

# Welcome to the Streatham Common Nature Trail

**KEY**

- Nature Trail with Numbered Posts
- Alternative Trail
- Tree
- Woods
- Short Grass
- Acid Grassland
- Meadow
- Road
- Tarmac Footpath
- Fencing/Wall
- Stream (after rain)
- Café & Toilets
- Paddling Pool
- Tennis Court
- Fenced-off Area
- Yard
- Community Garden
- The Rookery



The trail marked on this map is about 1.3km long and will take you through several distinct habitats on the Common: mature woodland, developing woodland, a meadow and acid grassland. An alternative route for part of the trail takes you through the Rookery.

**A leaflet that you can pick up in the café nearby provides information about each area and tells you what to look out for at each of ten points numbered on the map and marked by a numbered post on the trail itself.**

The Nature Trail has been devised and funded by the Friends of Streatham Common.

Streatham Common, which is about 66 acres (27 hectares) in area, has ancient origins and was still being used as a pasture for grazing cattle until the 1880s, when steps were taken to preserve the Common as a public space. It has undergone many changes over the years, with parts conserved much as they have always been, parts becoming more wooded and yet other parts now maintained for recreational purposes. The Rookery is a gardened area that used to be the site of a house used to accommodate visitors who came to take the waters from some of Streatham's natural wells.

The Common is maintained by Lambeth Council, which is giving the status of Local Nature Reserve to the areas through which the trail passes. VINCI Construction Ltd kindly assisted with installation of the numbered posts on the trail. The Friends of Streatham Common can be contacted via [friendsofstreathamcommon@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstreathamcommon@gmail.com)

