

THE ROUTE

Start at the main ornamental gates (opposite the Travel Inn on Putney Bridge Approach). Walk down the road with All Saints Church on your right, entering the ornamental gardens on your left. Go straight to the river embankment path and turn right.

Follow this path, alongside the river, as far as Fulham Football Club's wall.

Follow the path around to the right; it narrows at one point to pass between a large tree and the changing rooms.

Turn sharp right to follow the broad walk lined with shrubs and trees. This will bring you to a more open area with a café, outdoor seating and an aviary.

Immediately past this area is the Bishop's Avenue entrance to the park. (Here it is possible to do an extra 830m loop of Fulham Palace grounds.)

On entering the palace grounds (no dogs allowed) take the right hand fork and visit the Tudor courtyard, through the arch.

After leaving the courtyard turn sharp right along a narrow alley to link up with the main path.

Turn right alongside the palace and museum and then turn right to the main pathway around the central lawn. The 500 year old evergreen oak in the far corner has low hanging branches over the footpath, as has another tree alongside the walled garden.

At the end of the lawn turn right at the museum back the way you came in but exiting through the two car parks (uneven surface). Turn left into the park again.

Having re-entered Bishop's Park bear left and follow the path alongside the railings and shrubbery, coming out just past the churchyard.

LOOK OUT FOR THESE

1 BOAT RACE

The tiled mosaic on the subway walls refers to the annual Oxford and Cambridge Universities boat race which starts at Putney Bridge.

2 ALL SAINTS CHURCH AND YARD

A fine example of Victorian architecture rebuilt on the site of a thirteenth century church. The tower, dating from the fifteenth century, has a peal of ten bells.

3 MEMORIAL

Above the 1953 Coronation Rose Garden there is a memorial to local volunteers with the International Brigade.

4 RIVER WALL

Bishops Park was opened in 1893 on land donated by the church in return for the building of the river embankment to prevent flooding.

5 PADDLING POOL

Referred to as Margate Sands, this area was the closest many children got to a seaside holiday prior to the Second World War.

6 TERRACOTTA BALUSTRADES

These light ochre ornamental walls made from baked clay (terracotta) have the monogram FBC and decorative shield of Fulham Borough Council.

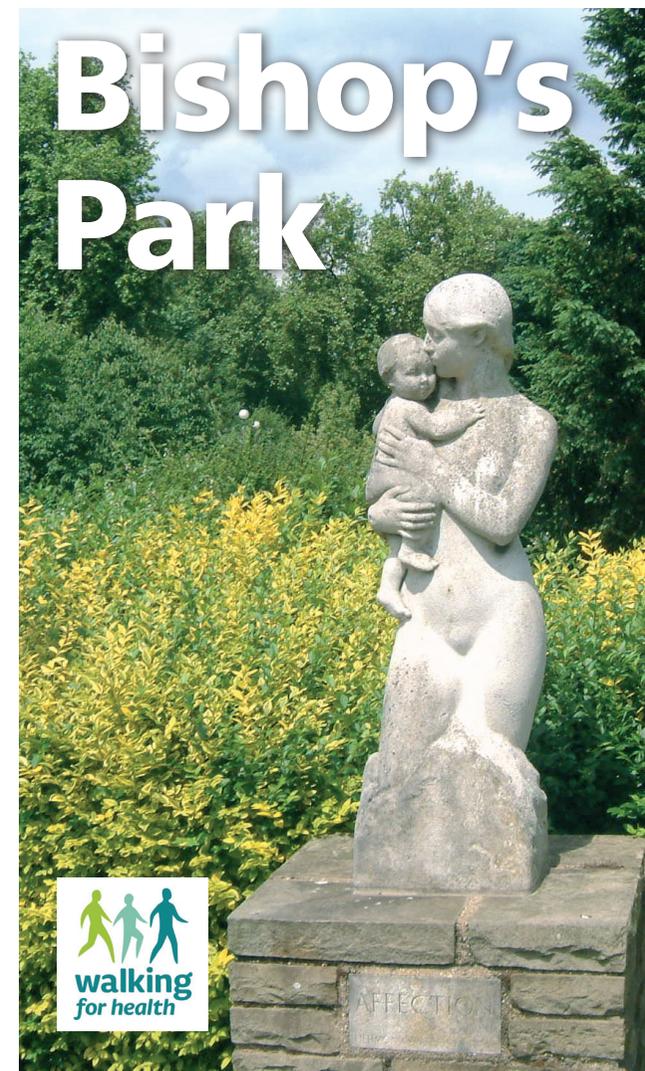
7 THE MOAT

The entrance to the palace is a bridge across the former moat, which was first recorded in the fourteenth century. It is said to be the longest moat in England. It was filled in during 1921-4.

