



# Thames Path South Bank Section 4d

Follow the Thames Path, on this stunning route from Erith to Slade Green, through the gorgeous Crayford Marshes.

**Distance** 6.4 kilometers / 4 miles

**Duration** 2 hours and 20 minutes



Water feature



Great views



Refreshments



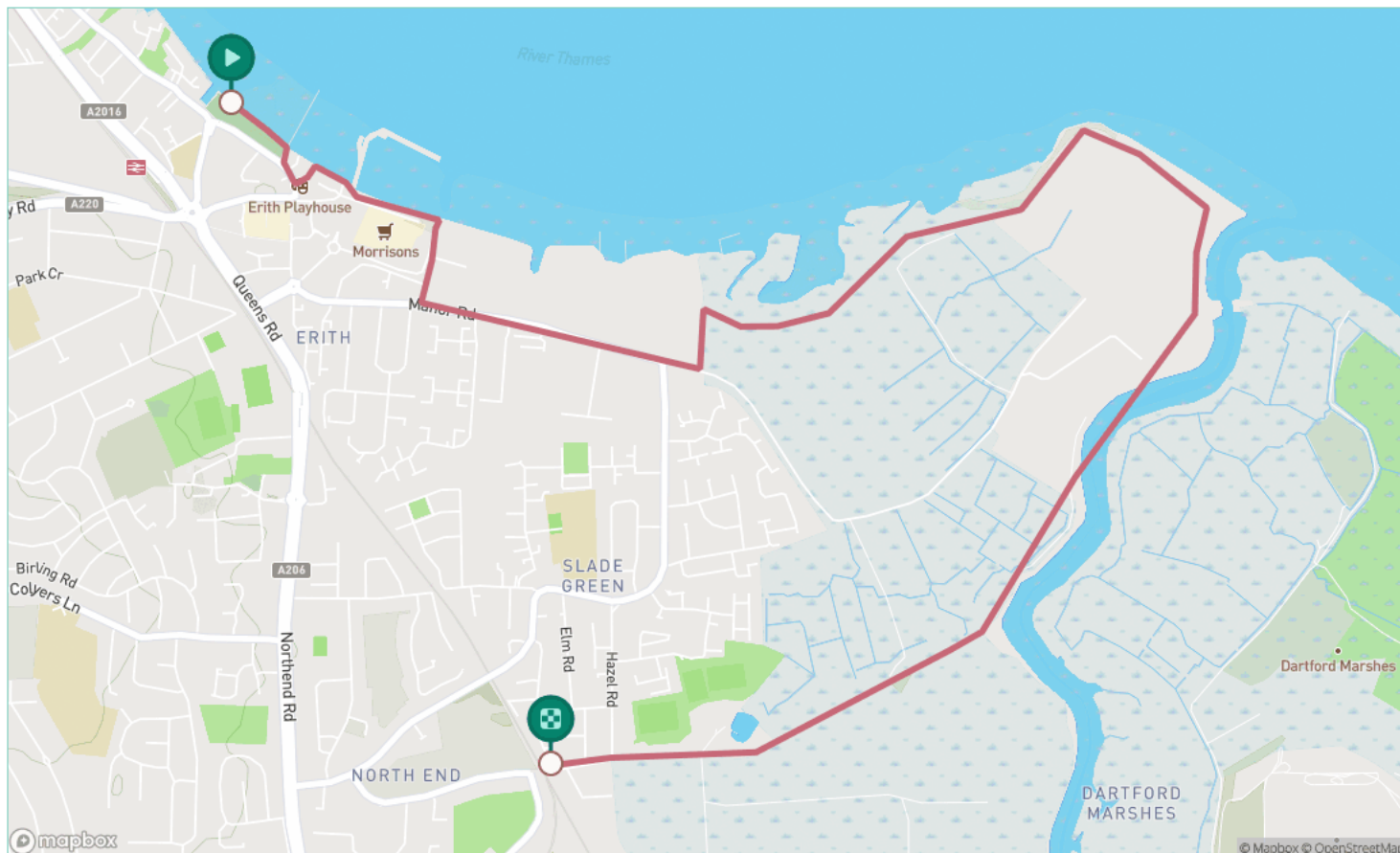
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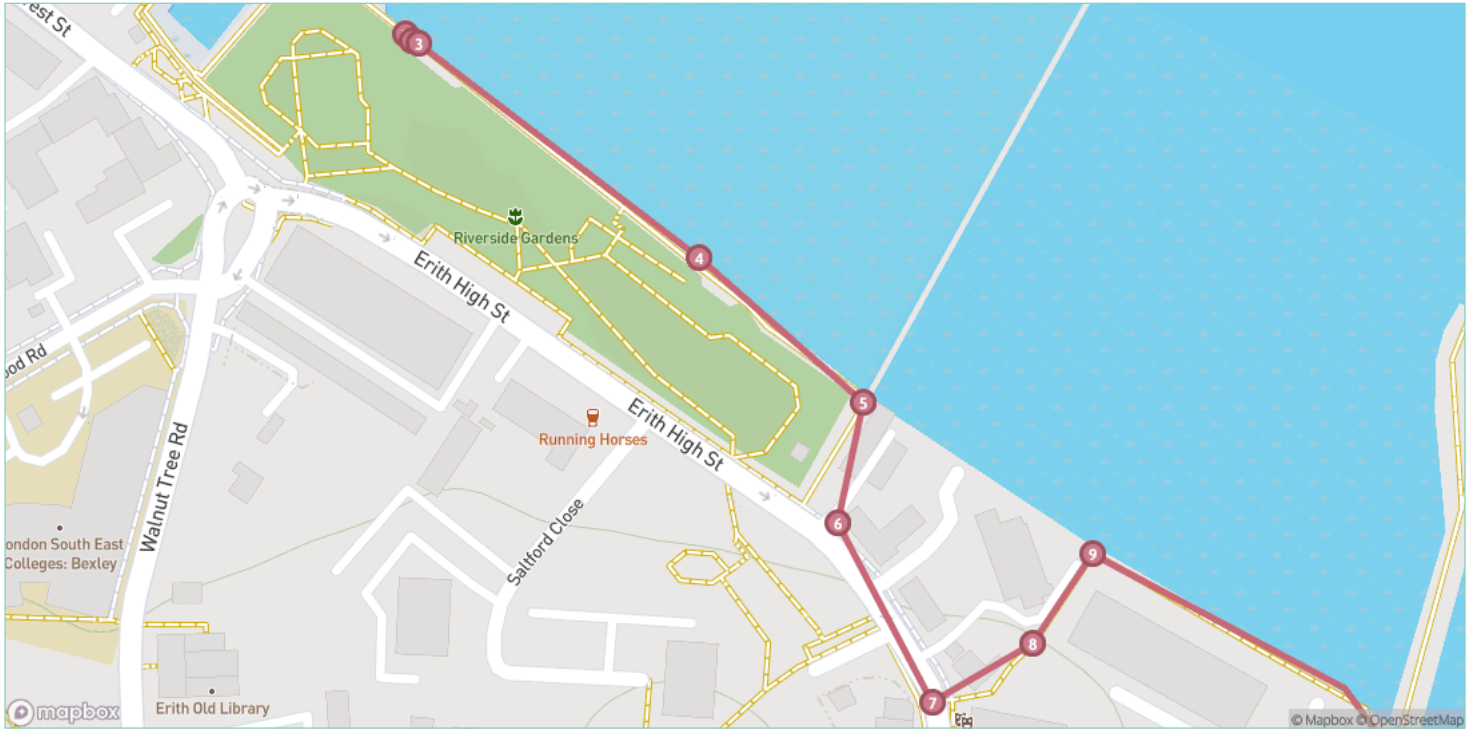


