

# Richmond Park family quiz 2

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> point).



2. Excluding owls, name three species of raptors or birds of prey that regularly breed in the Park: 1 pt for each.
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)
4. What mammal found in Richmond Park was first introduced to Britain by

the Romans?

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?

(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?
7. Can you name any of the four species of amphibians (all of which have tadpoles) found in the Park? 1 pt for each.



8. What are the spiky objects (pictured left) that the deer in Richmond Park love to eat in autumn?



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.

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?

11. What is the Mound really thought to be and/or what was it's original purpose?

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.

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

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?



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?

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?



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?

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

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?



20. When was Robin

Hood Gate closed to motor vehicles? 1 pt within 3 years, 2pts exact year.

21. What is the name of the riding stables next door to Robin Hood Gate? 1pt

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfMcLDBllbo)). Who is he?

23. True or false: the first London Marathon started in Richmond Park.
24. True or false: there were public executions in Richmond Park during the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.
25. Famous for its stag beetles, how many species of beetle have been recorded in the Park? a) 200 b) 600 c) 1,300.



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=LMGKSwqryso&t=851s>)
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.
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?

Good luck, hope you enjoyed it!

