

Morden Park Woodland



Morden Park in the London Borough of Merton has been a public area since 1945 but was first formed as part of a private Estate in 1770 surrounding Morden Park House. The more natural areas of the park, which lie either side of the Pyl Brook and extend up the slopes to the north, have been declared a Local Nature Reserve since 2000.

The reserve boasts many old English Oaks (*Quercus robur*), pictured above, which probably date from before the establishment of the park some two hundred years ago and which provide excellent wildlife habitat. There are several small copses within the parkland areas and a belt of woodland running around the perimeter, which provides a wonderful shady walk on a hot summer's day.

Mature tree species you may see in the woodland include Horse Chestnut, Lime, Grey Poplar, Turkey Oak and Ash.

To ensure that the woodland continues to provide a vital community resource well into the future, the habitat has been extended under the Capital Woodlands Project. The new trees, planted by local schools and volunteers, include Silver Birch, Hazel, Hawthorn, Holly, Blackthorn, English Oak, Rowan, Yew and Lime, all species native to the British Isles.

Capital Woodlands Project

The Capital Woodlands Project has sought to enhance the visitor's appreciation of the park and improve access to the natural environment. The map overleaf shows the habitats, key features, network of pathways and the location of welcome boards and interpretation panels developed under the project to provide further information.

How to find Morden Park



Transport

Trains: Morden South
Tube: Morden (Northern Line)
Buses: 154, 93, 80, 293, 163

Facilities

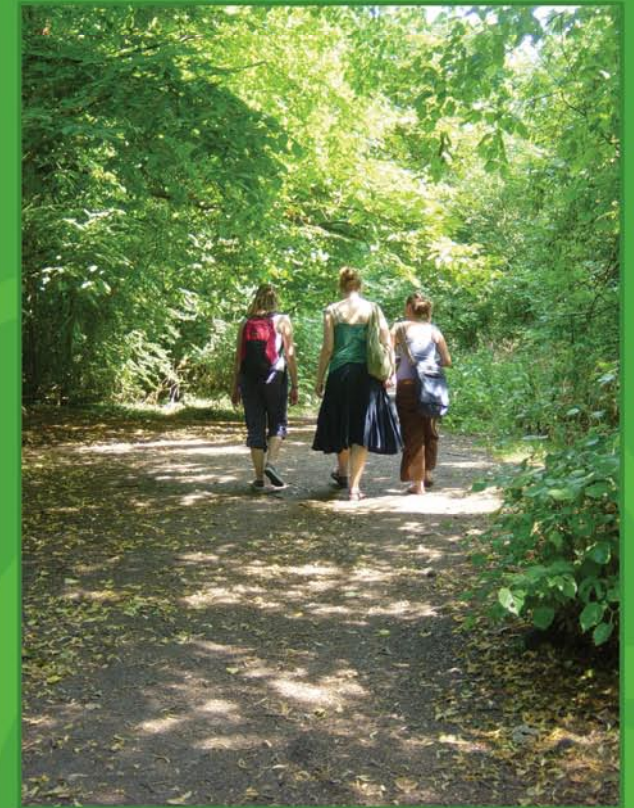
Cricket Pitch
Pitch and Putt course
Playground
Paddling Pool
Trim Trail

Opening hours

Monday – Friday; 0800 to dusk
Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays 0900 to dusk

Capital Woodlands is a London Biodiversity Partnership project managed by Trees for Cities.