Dog friendly



Botanics





**Step 1:** Welcome to the Thames Path! This walk follows the South Bank of the iconic Thames Path National Trail from Erith's Riverside Gardens to the River Darent.

**Step 2:** The nearest station to the start of this walk is Erith. Buses 99, 180, 229, 469, 602 and 669 stop at the Erith Station/ West Street bus stop.

**Step 3:** Turn right out of Erith station to follow Stonewood Road. Follow it round to the right. Take a slight left onto Walnut Tree Road. Turn right onto Erith High Street, followed by a sharp left turn to enter the gardens.

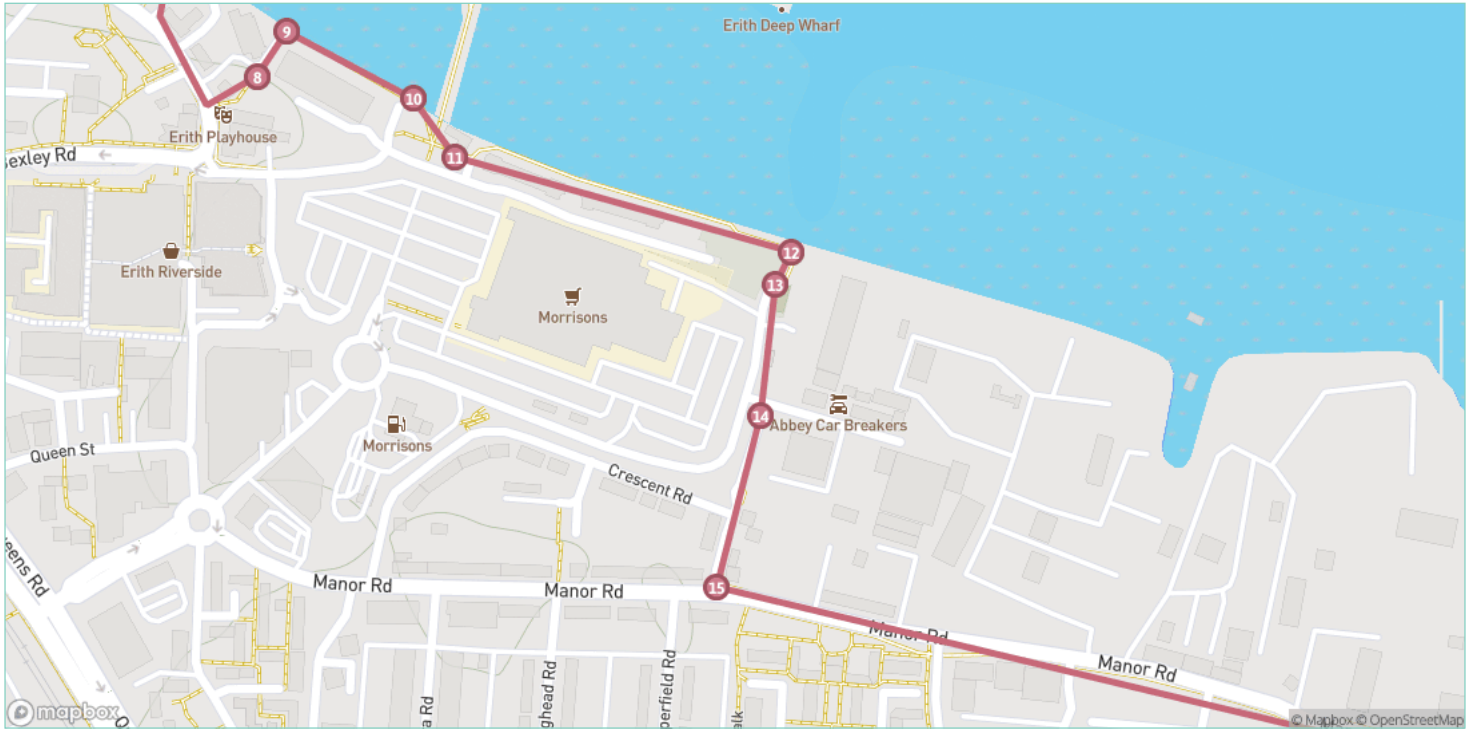
**Step 4:** When ready, let's head out. This segment also shares its route with the London LOOP, another long distance walk on the Go Jauntly app.

**Step 5:** For a short stretch, the route goes to the right, leaving the waterfront.

**Step 6:** Turn left onto Erith High Street.

**Step 7:** Just before the Erith Playhouse, turn left again.

**Step 8:** Take the staircase back down to the river front here.



**Step 9:** Turn right at the water. Across from you is a great view of the Rainham Landfill and Rainham Marshes RSPB site.

**Step 10:** As you approach the Erith Pier, veer right away from the river once again. There's a Morrison's here if you need some refreshments.

