

Short Walks in Richmond Park

Distance and terrain: 2,100m (1¼ miles). Easy walk with slight gradients and some uneven ground.

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

For longer self-guided walks, try our Walks with Remarkable Trees: www.frp.org.uk/tree-walks/

The walk starts with a large ash tree just beyond the small Roehampton Gate garden.

Ashes can carry male or female flowers or occasionally both – this one is female.

A little further on is a wych elm (P1) with toothed slightly asymmetrical leaves, which has withstood the threat of Dutch Elm Disease.



• Alder cones and leaves
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• Massive old English Oak © Paula Redmond



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• Willows along Beverley Brook
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4. Roehampton Gate

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



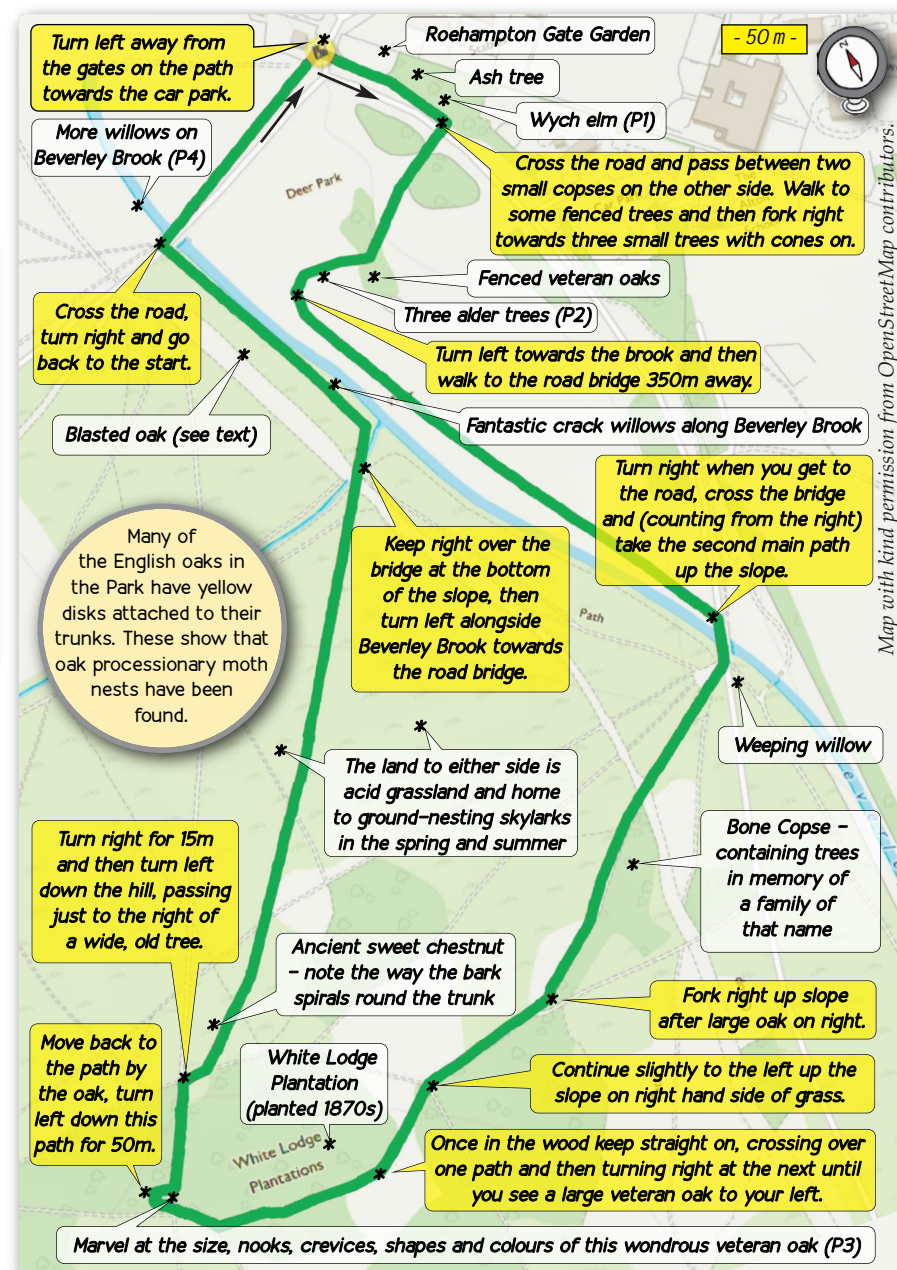
• Wych elm

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of different beetles, lichens, birds, bats and other species. There are over 1,300 veteran trees in the Park.

As you come down the slope after this oak, you walk through the rare acid grassland that the Park has so much of. This grassland provides ground nesting places for the wonderful skylark, whose song enlivens a summer walk. The blasted oak towards the end of the walk is an example of a tree that has probably been struck and killed by a lightning strike.



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