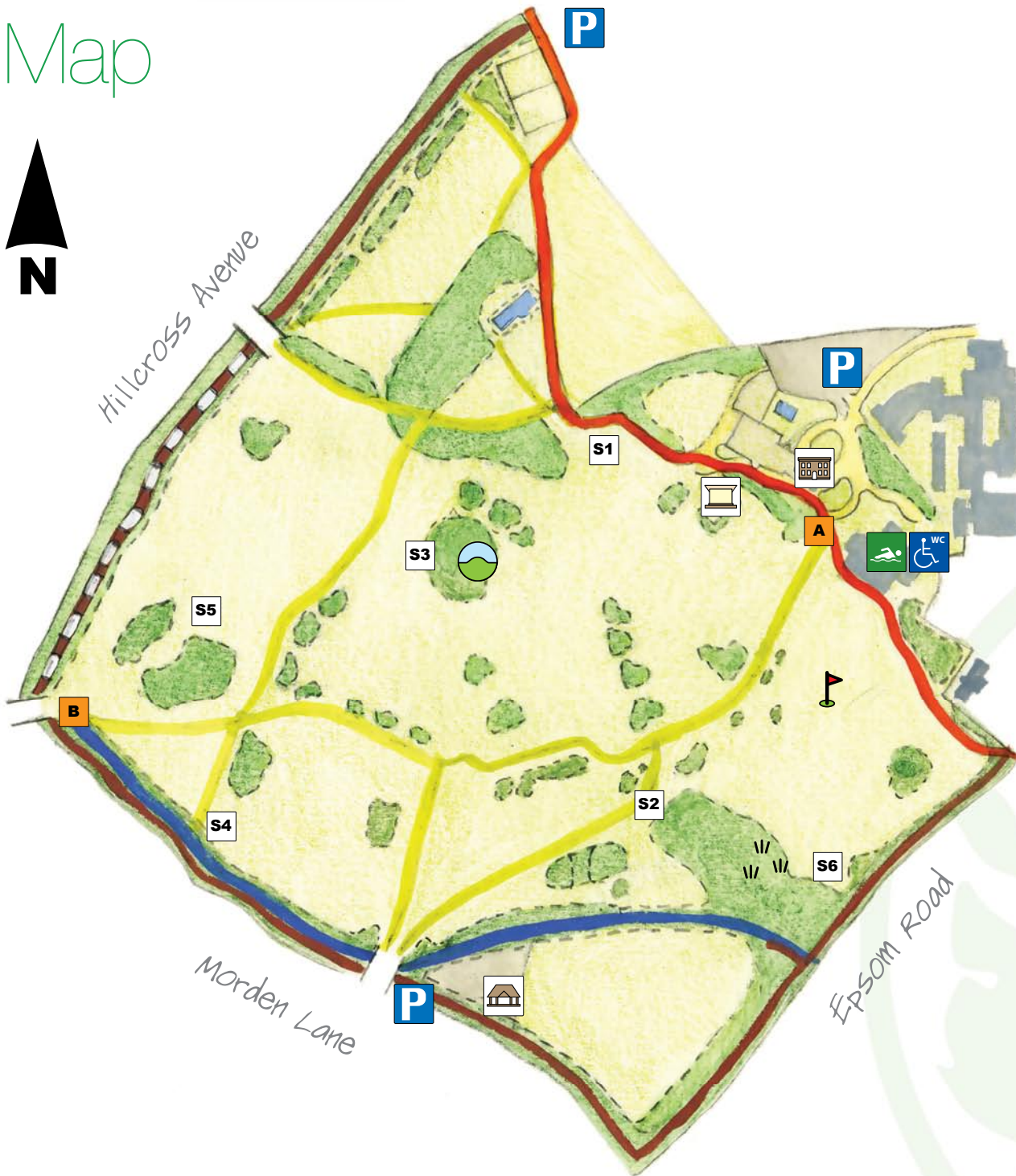
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Morden Park welcomes visitors to the natural beauty of the Local Nature Reserve. A network of pathways and interpretation panels will help you explore the woodland and other natural habitats.



Map



Key

	Leisure Centre		Cricket Pavilion
	Disabled access toilets		The Mound
	Public Parking		Pitch and Putt
	Morden House		Marshland
	Bandstand		Pyl Brook
			Woodland

Signage Interpretation Panels

	Welcome board		Welcome board
	The history and archaeology of Morden Park		Woodland Management
	Veteran Trees		Meadowlands
	Wood ecology and vegetation		Ecology, wildlife and wetland habitats

Pathways

	Cycle path - tarmac
	Woodland Walk - earth
	Community Trail - earth
	Mown paths - grass