

# Earth Science Week Geotrail along the Thames Path

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**Meet at the Thames Barrier Visitor Centre in Charlton, south-east London.**

The walk will go upstream along the south side of the Thames to Greenwich town centre. It will reveal the fascinating earth science stories hidden below the concrete foundations of a disappearing industrial landscape. There are traces of past climate change and tales of human endeavour are made clear through the geology on London.

We are fortunate that there are no diversions from the Thames so will be able to view all points along the route. Some of the different geological structures will be discussed such as:

- The Blackwall Tunnel crosses beneath the Thames near the O2 and the affects of the ice age complicated its original construction.
- The effects of the construction of the docks and the ships that used them.
- The effects of geological forces in how the Thames Basin has evolved.

The walk is about six km (3¾ miles) along paths (some rough). We aim to have lunch in the Cutty Sark pub on Ballast Quay, before concluding the walk into the town centre. The trip should finish by about 3pm close to public transport.

**There is no charge for this guided walk. To get to the start at the Thames Barrier Visitor Centre:**

- **The nearest station is Charlton with six trains an hour from London Bridge (two from Charing Cross, two from Cannon Street and two from Luton). It takes about 15 minutes to walk to the Thames Barrier Visitor Centre.**
- **The nearest underground station is North Greenwich on the Jubilee Line. From there take either the 161 or 472 from Stop A to alight at 'Greenwich Trust School'. It is then a 5-minute walk along the Green Chain Path.**

