

CRANFORD AND AVENUE PARK

Cranford and Avenue Park is an old manorial estate mentioned in the Domesday Book. The earliest recorded owner is Thurstan, a Saxon lord. Once owned by the Knights Templar, its most famous owners were the Berkeley family who owned the site from 1618 to 1918.

The main house, Cranford St. John, was demolished in 1945 due to its poor condition. However the 18th cellars underneath remain, as does the stable block. The Ha-ha boundary wall still surrounds the north part of the park. In the park stands the Grade I listed church of St. Dunstan's, which has Norman elements still remaining.

Buried in the graveyard are members of the Berkeley family and the interred ashes of Tony Hancock, the comedian.

The 144 acre site is rich in wildlife and has the River Crane running through it. Cranford Park has 17 veteran trees including a 16th century Oak. These old trees attract woodpeckers and other bird species such as Little Owl, Tawny Owl, Nuthatch, and woodpeckers. Kestrel and Skylark are to be found over the meadows and Kingfishers hunt along the river.

In Spring, Cranford's wood is full of bluebells and in summer half of the UK's Butterfly species can be found on the meadow flowers.

The park has an on site team of Rangers who patrol the site, clear litter and undertake management work such as habitat management. They carry out wildlife surveys, and run guided walks. They also work with schools and community groups and organise volunteer work.

Cranford Park is a Green Flag park and has been so since 2002.



Access Information



- Wheelchair access is Category 2 and paths are compacted material or compacted ground on well used routes.
- A Toilet (disabled) is available in the Information Centre.

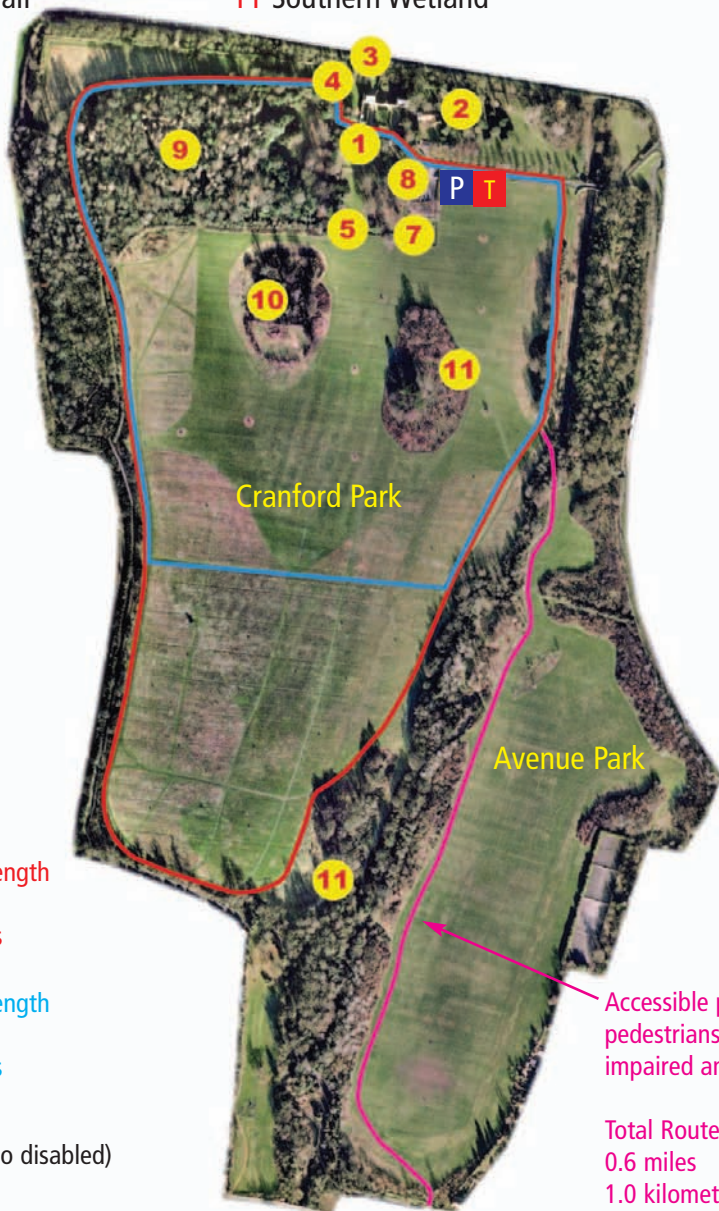
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Public Transport Information

- Bus: 81, 105, 111, 222, and H98 pass along the Bath Road. The E6 and 195 are also a short walk from the park in Hayes.
- Tube: Piccadilly Line to Hounslow West followed by a short bus or taxi run to the park.
- Rail: Hayes and Harlington station is less than 1 mile from the park.

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| 1 | Information Centre | 7 | Children's Playground |
| 2 | St Dunstan's Church | 8 | Car Park |
| 3 | St Dunstan's Subway | 9 | Cranford Wood |
| 4 | Stable Building | 10 | Site of former Icehouse |
| 5 | Ha-ha Wall | 11 | Southern Wetland |
| 6 | Cellars | | |



Total Route Length
1.6 miles
2.5 kilometres

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1.1 miles
1.8 kilometres

T Toilets (also disabled)

P Car Park

Accessible path for
pedestrians, mobility
impaired and cyclists.

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0.6 miles
1.0 kilometres