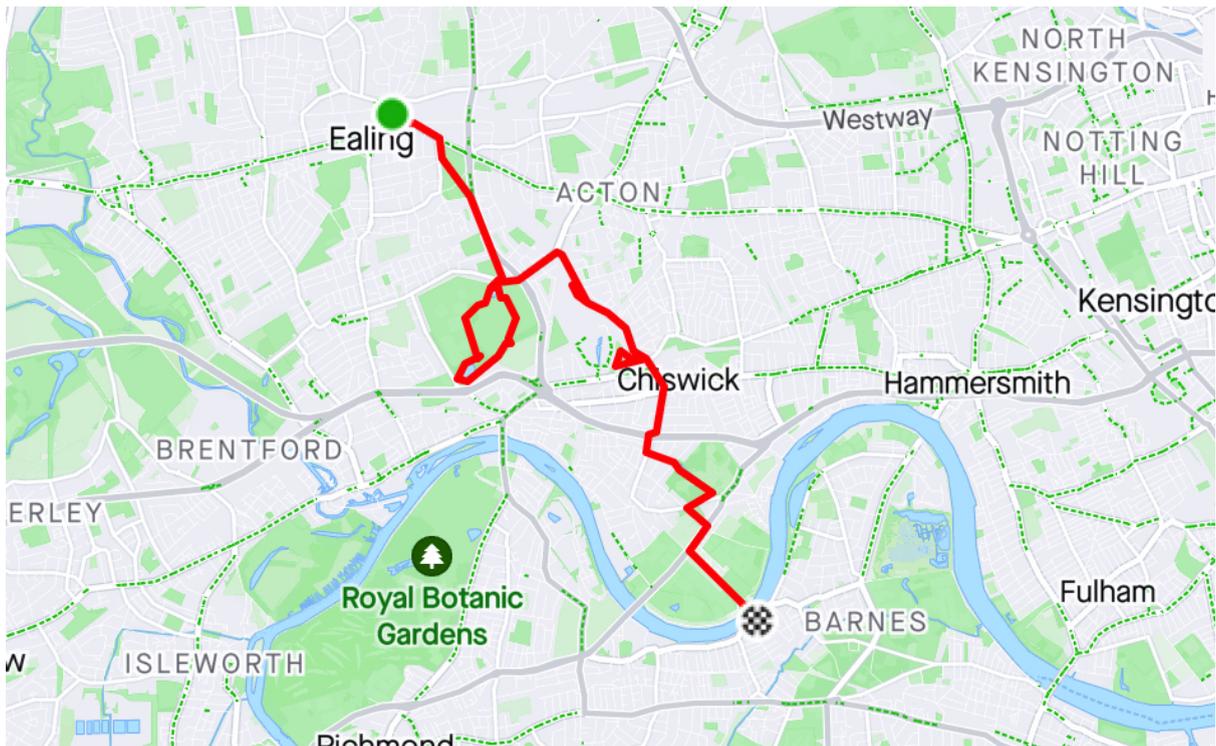




London Blueways Challenge 2023

Route #3 March - Bollo Brook



Route Distance:	Blueways Challenge Medal Route: 11.5 KM
Curated By:	Camino Ultra
GPX File:	https://www.strava.com/routes/3040409094458595748

Public Transport:	<p>To the start - Ealing Broadway Tube: On the District</p> <p>From the finish - Barnes Bridge - Line is overground to Waterloo Alternatively plan to run along the river back to Hammersmith Tube</p>
Start Point:	<p>At the Ealing Broadway Tube Station YOU CAN ALWAYS CHOOSE TO COMPLETE THIS ROUTE THE OTHER WAY AROUND</p> <p>https://what3words.com/oils.slap.green</p> <p>IMPORTANT:</p> <p>SAFETY:</p>
Diversion:	NONE - currently known
End Point:	<p>Barnes Bridge</p> <p>https://what3words.com/butter.crush.forces</p>
Cafe & WC Stop:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ealing Broadway has various places nearby ● Curious Roo Coffee Roasters - 12 The Broadway, London W5 2NH ● Excellent coffee Van in Gunnersbury Park called Miriam's Munchees Coffee Van ● Brewery - Bulls Head or Coach & Horses pubs next to finish at Barnes

<p>Medal Preview:</p>	
<p>Overall Puzzle Medal:</p>	<p>Medals will be sent out when complete - depending on when you complete the challenge. It will be the THIRD piece in the 2023 puzzle!!</p>
<p>Social & Prizes</p>	<p>Please do follow us on Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/camino_ultra/</p> <p>We will be looking out for your posts and stories so please do use the hashtags listed above</p> <p>Keep an eye for Blueways Challenge events shared exclusively on our NEWSLETTERS TO 2023 CHALLENGERS</p> <p><u>Social Run on:</u></p>

Route Description:

Bollo Brook route is a Blueway that follows the direction (as closely as possible) that the Lost London River Bollo would have taken.

