



1) Duncroft Manor on your right, now flats, was formerly an approved school. The present building is 17th c., though much modified, but the site dates back to medieval times when there was a hunting lodge here.

2) This cottage is now called Moor Lodge. The wall plaque near the roof records its building in 1900 as a Herdsman's Cottage erected by Staines Moor commoners out of funds received as compensation from the extinguishment of certain common rights.

3) The straight water course is the Staines Reservoir Aqueduct, built in 1910. It runs from Hythe End to Sunbury. The stream is the Wraysbury River, a tributary of the River Colne.

4) Staines Moor is one of the remaining pastures of the medieval Manor of Staines. It has remained unploughed for over 1000 years and has been common land since 1065. Only registered commoners have the right to graze either one horse or two cattle on the moor or may assign their rights to other commoners living within the old parish of Staines. The animals are removed during the winter months to allow the land to recover. The 289 acres is under constant threat from developers and gravel working even though much of it has been a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest since 1955.

5) In this area you may see grass mounds. They are Yellow Meadow Ant nests, estimated to have been here since about 1820.

6) A slight detour to your right can be made to a small hill known as 'The Butts'. This artificial hill was built in 1862 as part of a rifle range. It closed in the 1930s because of possible danger to passengers on the nearby railway. From here there are excellent views of the moor and surrounding area including Coopers Hill and Runnymede beside the Thames.

7) This is the former Staines & West Drayton Railway. It was used by passengers from 1884 to 1965. You may see scattered concrete platform supports of one of the stations, Yeoveney Halt, amongst the trees.

8) The lakes were formed in the 1990s after mineral extraction and have been restored as a local amenity and for wildlife.

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CIRCULAR WALK 20: STAINES MOOR

3½ MILES (SHORT ROUTE 2½ MILES)

A short walk with views of the Thames, historic Staines and the Church Lammas Lakes.

Access: Public toilets in Lammas Park. A few stiles. Mostly level ground and good paths. Slope between points 3 & 4. Possibility of muddy paths in wet weather.

Refreshments: A kiosk in Lammas Park in summer. The Bells Pub (A). 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.

By road: Exit M25 at Junction 13 towards Wraysbury. Then turn left at a roundabout on the B376 towards Staines. Lammas Park car park is on the right after ¾ mile.

Postcode: TW18 4XZ

OS Grid Ref: TQ 028 720

Latitude: +51.437444, **Longitude:** -0.522113

For points of interest/history, turn over when you see this



1) From the Wraysbury Road entrance to Lammas Park head straight down the main drive into the park. At the River Thames, turn left and walk along the river. At the end of the park, continue along Church Street as it bears left away from the river.

2) Turn left at The Bells pub into Vicarage Road and walk past St Mary's church. Cross Wraysbury Road and continue straight (1) At the end of the road, turn right down a track towards a cottage. (2)

3) Cross Moor Lane and, to the right of the cottage, go through a gate. Follow the slope over a water course, a stream and the railway line. (3) Go through the gate and turn left under the A30, to Staines Moor (4) Turn half left across the moor, heading for the pylon.

4) When you meet the River Colne follow its bank for about 100 yards to a footbridge and turn right across it. (5)

Shortcut: Instead of crossing the bridge, turn left and head across the moor to the perimeter fence, following the pylons. Go through the gate to the right of the pylon and pass through the tunnel under the disused railway to waypoint 5.

After crossing the bridge turn left and follow the bank. After approx half a mile turn left and cross over the bridge. Go ahead and slightly left for 30 yards, then turn left and follow the path west over two footbridges to the line of trees marking the edge of the old railway track. (6) Go through a kissing gate and turn left over the first stile onto the old railway embankment. (7) Follow the embankment south. Watch out for wooden steps on your left leading down to a track and then turn left through the tunnel under the old railway. Go ahead, then bear left to cross bridge over the Wraysbury River to reach point 5.

From here you will need to make a diversion caused by closure of a level crossing between point 5 and 6. The map still shows the original route.

5) Turn right after the bridge and follow the bank of the Wraysbury River north for about 300 yards until you cross a stile and emerge onto a tarmac road. Turn left, and follow the road which becomes Moor Lane. Cross a bridge over a railway line and soon reach point 6 where the Swan pub used to be. There should be a FP sign on your left.

6) Continue down Moor Lane and go past the open grass on your right. Turn right across the grass before the next set of houses and go

through the kissing gate. Turn half left across the field towards an underpass. Go through the gate, under the road and over the Staines Reservoir Aqueduct. Go through the next gate and turn right, then left. Follow the path between the Church Lammas Lakes. (8) When you see houses ahead through trees, turn right and then left until you reach Wraysbury Road on the left. Cross Wraysbury Road back into Lammas Park.

