

Richmond Park family quiz 2 *The answers!*

More fun questions to test your knowledge of the wildlife, history, features and people associated with Richmond Park, London's favourite National Nature Reserve (1pt per answer unless indicated otherwise)

*Stinking Willie, the 1st PM and a local pop-rock star/actor -
all in Richmond Park!*



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1. Sir David Attenborough digs the first spade-load for a new pond (right) constructed in 2012 and located by the playing fields, just off the road leading to White Lodge. It commemorates, and is named after, a special event of that year; what is it called (1pt) and what does it commemorate (2nd point). *A. Jubilee Pond; The Queen's Diamond (60th) Jubilee in 2012.*

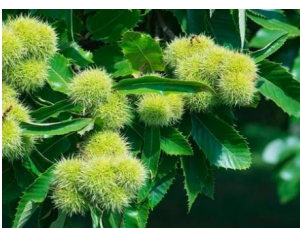


2. Excluding owls, name three species of raptors or birds of prey that regularly breed in the Park: 1 pt for each. *A. Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, Hobby.*
3. What is the smallest breeding bird found in the Park (and in the UK), pictured on the left? (The marking on its head is almost its name!) (picture: RSPB) *A. Goldcrest*

4. What mammal found in Richmond Park was first introduced to Britain by the Romans? *A. Rabbit*
5. The Royal Ballet School building, White Lodge, was built by George II and has long been associated with royalty. Which British king (pictured right as a young child), who ascended to the throne in 1901, lived at White Lodge for much of his childhood? *A. Edward VII*

(Picture: Winterhalter, Royal Collection)

6. Grey squirrels have out-competed red squirrels in most parts of Britain and are very common in Richmond Park. In which decade were they first introduced to Britain? *A. 1870s*
7. Can you name any of the four species of amphibians (all of which have tadpoles) found in the Park? 1 pt for each. *A. Common/Smooth Newt; Great Crested Newt, Frog, Common Toad.*



8. What are the spiky objects (pictured left) that the deer in Richmond Park love to eat in autumn? *A. Sweet chestnuts*
9. Did you know Richmond Park has two resident reptiles? Can you name one of them? 1 pt + bonus point if you can name both.

A. Grass snake and Common (Viviparous) Lizard

10. King Henry's Mound is a special feature in Richmond Park; there is a legend that King Henry VIII stood on the mound in 1536 to watch out for a rocket fired from the Tower of London? Do you know why he may have been keen to see this special signal?

A. The execution of Henry VIII's 2nd wife, Anne Boleyn, enabling him to marry Jane Seymour.

11. What is the Mound really thought to be and/or what was it's original purpose? *A bronze age burial mound or chamber.*

12. From this mound – on a clear day – you can see in the distance St Paul's Cathedral (pictured right) due to a specially protected view (which the Friends has campaigned to preserve). Do you know the distance from the Mound to St Paul's? 1 pt within 1 mile, 2 pts exact mileage.

A. 10 miles for 2pts, 1 pt for 9 or 11 miles

13. Other major features of the Park are the Pen Ponds in the centre of the Park. Do you know what happened to these large ponds during WWII? 2 pts for full answer.

A. They were drained and covered with camouflage netting to prevent enemy German bombers from using them as landmarks.

14. The first ever Prime Minister was strongly associated with Richmond Park, staying occasionally in his own lodge or White Lodge and having hunted there. Pictured right, can you name him?

A. Sir Robert Walpole



15. The wildflower pictured left is loved by butterflies and other pollinators but dreaded by horse riders. Sometimes known as 'Stinking Willie', what is it usually known as? *A. Ragwort*

16. Sightings of around 30 species of butterfly and a whopping 700+ species of moth have been recorded in Richmond Park. Can you name the fabulous colourful butterfly pictured right?

A. Peacock.



17. This famous children's writer (left) has written about Richmond Park, was a Patron of the Friends and even helped us to judge a poetry competition about the Park. Who is she? *A. Dame Jacqueline Wilson*

18. How many trees to the nearest 10,000 are there in the Park? *A. 130,000*

19. A terrible disease almost wiped out an entire

species of tree in the UK since it arrived in the early 1960s. In 2018, the Friends of Richmond Park, working closely with The Royal Parks, raised over £80,000 to plant an avenue of 40 special disease-resistant trees (pictured right) near Petersham Gate. Can you name the tree species?

A. Elm trees. See: www.frp.org.uk/sponsor-an-elm-now-sold-out/





20. When was Robin Hood Gate closed to motor vehicles? 1 pt within 3 years, 2pts exact year. *A. August 2003*

21. What is the name of the riding stables next door to Robin Hood Gate? 1 pt *A. Stag Lodge Stables*

22. This musician/songwriter/actor, left (he was a member of two well know pop-rock bands), is a local resident who loves

Richmond Park so much, he helped us with our Tread Lightly conservation campaign (see a video at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfMcLDBllbo). Who is he? *A. Dougie Poynter: he is a member of McFly and McBusted.*

23. True or false: the first London Marathon started in Richmond Park.

A. False: however, the idea of the London Marathon was conceived in 1979 by John Disley and Chris Brasher in a conversation in the Dysart Arms (opp Petersham Gate).

24. True or false: there were public executions in Richmond Park during the 18th Century.

A. False: however, Gallows Pond (near Kingston Gate) was named after the gallows just outside the gate. Also, Gibbet Wood, opposite Broomfield Hill car park, refers to a gibbet that stood at the top of Kingston Hill.

25. Famous for its stag beetles, how many species of beetle have been recorded in the Park? a) 200 b) 600

c) 1,300. *A. 1,300+ The old trees and particularly rotting wood on the ground are extremely important for beetles so Richmond Park is a truly remarkable location for them.*



26. The wonderful large horses pictured left are used in Richmond Park to help manage the bracken by crushing it as it could take over the whole park. What are these type of horses known as? 1pt. (You can see them in action in our award-winning film presented by David Attenborough, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMGKSwwryso&t=851s>)

A. Shire Horses.

27. Richmond Park is closed each year for two major sporting events with thousands of participants and spectators; what

are they? 1 pt for each.

A. Ride London for cyclists only and the London Duathlon, running and cycling.

28. Richmond Park is so special for wildlife that it is designated with many forms of special protection including National Nature Reserve and a European Special Area of Conservation. It is also London's largest SSSI.

Do you know what does SSSI stands for? *A. SSSI = Site of Special Scientific Interest. The designation is for the area of acid grassland, ancient trees and deadwood and rare beetles associated with these.*

Good luck, we hope you enjoyed it!



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