



The Great North Wood

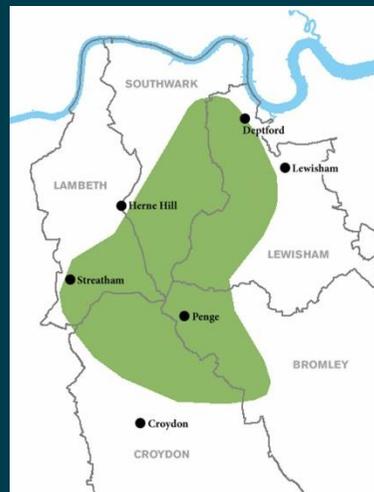
South London's forgotten landscape

The Great North Wood is one of London's most valuable Living Landscapes. Once covered in woodland and wooded commons, the area is now made up of over 20 woodland fragments which are supported by a mosaic of parks and other green spaces, linked by gardens and street trees. The Great North Wood remains a hugely important resource that supports over 200 species of trees and flowering plants including wild garlic, early dog violet and bugle. It is also home to a multitude of fungi, rare insects, birds and small mammals. The Great North Wood has a critical role for access to nature, London's resilience to climate change, and for our wellbeing.



KEY SITES INCLUDE

- Biggin Wood
- Crystal Palace Park and Hillcrest Estate Wood
- Dulwich & Sydenham Hill Wood
- Grangewood Park
- Horniman Gardens
- Long Lane Wood
- New Cross Gate to Forest Hill railway linesides
- Nunhead Cemetery
- Norwood Park
- One Tree Hill
- South Norwood Country Park
- Streatham Common
- Spa wood



The Great North Wood project is an exciting new initiative that will engage local people to help protect and enhance an invaluable landscape.



The Great North Wood project will begin with an initial nine month development stage which will see London Wildlife Trust working with volunteers, community groups and local councils to raise awareness of the woodlands. We will be finding out people's views about how to improve the woodlands for both wildlife and people and how to enhance the ecological value of the surviving parts of the Great North Wood, and of the places in between.

If the first stage is successful, the Trust will seek funding of around £700,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to secure significant improvements to the

wood, with the aim of providing substantial benefits to London's woodland environment and the people that live near to it.



Our four key indicator species, clockwise from top left: Great spotted woodpecker (Bob Coyle), English oak, purple hairstreak butterfly (Chris Root) and hornbeam.

We will achieve these aims by:

- Working with volunteers to survey the woodlands to discover the current condition of the woodlands and the species that live in them, focussing on four key indicator species (see pictures, top right);
- Engaging local people to help manage the woodlands for wildlife and reinvigorating traditional techniques such as coppicing, dead-hedging, charcoal-making and spoon-carving!
- Organising an exciting and wide-reaching programme of events and activities to engage with London's diverse audiences;
- Creating a strategy for future management of the Great North Wood to ensure it continues to thrive for generations to come.

To find out more about the project and how to get involved contact Sam (Project Development Officer) - sbtoon@wildlondon.org.uk/07734 599288 or visit the Great North Wood online:

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