

# Richmond Park family quiz 4 - 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)

*Game of Thrones, Merchant Ivory and blooming marvellous trees  
all in Richmond Park!*



Pictures: Jo Scrivener and (right), from our film Richmond Park: National Nature Reserve.

1. The extraordinary plant above left grows in wet usually marshy areas and is only found in one special place in Richmond Park. For 1 point, where? For a bonus point; can you name the plant? (Clues: it has a pungent smell, the leaves are like a brassica and add in the flower's colour for it's name!) *A: It can be found in Isabella Plantation; and Yellow Skunk Cabbage (Western or American Skunk Cabbage or Swamp Lantern are all acceptable): Max 2 pts*
2. What is the curious object pictured above right? *A: Wasps nest; 1pt*
3. True or false: the gates at the Park's Richmond Gate were designed by Capability Brown? *A: False; Sir John Soane designed them; 1pt*
4. True or false: many South African soldiers died in Richmond Park? *A: True; Upwards of 30 South African Soldiers died in a military hospital in the Park during WWI; they are buried in Richmond Cemetery; 1 pt*
5. True or False: Richmond Park is the most visited National Nature Reserve in the UK? *A: True; 1 pt.*



6. Pictured left are two of the stars of a 1983 Merchant Ivory film. Although set mostly in India, at least one scene was filmed in Richmond Park. For 1 pt, can you name the film? For a 2<sup>nd</sup> point, who is the actress?

*A: Heat and Dust; Julie Christie; Max 2pts*

7. Pictured below is a rash caused by a tiny insect

found in Richmond Park. If not treated, the resulting disease is very unpleasant and can be dangerous. Can you name the disease for 1pt and for a 2<sup>nd</sup> point, what is the insect that can cause it? *A: Lyme Disease; Tick; Max 2 pts*



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <http://phil.cdc.gov/phil/>



8. Over the last 50 years, gales and storms have swept through the Park causing damage. One year, a major storm brought down 1,000 trees in Richmond Park. In which year? *A: 1987; 1pt*
9. HM Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her birthday last week and, next week, Sir David Attenborough celebrates his. Who, in years, is the older? *A: Trick question: they're the same age. 94 1pt*



10. The magnificent red deer stag is pictured left during the early summer when the antlers have not yet hardened. What is the name of the soft furry skin that covers the antlers? *A: Velvet; 1pt*

11. The actor below was in TV phenomenon *Game of Thrones* and starred in a host of films including *Cry Freedom* and *The Empire Strikes Back* as well as the film featured in Q6.



He's local and a big fan of Richmond Park, supporting the Friends by reading at special events. Who is he? *A: Julian Glover; 1pt*



12. Left, although it's name is associated with sweet, juicy red fruits, this tree variety is grown for its pretty blossom; what is it? *A: Flowering Cherry; 1pt*

13. Right, one of the most recognisable blossoms at this time of year; sadly, as summer progresses, many trees suffer



from diseases including leaf blotch and bleeding canker. What is the tree?

*A: Horse chestnut; 1pt*



14. Left, twisted bark is a notable feature of this tree, related to the tree above right. There are lots of them in the Park particularly near Richmond Gate. What sort of tree is it?

*A: Sweet chestnut; 1pt*

15. How many rugby pitches are there in the Park? *A: Four; 1pt.*

16. True or false? Vice-admiral Horatio Nelson sketched out his plans in red wine for the Battle of Trafalgar during dinner at White Lodge in Richmond Park? *A: True; 1pt.*



17. True or false: a 'death ray' was tested on Pen Ponds during WWI. *A: True: Inventor Harry Grindell Matthews came up with a defence against Zeppelins – an electric light ray, or "Death Ray". It was never used. 1pt.*

18. The cow pictured is part of a small herd enclosed in Richmond Park each year and also seen on Petersham Meadows. They're used to 'poach' the ground and encourage biodiversity. Do you know this lovely breed's name? *(Clues: think of the Scottish borders and the white feature around the cow's*



middle!). *A: Belted or Banded Galloway; 1 pt*

19. In the trailer for our film about Richmond Park ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbynIPfyaG4&t=1s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbynIPfyaG4&t=1s)), David Attenborough enters the Park through a gate, right;



which gate? *A: Bog Gate; 1 pt*

20. When oak trees are in full leaf in the Park, the lowest branches form a straight line parallel to the ground, and approximately 6 ft above it. For 1 point, what causes this and for a 2<sup>nd</sup> point, what is this feature called? (*Clue: the answer is in our film and the suspect was featured in Q10!*) *A: Deer reaching up and eating the leaves; a 'browse line'; Max 2 pts.*



21. What is the bird pictured left, often seen on Pen Ponds? *A: Egyptian Goose; 1 pt*

22. The flat open non-wooded area between Pen Ponds and Ham Cross is known as Pond Slade. What feature of it has given it the name slade? *A: It means 'boggy ground'; 1 pt*

23. How many members does the Friends of Richmond Park have? Is it a) 1,000+; b) 2,000+; c) 3,000+? *A: c),*

*membership has doubled in the last 10 years; 1 pt*

24. How can you join the Friends of Richmond Park and help to protect London's biggest National Nature Reserve and richest area for biodiversity? *Easy: go to <https://www.frp.org.uk/membership/>*  
*No points to answer this but you will be helping the Park's amazing wildlife and protecting it for future generations.*

*A maximum of 27 points can be scored: how many did you get?*

Hope you enjoyed it!