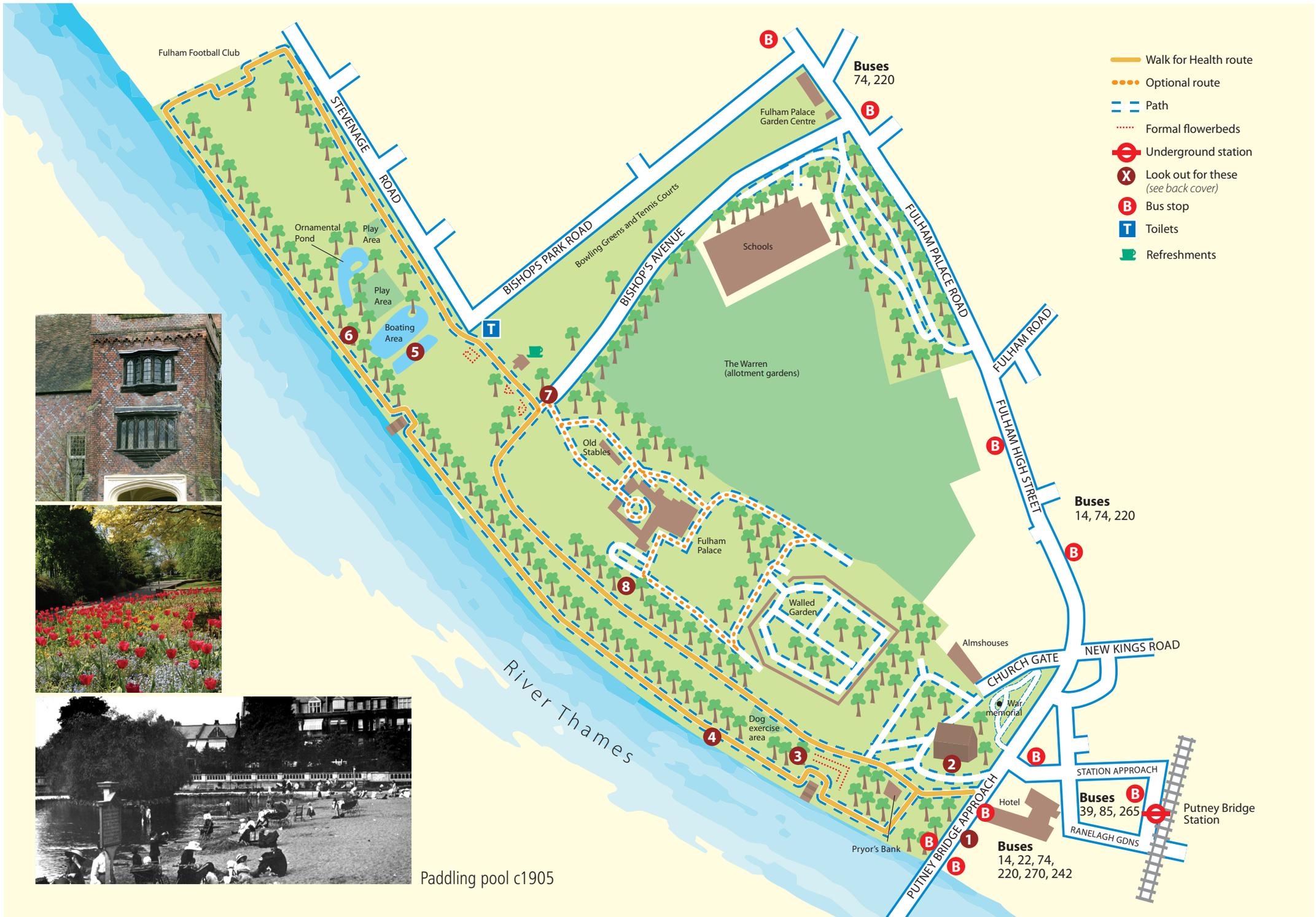
8 FULHAM PALACE

Originally one of the many residences of the Bishops of London. The earliest existing building, the Great Hall, is dated 1480.

BOROUGH WALKS - 1



Circular route: 1.3 miles (2.14 km)



Paddling pool c1905