

# Richmond Park family quiz

*Fun with Yaffles!*

Love Richmond Park? Think you know it well? Try our fun family quiz about the Park's wildlife, history and special features.

*For all ages 8-108; self-marking, test yourselves (try to resist Google!)*

Before you start, watch these David Attenborough special videos which will help you:

1 min 'wall' video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbynIPfyaG4>

20 min Richmond Park video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMGKSwqryso&t=522s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMGKSwqryso&t=522s)

1. Richmond Park is the largest enclosed urban park in Europe. For 1 point, how long (to the nearest mile or kilometre) is the wall that encloses it? For a 2<sup>nd</sup> point and to the nearest million, how many bricks are in the wall?
2. Which king (pictured), in 1637, ordered the Park to be enclosed as his own deer hunting park? (1 point for his name, a 2<sup>nd</sup> point for his number! Don't lose your head over this question!)
3. To the nearest 50, how many deer are there in Richmond Park?
4. There are two wild deer species in the Park; can you name them both? (1 point for each)
5. And which is the bigger species? It's the largest species of deer in the UK.



6. What is the biggest beetle (left) in Richmond Park? It's also known as a 'Horse Pincher' due to its large horns. (*David Attenborough says don't disturb wood on the ground as it's the home for these big, black beautiful bugs!*)
7. Who is the dashing British film star, left, (died 1983) posted to Pembroke Lodge, as part of the 'Phantom Squad' during World War II? (picture: *thefilmexperience.net*)
8. What is this beautiful bird? >> It loves trees but mostly eats ants; it's also nicknamed the 'Yaffle' which is meant to be the sound it makes!



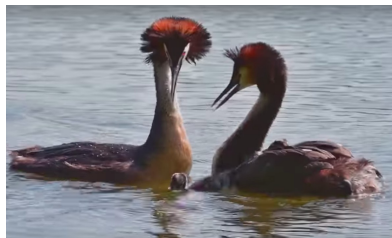
9. What is the name of the small river that runs for over 2 kms through the Park? Its name comes from an ancient name meaning 'Beavers Meadow'.
10. Sometimes glimpsed on this small river, what is the fish-hunting bird noted for its fabulous blue and orange plumage; it could be called a truly royal bird!

11. To the nearest 10, how many 'bodies of water' (ponds, streams and the small river) are there in Richmond Park? (*Remember, dogs aren't allowed to bathe in many ponds, including Pen Ponds, as they disturb the water causing damage to wildlife including breeding fish, the food of the lovely birds in Q.10*)
12. As well as deer, there are many other *wild* mammals in the Park. The beautiful creature pictured sadly vanished from the Park in the 1970's due to pressures from visitors & dogs. What is it?
13. How many car and pedestrian gates (excl. Chohole) are there in the Park?

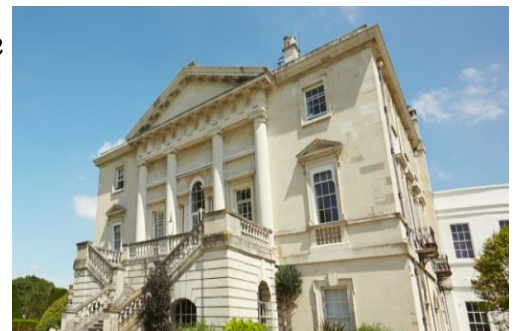


14. This veteran tree is believed to be over 700 years old. The wonderful drawing is by celebrated tree artist Mark Frith as the emblem for Richmond Park's **Year of the Tree**. What is the tree called?

15. The magnificent regal tree (pictured) is one of many veteran trees in Richmond Park, the biggest collection of veteran trees of any park or open area in Greater London. To the nearest 100, how many are there?
16. Especially due to all the veteran trees, Richmond Park is home to many of the UK's 17 bat species. How many bat species are found in the Park? 8, 11 or 13?
17. Which large game bird (now eaten by many at Christmas) did King George II try to introduce to Richmond Park but were completely wiped out by local poachers?
18. Every year in early autumn, the Park's large male deer (stags) engage in a ritual of bellowing loudly and charging each other using their antlers. This is to create a 'harem' of hinds (females) for mating, seeing off rival male deer. What is this mating ritual called?
19. This magnificent building, right, in the centre of the Park is the home to which school? (1 point). And what is the name of the building? (1 point).



20. Name these beautiful birds (usually found on Pen Ponds) which were almost hunted to extinction in Britain because their 'fur' and feathers were used in Victorian women's hats. (You can see lovely video of them with chicks in



our David Attenborough film at 14' 07, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMGKSwgryso&t=522s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMGKSwgryso&t=522s).



21. These amazing large fungi (left) pop up all over the Park in late summer. What are they called? (They'd be useful in strong sunshine...or rain!)



22. Temporary accommodation was adapted from wartime barracks in Richmond Park in 1948 for visitors from all over the world. For what special global event? *(The last such event had been held in 1936)*

23. There are two breeding owl species in Richmond Park but which owl is the smaller and is quite often seen in daylight and particularly at dawn and dusk when it makes distinctive piercing cat-like calls? It's also absolutely gorgeous!

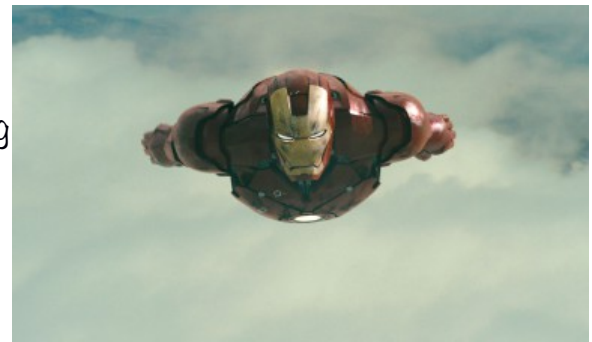


24. In 2010, the second in a series of films (directed by Guy Ritchie) about a famous private detective was partly filmed in Richmond Park. It starred Jude Law and Robert Downey Jr. *(star of Iron Man, below right)*. What is the name of the famous detective? *(1 pt for the character's name and a bonus point if you know the full film title).*

25. The man pictured below is a bit of a local super-hero. He was a brewer and, in 1758, fed up with Richmond Park being



a private park for royalty with no public access, he challenged this in the courts and won, paving the way for it to be open to us all. Who is he? *(Clue: some people say you can still see him by Waitrose in Kingston!)*. Bonus point: the Friends commissioned a plaque to him; by which gate is it displayed?



*Picture: Richmond upon Thames Borough Art Collection*

26. Friends of Richmond Park charity has over 3,000 members and promotes the conservation, protection and improvement of the Park's environment and wildlife, and its peace and natural beauty for the benefit of the public and future generations. In what year was it founded? *(1 point within 5 years, 2 points for exact year).*

27. A grit path, shared by both bikes and pedestrians, runs around the perimeter of the Park; do you know its name?

