

PENTON HOOK ISLAND, STAINES

DISTANCE: 0.7 miles (1.2km) of paths






SLOPE: Mostly level but maximum

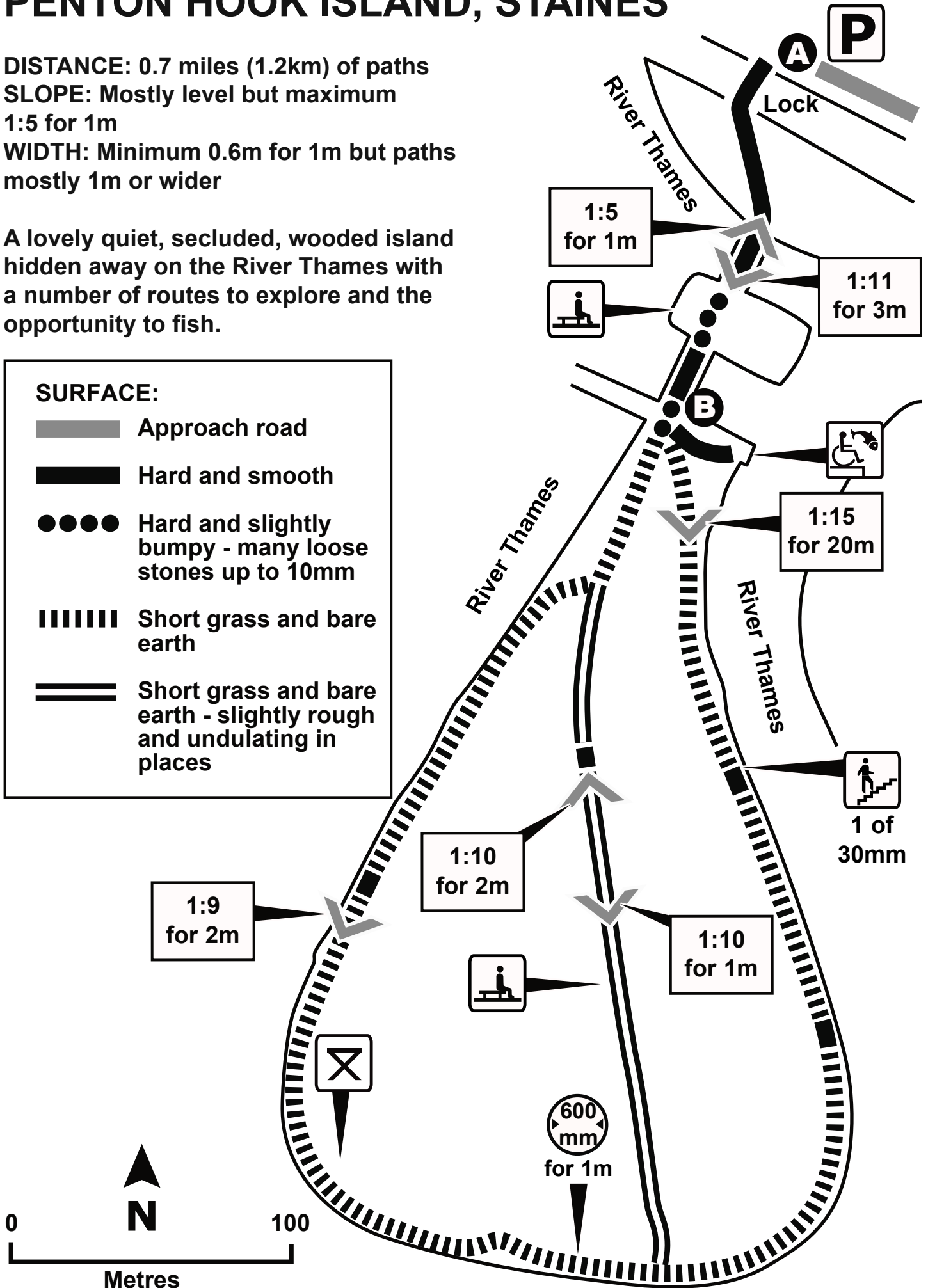
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WIDTH: Minimum 0.6m for 1m but paths mostly 1m or wider

A lovely quiet, secluded, wooded island hidden away on the River Thames with a number of routes to explore and the opportunity to fish.

SURFACE:

-  Approach road
-  Hard and smooth
-  Hard and slightly bumpy - many loose stones up to 10mm
-  Short grass and bare earth
-  Short grass and bare earth - slightly rough and undulating in places



HOW TO GET TO PENTON HOOK ISLAND

MAP: OS Landranger 176, grid ref TQ043695

ROAD: Download free map from www.streetmap.co.uk - insert grid ref above as a Landranger and click search. Telephone Lock Keeper on 01784 452657 to reserve parking space. Travelling on B376 Staines Road south towards Laleham, turn first right after blue railings into Beech Tree Lane. Follow this to lock.

NEAREST FACILITIES:



In Staines



In Staines

	Hard with some loose stones up to 5mm		Rest area		Accessible toilets
	Slope - points downhill		Picnic Area		Refreshments
	Step		Accessible angling		Width restriction

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

- A** From the car park, cross the lock gate and then go over two weirs onto the main island
- B** From here there is a range of paths to choose from

PLEASE NOTE: Lock Keeper can provide ramp and help with crossing lock gates – please ask. A Lock & Weir Fishing Permit, available from the Environment Agency on 0118 953 5561, is required to fish at this site. A rod licence is also required and can be bought from Post Offices or online from www.environment-agency.gov.uk

POINTS OF INTEREST

Penton Hook is a naturally formed ox-bow bend in the river and is the most impressive river loop along the whole Thames. The first lock here was constructed in 1815.



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