

Liquidhistory: the Elmbridge riverside audio trail Hampton Court to Hurst Park

Why not try this self-guided audio walk along one of the most picturesque stretches of river on the Thames. As you discover the locks, houseboat communities and the history of the area, you will hear recordings from people who live and work along the Thames. See a lock in action, have a ride on one of the last river ferries in London and discover how horse racing, suffragettes and gambling have made history in Hurst Park.

All you need to experience this audio trail is a portable CD or MP3 player. Download the sound files from memoryscape.org.uk or to obtain an audio CD call 01372 474568 or visit elmbridge.gov.uk/culture

You can walk, jog or cycle this trail. The track numbers correspond to each sound point on the map. The trail starts at Cigarette Island (track 1)

- 1 Discover the history of this strangely named Island and witness an unusual river ceremony that took place here not so long ago.
- 2 Find the remains of the old bridge and find out what happened to some of the boats moored here in World War II.
- 3 Hear what it is like to be a lock keeper, and see a working lock in action.
- 4 Ash Island's oldest houseboat resident describes what it is like to live a life afloat.
- 5 See the island which once hosted a casino and hear what Charlie Chaplin thought of the place when he came to visit.
- 6 Discover the history of Hurst Park and Hampton Ferry.

