

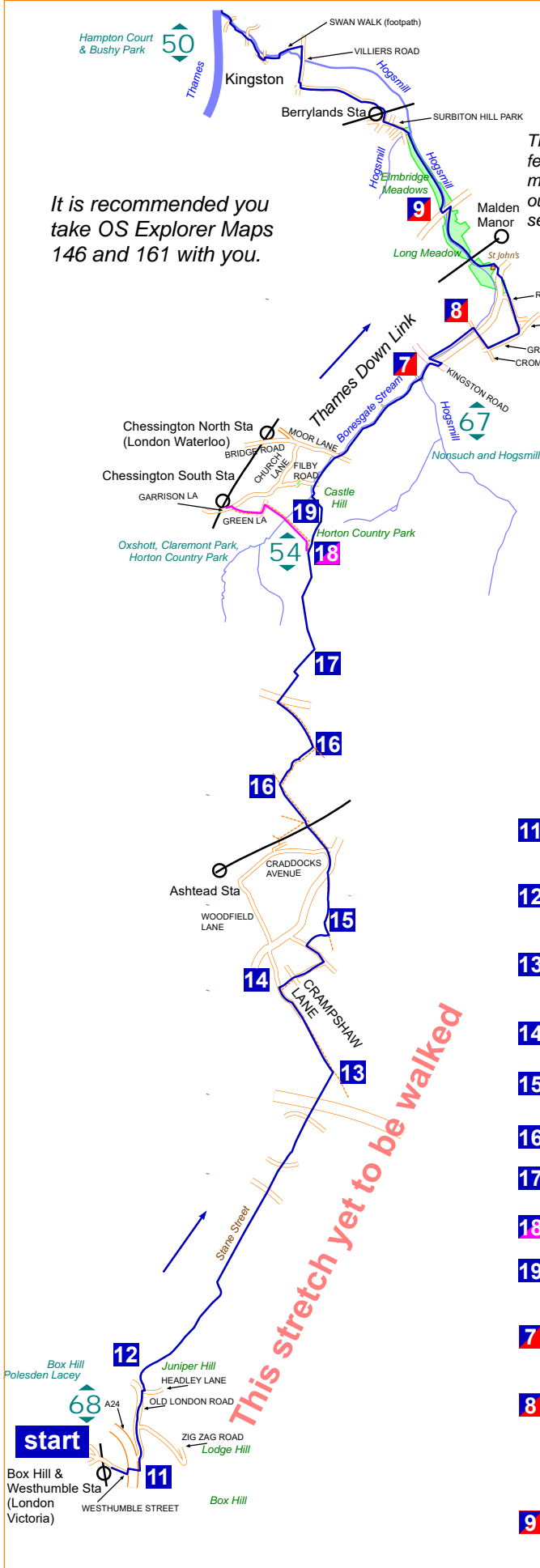
# Thames Down Link

It is recommended you take OS Explorer Maps 146 and 161 with you.

The Thames Down Link is, for much of the way, hemmed in by fences and hedges; easy walking if a bit overgrown at times and mostly off main road. It connects the Thames to an area of outstanding beauty - the North Downs at Box Hill. It can be split into sections - Chessington South is the last stop inside the LT area.

Thames Down Link 24.5 km  
 Westhumble to Chessington South 14.7 km  
 connection with another walk

5 kilometres



- 11** 16 Turn right at the road by the station, down to the main road. Follow left to gain the subway, right, and exiting follow the main road left, across the River Mole and right up Old London Road.
- 12** At Headley Lane pick up the path called Downs Road, a byway open to all traffic. This goes round the hill, gradually gaining height and becoming Stane Street.
- 13** It is straight forward until, just after the motorway the route does a left turn towards Ashtead and eventually becomes a residential street.
- 14** Take a right turn along a path that leads to Chalk Lane and to a T junction with Park Lane. Left then right into Rookery Hill.
- 15** Left across Ashtead Park to a busy main road, then Forest Crescent onto the common
- 16** Watch out for a right turn where paths intersect, followed by a left 1.2 km later.
- 17** The entrance into Horton Country Park is obscure. Look for a turning left just after the roundabout on Horton Lane
- 18** Look for a footpath indicated to Green Lane if stopping at Chessington South
- 19** Left through a gate to Castle Hill takes you down to the Bonesgate stream. Keep the stream immediately to your left all the way to the confluence with the Hogsmill where LOOP joins
- 7** Here walk right to pick up the pedestrian lights and returning, cross the river so it is on your right, separated from a go-kart track by a high fence
- 8** The path exits onto a lane. Turn right and up Cromwell Road, left into Grafton Road and left into Royal Avenue at the top of a hill. Keep straight ahead by a combination of road and path. Exiting on main road turn right and left to pass a church. Proceed through a gate and then left down a path to reach the river. Turn right without crossing and keep close to the river. Turn right without crossing and keep close to the river
- 9** A busy divided road. Turn left up the hill to a pedestrian subway and return, entering Elmbridge meadows with the river on your right.