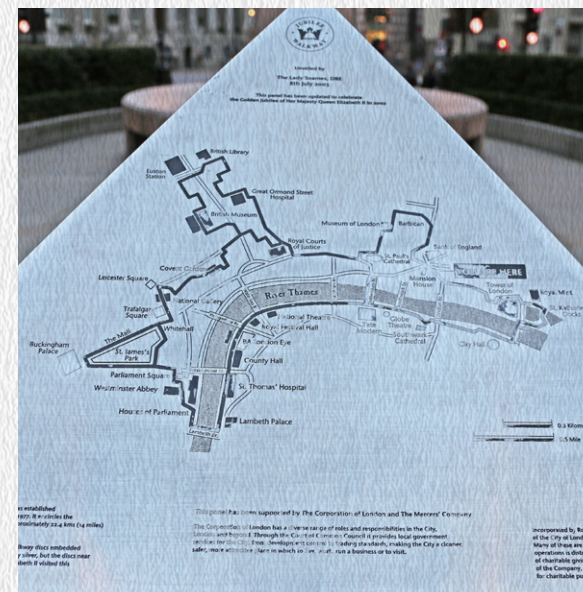


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The Jubilee Walkway was created in 1977 as a lasting memorial to the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. It was the brainchild of Max Nicholson and the first ever urban trail. It began in Leicester Square and made its way over Lambeth Bridge, all along the south bank to Tower Bridge, and later joined up with Leicester Square through the City of London.

When the Queen opened it by unveiling a plaque on the South Bank Lion on 9 June 1977, the south bank of the Thames was almost unwalkable. Gradually, as new enterprises were built on the site of the old warehouses, the whole riparian route was laid out and opened as The Queen's Walk in 1994.

Since then various loops have been added to the Jubilee Walkway. It was extended up the Mall in 2003 in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of 2002. In 2012 a 60 kilometre route around London was created to mark The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and to link the main Olympic sites opened by the Queen outside Buckingham Palace.