

## **Chessington Nature Rambles**

Explore the local area - and a handful of local green and open spaces - on this short family and dog friendly walk round Chessington.

**Distance** 3.7 kilometers / 2.3 miles **Duration** 1 hour and 30 minutes











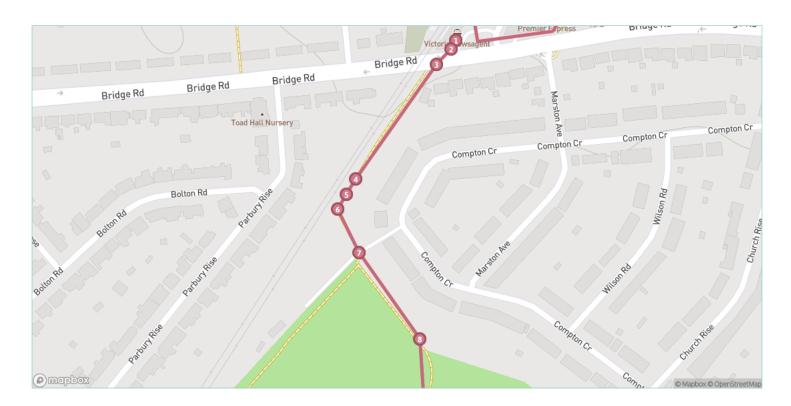


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**Step 1:** Welcome to Chessington North! This family friendly walk begins at the train station and is perfect for a day out. Southwestern Railway trains run between London Waterloo and Chessington South every half hour or so, all day.

**Step 2:** Exit out the station and turn right. Walk to the crossing signal up ahead.

**Step 3:** Cross using the light, and continue straight up the gentle slope here and past the barriers.

**Step 4:** If you've timed it right, you might see trains running up close and personal on the other side of the fence. Kids will love it!

**Step 5:** Keep going straight ahead. The path bears left here.

**Step 6:** Continue ahead towards the recreation ground.

**Step 7:** Walk to the gate here, and head straight into the park.

**Step 8:** Follow along the edge of the field. There may be football matches happening to your right. Go right at the fork.





**Step 9:** Keep following the dirt track. For a local recreation area there's lots going on!

**Step 10:** At the fork here, the route continues to the left. If you've got kids with you, they'll love the playground on the right.

**Step 11:** Follow along the edge of one more field, straight towards the blue sign up ahead.

**Step 12:** At the next path junction, turn right.

**Step 13:** Now the path becomes tarmac and bends to the left amid the trees. Enjoy blossom or dappled light from the leaves or branches.

**Step 14:** Exit the path onto Church Lane and continue left, walking along the pavement.

**Step 15:** Use the zebra crossing to cross over the road. Turn right on the other side.

**Step 16:** On the other side of the road, follow the pavement around the corner to the left, alongside the wall.





**Step 17:** Take a moment to notice splashes of colours in nature.

**Step 18:** Keep going all the way to the central green.

**Step 19:** Cross over to the centre, using the paved path to cross the green.

**Step 20:** On the other side, go straight ahead, onto Filby Road. We're on route to a nature reserve now!

**Step 21:** Continue a bit further ahead as the trees of Castle Hill Nature Reserve appear on your right. Be prepared to turn right soon.

**Step 22:** Look out for this metal gate here, and head right on in the nature reserve.

**Step 23:** Continue through the gate and walk straight ahead. Don't miss the site map on your left to find out more about this little nature reserve.

**Step 24:** Continue ahead, following the main dirt track. No matter the season, take a moment to enjoy nature. It's good for you!





**Step 25:** At the fork here, go left. The kids might want to go wild here, we don't blame them! You'll find sticks galore.

**Step 32:** Follow the path straight ahead, in the shadow of these towering trees. Can you see or hear any birds today?

**Step 26:** There are lots of paths and twists and turns here, so take your time. Feel free to have fun exploring, using map view if you're up for it.

**Step 27:** If you prefer to walk with us, go round the tree to the right here.

**Step 28:** Beer left here, up the hill. Please be careful of your footing as it's a bit uneven.

**Step 29:** Keep going through the wood, following the path to the right. If you're quiet you might spot some wildlife.

**Step 30:** Continue ahead following the twists and turns.

Step 31: Go left at the fork here.





**Step 33:** Veer left to continue on our loop around the nature reserve.

**Step 34:** At the large junction here, go LEFT

**Step 35:** Doesn't it feel nice, quiet and secluded here. Such a contrast to the earlier part of the walk.

**Step 36:** Get ready for two back-to-back left-hand turns. Here's the first....

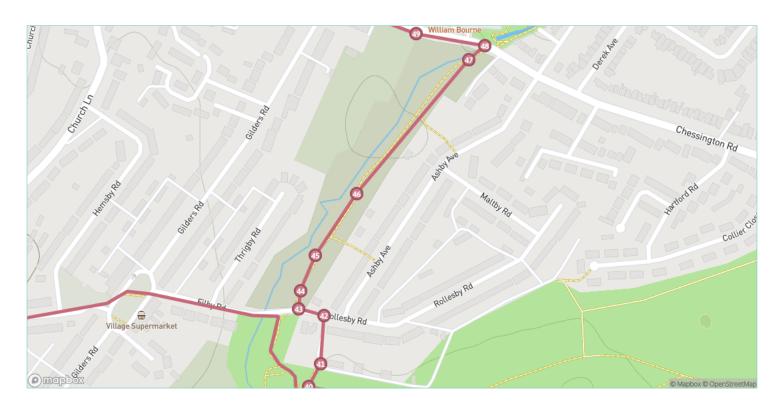
Step 37: ... and the second.

