

Guided Walks along the River Wandle

We have a number of walks available as listed below. Walks may also be tailored to meet your needs. Free of charge we do welcome donations. All walks give you the opportunity to learn more about the river, the mills and how the river has changed over the years. Bring your camera to catch the wildlife and views of the river.

High Street Carshalton to Hackbridge

1.5 miles

1.5 hours

On this walk you will learn the role of the Grotto and Hog's Pit in Carshalton Park. Taking in Carshalton Ponds you will visit the mill sites on the route and see some of the oldest buildings associated and used by the mills and mill owners. We finish at the largest bleaching fields in England.

Watermeads (or from Mitcham Tram Stop) to Morden Hall Park

2 miles

1.5 hours

Starting at the historical site by Mitcham Bridge you will follow the River Wandle to Morden Hall Park. The walk takes in the many mills and works along its short route. You will learn about snuff production, textiles and the current use of mill buildings that still exist.

Morden Hall Park to Colliers Wood

2 miles

1.5 hours

Following the River Wandle we will visit the largest example of a textile works left in the Wandle Valley and the site of Merton Priory. Learn about how the path of the Wandle has changed and some of the reasons for this.

Earlsfield Station to the Causeway, Wandsworth

1.5 miles

1.5 hours

Many of the mills along this route have long disappeared. Find out where they were, what they produced and finish where the Wandle joins the Thames. Learn about the leisure spots on this route that use to be full of industrial activity.

Colliers Wood Station to Penwith Bridge

2.5 miles

2 hours

This walk starts near to where the Surrey Iron Railway crossed Merton High Street. You will learn about the old course of the river in Wandle Park and visit the Wandle Meadow Nature Park. We will also visit the site of the largest waterwheel on the River Wandle and other mill sites.

Carshalton Ponds to Waddon Ponds

3 miles

2 hours

We start at Honeywood Museum and follow the River Wandle through Grove Park and Beddington Park passing Carew Manor before at the site of one of the last mills to operate on the river at Waddon.

Watermeads to Carshalton Ponds

2.8 miles

2 hours

Following the course of the River Wandle you will pass a number of former mill sites. Learn about the textile and the use of the land that is Culver's Island. You will pass some of the oldest buildings in Carshalton before reaching Carshalton Ponds. Depending on the time of your visit it may be possible to visit Honeywood Museum.