

The *Thames Topics* booklets offer a glimpse of the history, environment and characteristics of the Thames River, with a focus on London. The source of the Thames River is near the eastern edge of the watershed north of Tavistock while its main tributary, the North Thames River, rises close to northern boundary of the watershed near Mitchell. The North Thames joins the Thames at the Forks, trisecting London and flowing westwards to Lake St. Clair. The interactions of settlers and the Thames were an important part of London's beginning and have continued to affect the growth and character of this city to this day. Descriptions of the shaping of the landscape by glaciers and the change into a region of fertile farms, communities and cities, the construction of the courthouse, the sinking of the Victoria, the creation of riverside parks, the impact of major floods and the building of London's bridges, interspersed with stories and illustrations from London's history, fill the pages of these booklets.

Booklet 8 concludes this series and directs the reader to sources providing further details and additional information about the Thames River and London. It lists a broad range of books to read, websites to browse and videos to view. Other ways to discover the river are to visit regional collections and museums, explore historic buildings and sites, walk or bike along riverside trails, canoe a stretch of river, pause, look and listen on the riverbank.....

Places in London to Visit for Information

- The J.J. Talman Regional Collection in the D.B. Weldon Library at the University of Western Ontario
- The Serge A. Sauer Map Library, The University of Western Ontario
- The London Room at the London Public Library Central Branch

Public Places of Historic or Artistic Interest

- The London Regional Art and Historical Museums
- Middlesex County Courthouse
- London Museum of Archaeology and the Lawson Site
- Fanshawe Pioneer Village
- Eldon House
- Grosvenor Lodge
- Elsie Perrin Williams Estate

Outdoor Experiences

- Fanshawe Conservation Area
- Historical Plaques, Bridges and Mill Sites. Self-guided walks
- London's Parks: Gibbons, Springbank, Reservoir, Harris, St. Julien, etc.
- London's Natural Areas: Meadowlily Woods, Medway Valley Heritage Forest, Sifton Bog, Warbler Woods, Westminster Ponds
- London Princess Cruises

- The City of London *Parks, Bikeway/Fitness and Hiking Trails Map* is a useful guide

Historic buildings which can be viewed from the outside only

- Labatt Buildings, Thornwood House, Locust Mount, Brescia, Huron and King's Colleges, Park Farm, Springbank Waterworks Pumphouse, Flint Cottage.

Miscellaneous

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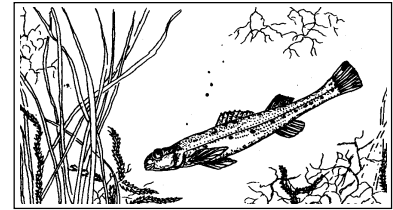
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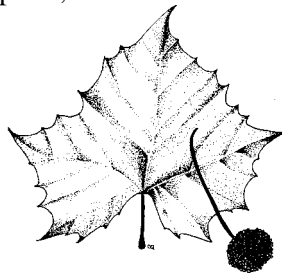


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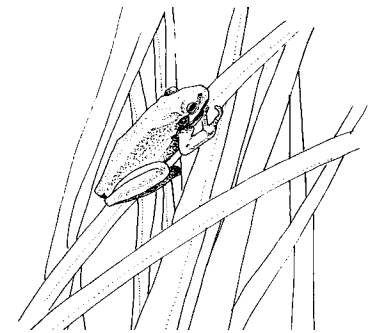
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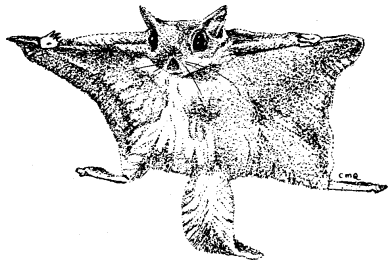
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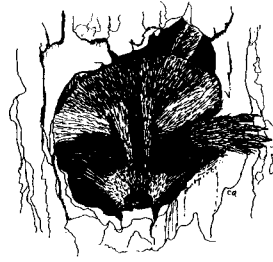
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