

GUNNERSBURY PARK

Gunnersbury Park is a beautiful 75 hectare (186 acres) landscape of exceptional mature trees, open grass spaces and historic buildings registered as Grade 2* by English Heritage with 21 separately listed buildings.

Two estates were created when Gunnersbury Park House (1) (Museum and toilets) built in 1802 and Gunnersbury House (2) replaced the earlier Palladian villa built in 1663 by John Webb. Nearby is Princess Amelia's bathhouse (3). The earliest parts of this building probably date from the 1780's when Princess Amelia, a daughter of George II, lived at Gunnersbury.

Gothic ruins (4) were constructed by the Farmer family, who owned the Gunnersbury House estate to help hide the stables (5). The stables had been rebuilt in 1936 by Sidney Smirke, along with alterations to Gunnersbury Park House and a new Orangery (6), as improvements to that estate for the Rothschild family. They reunited Gunnersbury as one estate in 1889 when they bought Gunnersbury House.

The **blue route** continues past the orangery to the Café (9) which overlooks the round pond (10) towards the temple (7) the oldest building on the estate possibly designed by Sir William Chambers in the 1760's. The round pond may be even older possibly by William Kent who visited the estate in the mid eighteenth century. The Italian Gardens (8) are to the rear of the temple.

The longer **Red route** is a wooded perimeter walk past a shelter (11) to the Potomac Lake (13) a former clay pit, with its Gothic Boathouse or 'Folly' Tower (12) built as part of a picturesque setting in



the 1860's. The model farm buildings (14) had additional buildings added after the park came into municipal ownership in 1926 to use as changing rooms for the extensive sports fields. Beyond this the path beside the large playground, (15) refurbished in 2001, continues uphill to either the car park or the round pond and café.

Access Information



- Flat ground
- Good condition of paths (tarmac)

Contact 0845 456 2796 or Gunnersbury Park
Museum on 020 8992 1612
www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury

Public Transport Information

- Bus: E3, H91
- Tube: Acton Town station (District or Piccadilly Line)
- Rail: Kew Bridge Station, then a 10 minute walk across Lionel Road Bridge

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| 1 | Museum, Mansion (public toilets) | 10 | Round Pond |
| 2 | Small Mansion (public toilets) | 11 | Shelter |
| 3 | Princess Amelia's Bath House | 12 | Gothic boathouse |
| 4 | Mock Gothic Ruin | 13 | Potomac Lake |
| 5 | Stables (no public access) | 14 | Farm Dressing Room |
| 6 | Orangery | 15 | Main Playground |
| 7 | Temple | 16 | Pitch and Putt |
| 8 | Italian Gardens | | |
| 9 | Cafe | | |

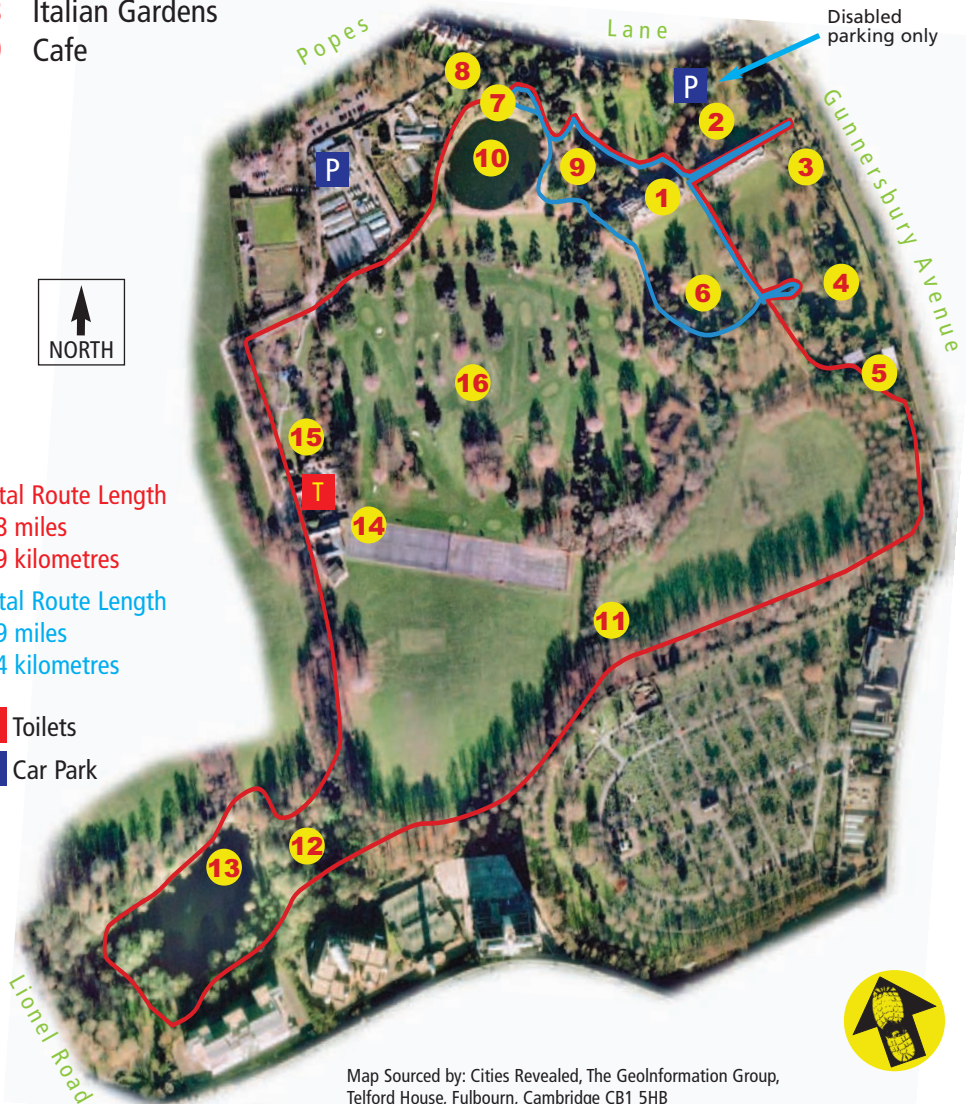


Total Route Length
1.8 miles
2.9 kilometres

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0.9 miles
1.4 kilometres

T Toilets
P Car Park

Disabled parking only



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