

# The River Thames

The Thames Water area covers about 13,000 square kilometres.

**There are over 5,000 kilometres and Thames Water supplies 8 million people with water.**

Even Large rivers like the Thames begin as tiny streams. The start of a river is called the source. Using the definitions below, identify each feature on the map and label it.

(Note that the Thames Water area does not include any coastline).

**Source** - the starting point of a river

**Tributary** - a small river which joins a large river

**Confluence** - the point where two rivers meet

**Meander** - a large bend in the river's course

**Floodplain** - a large, flat area either side of a river

**River basin** - the are of land drained by a river and its tributaries