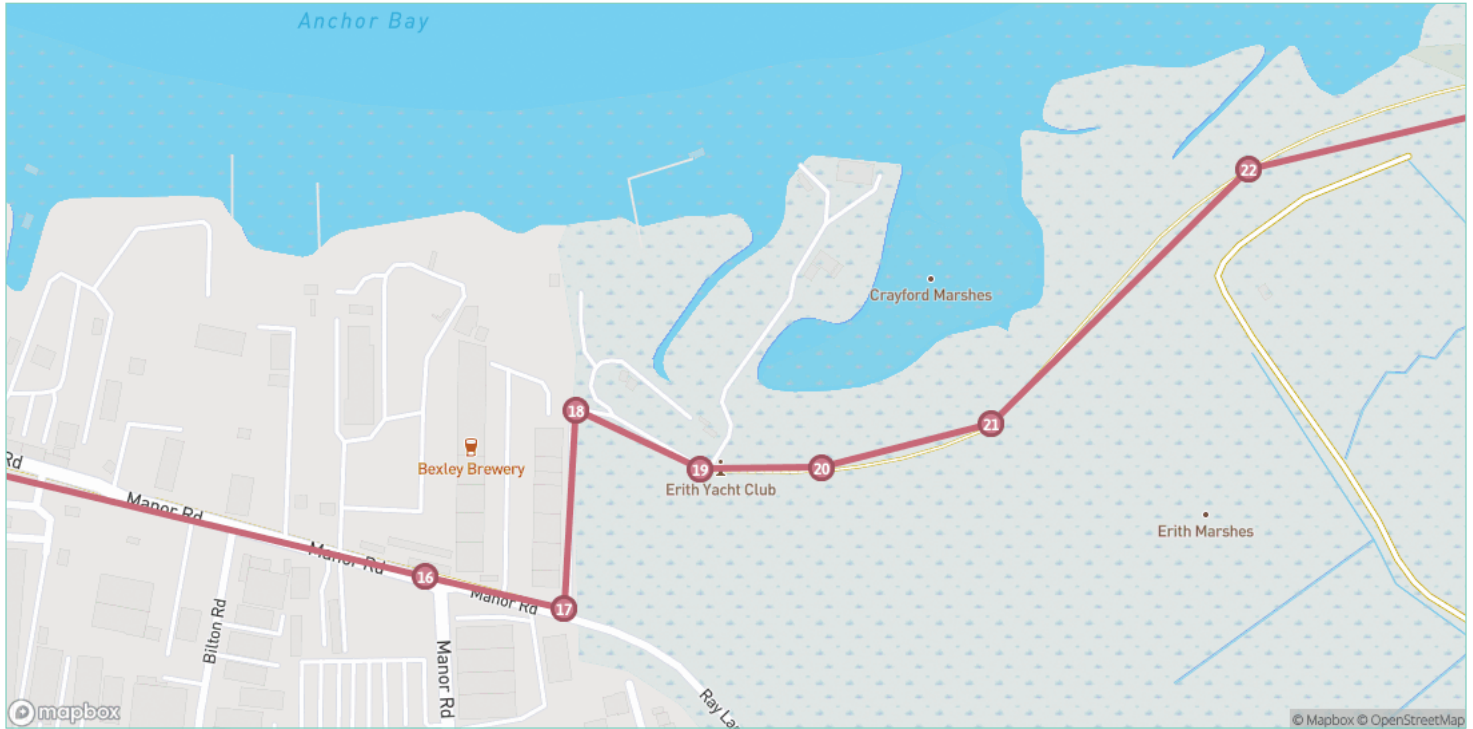
**Step 11:** Just in front of you, take the path lined by the blue fences to get back up to the river. Follow the path straight ahead.

**Step 12:** When you get to this wall, you'll have to leave the river for a long stretch now. Turn right.

**Step 13:** Head straight down the pavement on the left-hand side of the street.

**Step 14:** Where another road ends just to your left, veer that way to walk down Appold Street.

**Step 15:** Turn left onto Manor Road. The route follows this pavement for about a half mile (a little less than a km).



**Step 16:** Continue straight ahead, past Slade Green Road on your right.

**Step 17:** At the fingerpost, turn left. You're on your way back to the river now.

**Step 18:** The route continues to the right.

**Step 19:** Soon, the pavement gives way to a gravel path along the raised causeway.

**Step 20:** This section is truly stunning, passing through the Crayford and Dartford Marshes.

**Step 21:** It's a great area for bird watching.

**Step 22:** You might even spot some horses.





**Step 23:** Even though you're close to built-up areas...

**Step 24:** ... the landscape here has a wild feel.

**Step 25:** To your left lie the Erith Saltings, the last remaining fragment of salt marshes on London's inner Thames.

#### Did you know?

Erith Saltings are the last remaining fragment of salt marshes on London's inner Thames. At low tide, remnants of a ghostly forest are sometimes visible on the foreshore.

**Step 26:** Follow the path as it bends round to the right. Up ahead, you'll see the River Darent Flood Barrier.

**Step 27:** The barrier was built to protect Crayford and Darent from flooding at high tides.

**Step 28:** The route officially ends here, but Slade Green station is just a short walk away. We'll show you how to get there.



**Step 29:** Continue along the embankment straight ahead as it winds its way along the River Darent.

**Step 30:** At the path junction, ignore the path to the left and continue straight ahead, towards Slade Green Station.

**Step 31:** This segment felt like a gorgeous green tunnel, though it is a bit narrow in spots.

**Step 32:** Soon, the path opens back out as you approach more built up areas.

**Step 33:** Continue straight ahead as the path brings you to Moat Lane.

**Step 34:** The station is directly in front of you, at the end of Moat Lane.

**Step 35:** You've now completed this section of the Thames Path! How about moving on to another Walk London route available in-app?