**Step 38:** It's almost time to start making our way back towards Chessington again. If you want to stay longer, please do!

**Step 39:** It's said there's more life in downed trees than live ones - they host so many different types of critters! Can you see any?

**Step 40:** Around here, the path going straight goes steeply down Castle Hill. We'll avoid that by going to the right, towards the gate and fence.





**Step 41:** Go through the gate and head straight down the track to the road.

**Step 48:** At the road, turn left to walk along the pavement. It's just a short stretch along the busy road.

Step 42: On Rollesby Road, go left.

**Step 43:** Next up, cross to the opposite side and continue straight until you reach this opening, on your right.

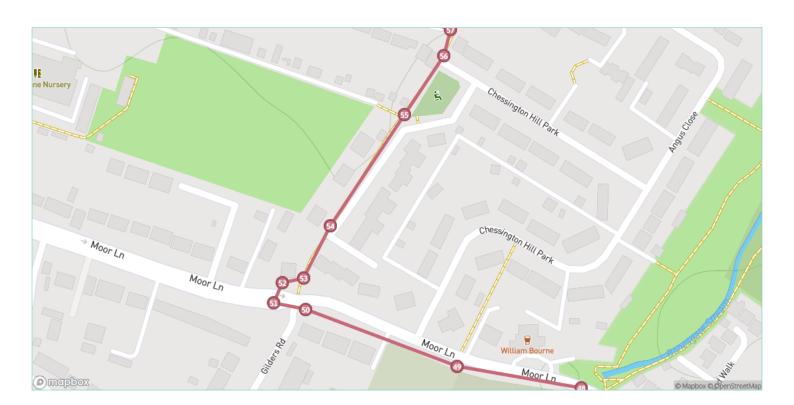
**Step 44:** Turn here, and walk straight ahead. We loved this linear greenway along Bonesgate Stream.

**Step 45:** You can go either way at this fork, but we went left.

**Step 46:** Keep going straight along the gravel path.

**Step 47:** A bit further and Moor Lane comes into view.





**Step 49:** Continue past some allotments through the trees on your left.

Step 50: At the junction, first cross straight ahead.

**Step 51:** Next up, at the lights, cross Moor Lane to the right.

Step 52: On the other side, turn right.

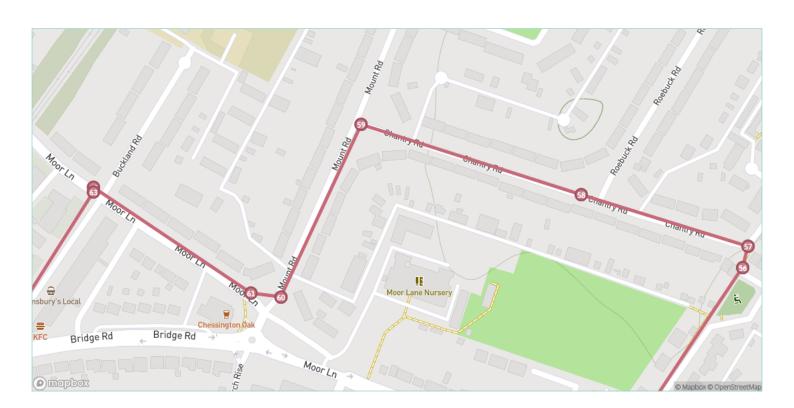
**Step 53:** Then turn immediately left.

**Step 54:** Follow the pavement straight ahead, ignoring the road/driveway on either side of you.

**Step 55:** Continue a bit further ahead on this path...

**Step 56:** Walk through the upcoming metal barriers.





**Step 57:** Now, the route continues to the left, on the pavement along Chantry Road.

**Step 58:** Keep going along the pavement.

**Step 59:** At the junction with Mount Road, go left.

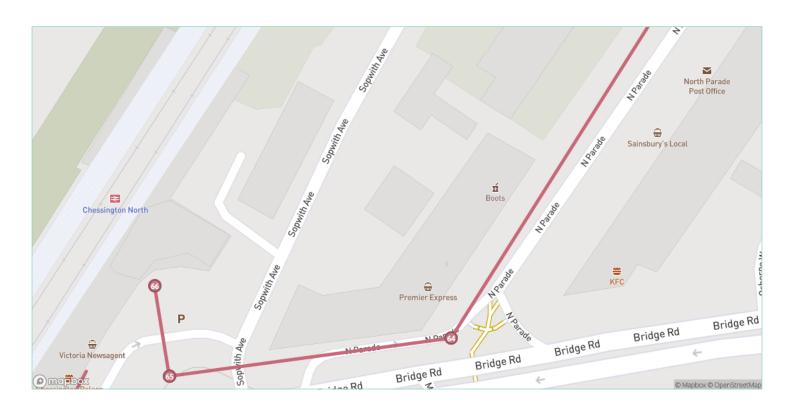
**Step 60:** Walk all the way to the zebra crossing. Turn right across Mount Road and continue straight up Moor Lane.

**Step 61:** Almost back to Chessington North!

**Step 62:** Use the zebra crossing on your left here.

**Step 63:** Walk down North Parade, lined with shops on the other side.





Step 64: At Bridge Road, turn right.

**Step 65:** And we're back, at Chessington North. Excellent walking today. We hope you enjoyed this adventure round Chessington.

**Step 66:** From here, you can catch a Southwestern Railway train towards London Waterloo every half hour. Where will you walk next time?

