

Desborough Island Trip.

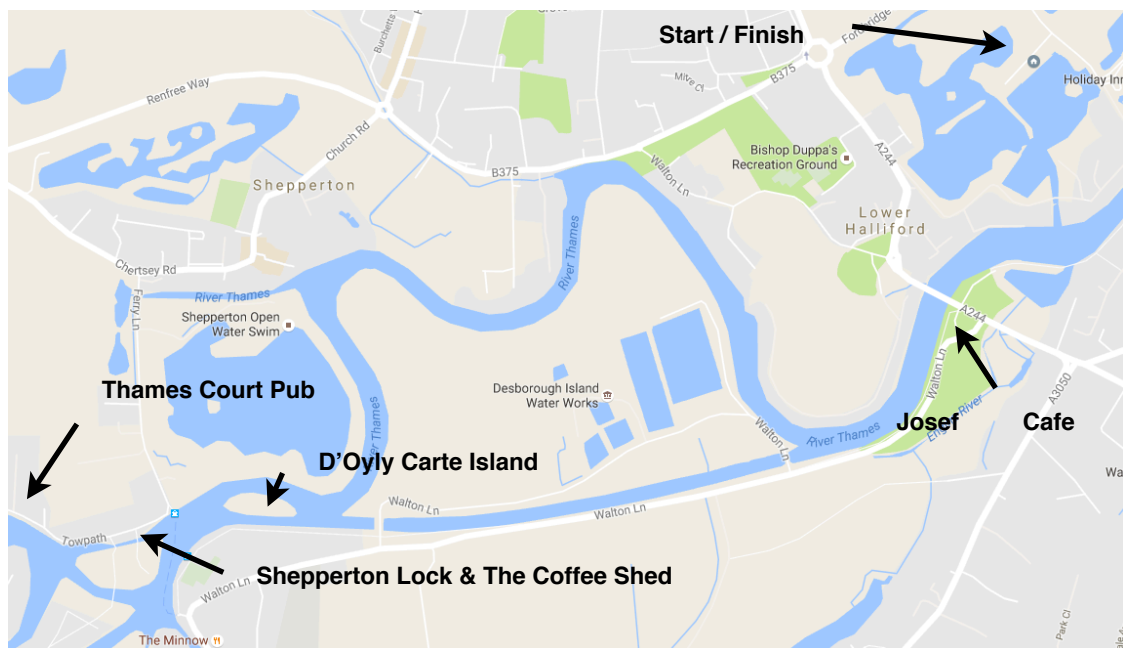
This is probably the most popular trip to go on from this site, length 4.5 miles (Jetty to Jetty) and can take anywhere between half an hour to eight hours on a nice sunny day! This route can easily include a few pub's and a nice coffee / Tea / Cake stop at Shepperton lock. The calmer "back channel" or the original river has plenty of sandy beaches that are perfect to stop of at for a break and a swim. In the summer this is a nice gentle paddle perfect for all the family, in the winter there is a large weir at Shepperton that we would recommend staying clear from, unless you have a solid roll!

If your in a rush to get to the Thames Court Pub (located just up stream of Shepperton lock on the right hand side) the "Cut" or main channel is the faster way to the top of Desborough Island.

The Trip

Leaving our Jetty paddle off following the right hand bank, after only a few moments you will see a small island on your left hand side and another longer island to the left of this, follow the right hand bank around the top of the long island and continue past the mored boats on the left, continue following the right hand bank. As soon as you can turn right, turn right look ahead and you will see a small bridge, pass under this and then you're out on the river.

Turn right, this will take you upstream and under Walton road bridge, on the left just after the bridge is an area where you can stop and buy an ice cream / Burger / Tea, Coffee from Josef Cafe. From here continue upstream and after a while the river forks, to the left is the cut and to the right is the back channel, take your pick! Left or right?



The top of the Desborough Island is marked by a small Island called D'Oyly Carte Island, here you can either continue up stream to Shepperton Lock and the Coffee Shed. If you would like to go to the Thames Court Pub you will need to portage around the lock, the pub is 1 minute upstream on your right. The River Wey also joins the Thames at Shepperton and there are three back channels that you can explore also. Paddling back try the other channel and keep going down stream, once under Walton road bridge keep an eye out for a turning on your left signed Shepperton Marina, paddle back through the lakes around to our Jetty (the same place you stared from) and welcome back! Hope you had a great paddle.

***Remember* Paddle on the right! Keep an eye out for sculls & rowers, any problems give us a call. Our Phone Number 01932 247978**

