Slope between points 3 and 4. Possibility of muddy paths in bad weather.*

Refreshments ***** *A kiosk in Lammas Park in summer. The Bells pub on Church Street and The Swan Inn on Moor Lane. Many pubs and restaurants in Staines town centre.*

Public Transport ***** *Lammas Park is a short walk from the centre of Staines, which is well served by trains and buses*

[Opposite page]
Cows on Staines Moor

[Right] Swan's on Wraysbury River

[Below] Church Lammas



[1] From the Wraysbury Road entrance to Lammas Park head straight down the main drive into the park. When you reach the River Thames turn left and walk along the river until you reach the pedestrian gate. Leave the park and cross the road onto the opposite footpath and turn right onto Church Street.

[2] Walk up Church Street until you reach the Bells pub on your right. Turn left into Vicarage Road and walk past the church. Cross Wraysbury Road with care and continue straight ahead into Vicarage Road. This is a quiet private road, with no footpath, so please proceed with care. At the end of Vicarage Road **turn right** down the track through the grass onto Moor Lane towards the cottage (Herdsman's Cottage).

For the short cut turn left onto Moor Lane, pass under the road then turn left after the houses and follow the route from point 5.

[3] Cross Moor Lane to the footpath opposite and go through the gate to the right of the Herdsman's cottage. Follow the slope over the railway and pass through the next gate at the bottom of the slope. Turn left under the A30 to Staines Moor.

The large expanse of Staines Moor in front of you has not been ploughed for at least 1000 years. It provides a haven for wildlife including anthills thought to be 190 years old.

[4] Head straight ahead until you reach a stream. Follow the stream until you get to a bridge then head left across the moor to the perimeter fence, following the track in the grass. Go through the gate to the right of the pylon and pass through the tunnel under the disused railway. Turn left again and cross the Wraysbury river, then carefully cross the railway and then the road. Turn left at the pub and pass the open grass on your right. Turn right across the grass before the next set of houses.

[5] Pass through the gate into the field behind the houses then walk straight across the field towards the road and pass through the gate and under the road. Head straight on through the next gate and turn right. Follow the gravel path through the Church Lammas Lakes until you reach Wraysbury Road. Cross Wraysbury Road with care back into the Lammas Park.

Church Lammas Lakes (along with the other 60+ lakes in the Colne Valley Park) were created through gravel extraction. The high quality restoration of this site for wildlife and public access won an award in 2006.

