

Children's Activities in Richmond

There are plenty of options for keeping children entertained in the borough – from world famous attractions to hidden gems.

[Hampton Court Palace](#)



This historic palace is a full day out all by itself. Every day of the year children can be taken back in time by dramatic presentations of the Tudor world by costumed interpreters. Children may even have the opportunity to see Henry VIII himself or one of his courtiers. Kids will also enjoy the free 'Family Trails' filled with quizzes, illustrations facts and activities. These can be picked up from the visitor information centre at the start of your visit.

No visit is complete without seeing the spectacular gardens, which run down to the River Thames, and also feature the world's oldest hedge maze dating from the late 17th century. This maze takes on average 20 minutes to complete and is a great diversion for children and adults alike.



[WWT London Wetland Centre](#)

The London Wetland Centre in Barnes offers a wealth of fun activities for children, as well as regular weekend activities for families.

Pond Zone offers the chance for kids to participate in 'pond dipping sessions' where staff can help children identify what they have caught. There's also a digital pond where kids can play with dragonflies and create their own perfect pool. Another great activity for kids is Explore, the outdoors adventure playground. Kids can explore water vole tunnels, play water games, scale a climbing wall and have fun on the zip wires.

For rainy days, there is also the indoor Discovery Centre which promises to take kids on 'a journey through the wetlands of the world.'

[Ceramics Café](#)

For something a little different why not book a table at Ceramics Café in Kew. Children and adults can create their own unique designs on a variety of shapes, from plates and mugs to novelty ceramics. Available for collection 2-4 days later, these pieces make great gifts and great memories. Each session lasts up to 2 hours in length and the Café is also available for Children's parties.

[Kew Gardens](#)

The world famous Kew Gardens has free entry for children aged 16 years and under and attractions for kids of all ages. From the interactive botanical play area 'Creepers and Crawlers' to the tree themed play area 'Treehouse Towers' kids can enjoy the great outdoors whilst learning about the natural world.

Visitors to the gardens are spoilt for choice when it comes to food, with four different eateries across the site. The White Peaks café offers an unusual eating experience for children, with a child height Pick 'n' Mix of specially sourced ingredients from which children under 13 can pick. The café also has a huge range of ice cream, ice and frozen yoghurt flavours, ranging from caramelised banana to British jumble berry.

[Twickenham Embankment/Champions Wharf Play Beach](#)

For a relaxed afternoon, why not take a stroll down to Twickenham Embankment. Here kids can enjoy a beautiful view of the river and surrounding wildlife only minutes from all the shops and amenities of central Twickenham. With plenty of seating for weary adults to rest their feet, the Embankment is also a great addition to any outing.

Kids can let their imagination run wild at Champions Wharf play beach. Featuring a play Viking Boat and Wherry (a Victorian Water Taxi), children of all ages are sure to be transported back in time at this play beach right next to the river.



A short walk along the Embankment is another play area suitable for younger children and with a café on site. Built on a former open-air swimming pool, [Diamond Jubilee Gardens](#) is a popular spot for community events and overlooks the river.