

THE ROUTE

Start at the Memorial Gates entrance at the intersection of King Street and the road Ravenscourt Park.

Follow the path round to your left to the sundial.

At the sundial take the right fork and walk through the arch under the railway.

Continue straight ahead and take the left hand path past the sandpit and paddling pool.

Take the exit ahead of you into the road Ravenscourt Park and turn right.

Pass the hospital and a group of Georgian houses.

Re-enter the park at the top of the street, turning right past the dog exercise area on your left.

Follow the path with the lake on your right.

At the top of the lake continue straight ahead to the adventure playground and turn right.

Just past the skateboard ramp there is a track which can be taken for an optional visit to the conservation area.

Follow the path around and where it forks, turn left.

After a visit to the Scented Garden, follow the curve of the path which leads to the front of the former stables, now the café.

Proceed straight down the avenue of trees and under the viaduct.

Pass the garden centre to exit at Ravenscourt Avenue.

LOOK OUT FOR THESE

1 VIADUCT

This was built in 1869 and widened in 1911 to carry both the District and Piccadilly underground lines.

2 HOSPITAL

The Ravenscourt Park NHS Hospital was formerly the Royal Masonic Hospital built in 1931, with outstanding Art Deco features.

3 LAKE

One of the most significant water bodies in the borough. This was formerly part of the moat surrounding Ravenscourt House, then known as Pallingswick Manor.

4 CONSERVATION AREA

The wildlife area was created in 1988 by the London Wildlife Trust and the council. It now has a pond surrounded by a traditionally laid hedge.

5 SCENTED GARDEN

This walled garden was formerly the kitchen garden of Ravenscourt House. The gates date from the early eighteenth century.

6 SITE OF THE HOUSE

The manor house was rebuilt as Ravenscourt House in 1740. It became the first public library in Hammersmith in 1889. The house had to be demolished after being bombed in 1941. The site of the house is on the higher ground near the café.

7 CAFÉ

The café is located in the building which was the Georgian stable block of Ravenscourt House.

8 PLANE TREES

This stand of mature London plane trees are excellent examples of trees in their unpollarded form.

BOROUGH WALKS - 6



Circular route: 0.9 miles (1.4 km)

