

# Explore Haringey

by walking the route of  
one of its hidden rivers



# THE MOSELLE

crossing the borough from west to east

Your best route from here is to continue straight across Lordship Lane and walk up Bennington Road. Turn right onto the Roundway and continue along All Hallows Road. At the T-junction turn left onto Church Lane and then left again through All Hallows churchyard. You soon come to a fenced footpath through the middle of Tottenham Cemetery. 9

Go through the first unlocked gate on your left and walk parallel to the fenced path you have just left, keeping it on your right. This brings you to a bridge across the river from which you can see a second bridge to your right. Cross the bridge and then turn left along the north bank of the river. You soon come to the confluence where the Lesser Moselle meets the Moselle. Continue walking on the grass along the bank of the Lesser Moselle which, unlike the main river, is in the open, until a hedge bars your way. So rejoin the tarmac path on your right and turn along it to the left, where you come to a beautiful artificial lake. 10 Water from a spring on the northern edge of the cemetery flows through an ornamental stream into the lake and then drains into the Lesser Moselle.



Tottenham Cemetery

Return to the footpath and re-cross the bridge. At the first opportunity, turn left into the eastern part of the cemetery. Continuing in this direction and turning right by the chapel brings you to a gate. Just outside the gate turn left onto a footpath which leads you out onto Beaufoy Road. From the eastern boundary of the cemetery the river is once more in a culvert. It flows under the Ernest Wedge & Co factory that you pass. At the end of Beaufoy Road turn right onto White Hart Lane. The river is beneath you.

At the junction with Tottenham High Road the river makes an abrupt right turn although it might well once have carried straight on to join Pymmes Brook and thence the River Lea at Northumberland Park. Now the river flows down the west side of the High Road. The first turning on the right is [Moselle Place](#) which leads into [Moselle Street](#). Continue down the High Road passing listed [Moselle House](#). 11

The river is visible beneath a glass cover in the new foyer of the Coombes Croft library which, if open, is worth a visit. 12

Continue along the High Road until you reach Scotland Green with the Pride of Tottenham pub on the corner and opposite Pembury Road. Here the river turns left beneath Scotland Green. Follow the road east from Scotland Green. If you carry straight on, crossing over Kemble Road, you will see a concrete footway ahead called Carbuncle Passage (in the past called Garbell Ditch and later Carbuncle Ditch). One branch of the river, originally constructed as part of a flood control scheme in the 15th century, lies beneath Carbuncle Passage and enters Pymmes Brook.



Tamar Way

The main branch of the river turns south just beyond Scotland Green to the west of Parkhurst Road. Walk down this road and continue along Ladysmith Road. Turn right into Holcombe Road, left into Dawlish Road, right into Scales Road and left into Chesnut Grove. The course of the river remains on your right. A short way down Chesnut Grove turn left onto Tamar Way, a footpath bordered by trees that follows the winding course of the river. From here, a new cut was made in 1968 which diverted the river via a culvert due east to join Pymmes Brook just north of Ferry Lane.

To follow the course of the old river, turn right at the end of Tamar Way onto Park View Road. Cross the main road by pedestrian crossings towards Tottenham Retail Park continuing along The Hale and Broad Lane. The old river here is on your left beneath the Retail Park. Where Broad Lane turns sharp right take a left down Markfield Road, pass under two railway bridges and enter Markfield Park. 13

The old course of the Moselle skirts the northern boundary of Markfield Recreation Ground and finally enters the River Lea immediately south of the railway bridge. 14 Have a drink at Markfield's Pistachios Cafe. Return to Broad Lane for buses to Turnpike Lane, Wood Green or Seven Sisters or go back to the Retail Park and cross the main road to Tottenham Hale station.