IMPORTANT to remember that even though this description describes the route as being from Ealing to Barnes you can always complete this the other way around

Remember **ENJOY YOURSELF**

Our route starts Outside Ealing Broadway Tube

Follow the main road around to the left - THE MALL - take your time as it is a main road

At the corner of Ealing Common head into the grassland and follow south parallel to The Common

Take the diagonal path towards Warwick Rd then straight over to finish in bottom right corner

Follow A406 path South until you cut down the small Gunnersbury Drive and see Gunnersbury Park ahead

Enter Gunnersbury Park turn right to go around the pond and then right again past the Leisure Centre

You are heading onto the grassland to find one of the last remaining remnants of the Bollo Brook.

Head down to the main ponds and then follow route which brings you the opposite way around the park and back to same entrance to exit.

Head on main road to Acton Town Tube St

(Note: If you have time then go inside the station as it has history boards featuring Bollo River)

You now head down Bollo Lane - which is named accordingly and at the end you come to the amazing Gunnersbury Nature Reserve.

****If it is Open and If you want to - you can do a small lap of the Reserve. Enter in and follow the path to the right and keep on the outside of the trail

Evidence of Bollo Brook can often be found be upstream in a pool of water in some land encased within a triangle of railway lines in the Gunnersbury Nature Reserve.



WARNING: We love the reserve and during daylight we found it safe and with other families BUT we appreciate that solo runners - especially females - may not enjoy being here on their own.

At the Gunnersbury Reserve follow Acton Lane southwards onto Turnham Green and cut across to Sutton Crt Road

Go south to the crossing where we advise that you take the underpass and come out at Sutton Crt Rd and continue for short while until taking Chesterfield Road to Chiswick House (see below history)

Follow the Chiswick Hse Lake all the way to the end and turn right along the path inside (called Lower Carriage Drive) Come onto Burlington Lane and left onto Staveley Rd before a right along the main road - Great Chertsey Road



Look for the Barnes Passageway and follow all the way to the river

Barnes Bridge Station is the end Point over the Thames

HISTORY:

Bollo Brook originally formed the boundary of Lord Burlington's estate in Chiswick. After the estate was extended by the purchase of land the other side of the water in 1726-7, the Brook was widened and canalised & the grounds of the adjacent Chiswick House extensively landscaped. The house was a medium-sized Jacobean mansion used as a summer retreat to get away from London . The 3rd Earl of Burlington designed a villa next to the house to hold his collection of art and furniture. The design was inspired by his tours of Italy and the country's Palladian architecture. The old house was demolished later that century and the villa itself became known as Chiswick House. The waters of Bollo Brook originally fed the lakes and fountains at Chiswick House, but these days the Brook is carried in a pipe underneath the lake joining the Thames a little further on. The reason for the

culverting was due to the dirty water from the many laundries further upstream polluting the waters of the landscaped gardens of Chiswick House.

The vicinity of Bollo Brook between Turnham Green & Chiswick House was the site of the Battle of Turnham Green in the English Civil War between the forces of King Charles 1 and Parliamentarians in 1642.

Any surplus waters from the Chiswick House lake join the Bollo Brook culvert underneath the main A316 to its outfall into a rather unattractive concrete outfall into the Thames. A tithe map of 1846 shows the lake continuing into the Thames, but by 1936 this water feature had been covered by the Promenade Approach Road. This road leads in a straight line with an avenue of lime trees marking the above ground banks of the Brook.

YOU CAN ALWAYS RUN MORE BY FOLLOWING THE RIVER SECTION (NORTH) BACK INTO LONDON (Hammersmith is not far and is also the Start/End point of the Camino Greenway - GREEN TRAIL)

PICTURE TIME:



<p>LONDON PARKRUNS</p>	<p>PLEASE REMEMBER that the No.1 rule of the Greenways Challenge is to enjoy yourself. You will not be penalized for making any errors on any of the routes.</p> <p>Nearest Parkrun to this route is Gunnersbury which is a short run from the start of the Bollo Blueway</p> <p>https://www.parkrun.org.uk/gunnersbury/course/</p> <p>If you take part in the Park Run then just continue the route outside the park towards Acton Town</p>
<p>LONDON SWIMSPOTS</p>	<p>No obvious swimspots in this area</p> <p>DON'T FORGET THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HELPING THE EAST LONDON WATERWORKS CROWDFUND which is close to this Blueway</p> <p>https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/elwp</p>