

## Short Walks in Richmond Park 2. Cambrian Gate

**Distance and terrain:** 1,300m long (about 3/4 mile). Easy walk with gentle slopes.

*This is one of a series of self-guided, short nature walks from the Park gates.*

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This walk begins at Cambrian Gate and the highlights are to be found in the north-east section of the walk: there is an awesome collection of crack willows (P1) that have grown up and then collapsed several times over.

• Dramatic crack willow



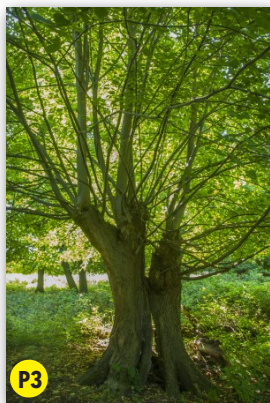
You can also see several examples of the rarest British native tree, wild black poplar (P2), which were common on the floodplain several thousand years ago. There are now about 8,000 of these trees in the whole country.

The two old ones on either side of the stream are female, which makes them especially rare as there are only about 500 of these.

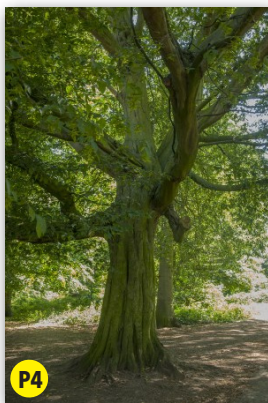
• Rare wild black poplar



• Veteran lime tree



• Hornbeam.



One non-tree feature that you may not know about is that between Bishop's Pond and Conduit Wood is the site of the World War 1 hospital for wounded South African soldiers. This was dismantled in 1925.

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*We recommend you take a tree ID book/app when walking this route.*

*This series of walks has been devised and written by Christopher Hedley and designed by Ken Edwards of the Friends of Richmond Park.*

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