

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 on 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 along the bank of the Lesser Moselle which, unlike the main river is in the open, and, after skirting a hedge, 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.

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. Turn left along a footpath leading to 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 which you pass. At the end of Beaufoy Road turn right onto White Hart Lane. The river is beneath you.



Tottenham Cemetery

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**. The river is visible beneath a glass cover in the new foyer of the Coombes Croft library **11** which, if open, is worth a visit.

Continue down the High Road passing listed **Moselle House** **12** and cross the road when you see the Pride of Tottenham pub. Here the river turns left beneath Scotland Green and then splits. The Old Moselle continues south and eventually runs alongside Broad Lane until it reaches Markfield Park and the River Lea. Most of this route is built up and along busy roads so it is more pleasant to follow the other branch via Carbuncle Passage and Tottenham Marshes.

Continue east from Scotland Green past Hartington Park and you come to a concrete footway called Carbuncle Passage **13**. A branch of the river, in the past called Garbell Ditch and later Carbuncle Ditch and originally constructed as part of a flood control scheme in the 15th century, lies beneath this path. Follow Carbuncle Passage, crossing two roads, until you come to a footbridge. The Moselle can be glimpsed just before the bridge. Go over this bridge which crosses the railway line, the Victoria Line tube depot and Watermead Way.

Once over the bridge you enter Tottenham Marshes **14**. The Moselle runs east in a culvert under the Marshes until it enters Pymmes Brook, which here runs parallel with the River Lea.

Turn right following the signs to Tottenham Hale and Markfield Park. Continue until the paths divide and then bear left. Once you reach Pymmes Brook turn right and walk alongside the river. You will pass the East Hale Allotments, Living Under One Sun (a community gardening project - [www.livingunderonesun.co.uk/](http://www.livingunderonesun.co.uk/)) and the massive Hale Village development.

When you reach Ferry Lane, turn left, crossing over Pymmes Brook and then immediately turn left down to the River Lea Navigation by Tottenham Lock. Turn sharp right along the towpath under Ferry Lane. Here you can see where Pymmes Brook meets the River Lea.

Continue south alongside the River Lea. You will pass the Ferry Lane Estate **15**, built by the Greater London Council in the 1970s. The second railway bridge you get to, just before Markfield Park, is the one under which the Old Moselle enters the River Lea.

A little further on, enter Markfield Park **16** through the gate on your right. The wonderful Victorian Beam Engine is well worth a visit. Refreshments are available at Pistachio's Café. Go to Broad Lane for buses to Seven Sisters, Turnpike Lane or Wood Green.

# Explore Haringey

by walking the route of  
one of its hidden rivers



# THE MOSELLE

crossing the borough from west to east