



Welcome to Crystal Palace Park

Crystal Palace Park is a 200 acre (80 hectares) English Heritage Grade II* registered park which was once home to Sir Joseph Paxton's Crystal Palace – the structure that was adapted from the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park, 1851.

The park is located in south London within the boundary of the London Borough of Bromley and alongside the London boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham and Croydon. It is Bromley's largest park with a rich and unique history and is recognised for its local, regional and national importance due to its historic significance.

Set out to surpass Versailles with its spectacular water features, the site was designed to impress, educate, entertain and inspire and was an international attraction. Today the park consists of the open site of the former Crystal Palace, the Grand Terraces and central axis, statues of prehistoric monsters, geological strata, open parkland and pathways, sport and recreation facilities, an animal farm, playground, maze and café.

The park has been subject to substantial and frequent changes throughout its history, including the building of the National Sports Centre (NSC) and Athletics Stadium in the 1960s. In 1986, the London Borough of Bromley took over the ownership, management and maintenance of the majority of the park.



Information

Opening times:

The park opens at 7.30 a.m every day. For further information www.bromley.gov.uk/parksopeningtimes

The Cafe opens at 9am with seasonal closing times

Park Ranger office tel: 020 3236 0078

Travel Information:

Local Buses: 3, 122, 157, 202, 227, 249, 322, 363, 358, 410, 417, 432, 450

Trains:

Crystal Palace mainline station with trains to and from Victoria and London Bridge

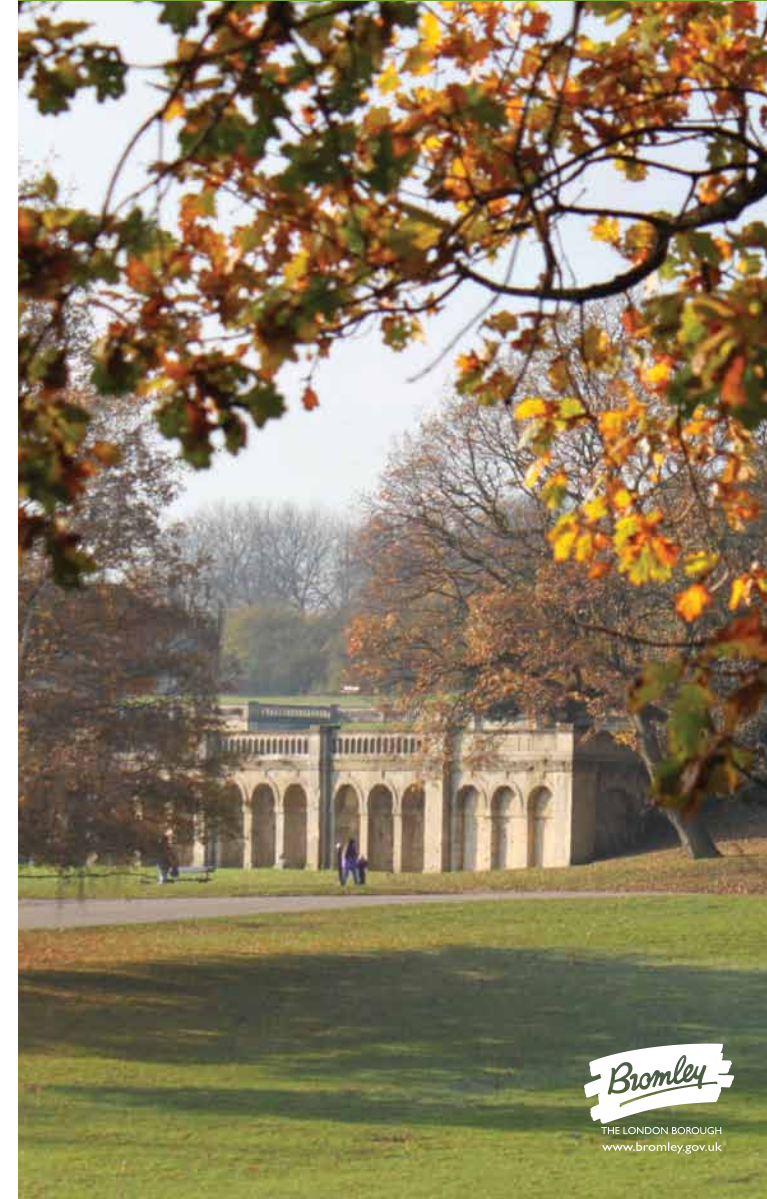
5 mins walk from Penge West with trains to and from West Croydon and Highbury & Islington

10 mins walk from Penge East with trains to and from Victoria

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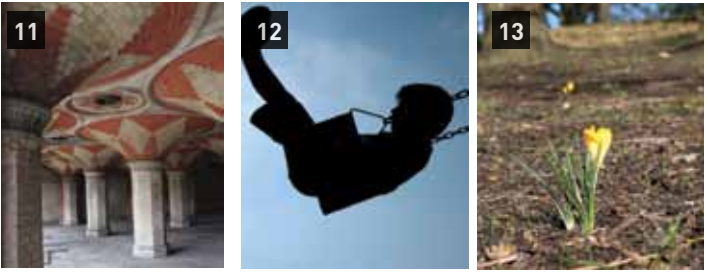
- For further information on the history of the site and current events www.bromley.gov.uk
- Crystal Palace Museum information www.crystalpalacemuseum.org.uk
- Friends of Crystal Palace Park focpp.blogspot.com
- Crystal Palace National Sports Centre (NSC) Ledrington Road, London SE19 2BB www.gll.org/centre/crystal-palace-national-sports-centre.asp
- Capel Manor College Farm www.crystalpalaceparkfarm.co.uk
- Capel Manor College www.capel.ac.uk/crystalpalace

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Points of interest

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- 1 Prehistoric monsters (Dinosaurs)**
31, Grade 1 listed prehistoric creatures roaming among the trees and lake. For audio trail visit www.audiotrails.co.uk/dinosaurs
- 2 Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Trophy**
Commemorating the officers and men in the Great War.
- 3 The Athletic Stadium**
Host to international athletics meets, and football and rugby matches.
- 4 National Sports Centre**
A unique London venue, and Grade II* listed building with Olympic Pool, steeped in sporting tradition.

- 5 Concert Bowl**
Stage design by Ian Ritchie Architects.
- 6 Capel Manor College and Children's Farm**
Opening times 12noon - 4pm. Closed on Wednesdays
- 7 Joseph Paxton's Bust (Grade II listed)**
- 8 The Terraces**
Grade II listed. Originally an impressive setting for the Palace.
- 9 The Grand Central Walk**
Originally linked to the Palace building.

- 10 The Maze**
Replanted in 1987 to the original layout and upgraded in 2009 to mark the Girl Guiding UK's centenary.
- 11 Subway (Organised visits only)**
Grade II remains of original first class High Level Station Entrance.
- 12 Children's play area**
A safe enclosure for children to play.
- 13 The Vale (The site of previous house and garden)**
An area of woodland with some of the oldest trees in the park.
- 14 Fishing lake (Private)**
Originally the intermediate reservoir for Paxton's grand system of waterworks and now a private fishing lake

- 15 Crystal Palace Museum**
Open at weekends. Winter opening 11.00am - 3.00 pm, summer opening 11.00am- 4.00pm
- 16 Crystal Palace Railway Station**
Original station for accessing the park.
- 17 Central Steps**
Impressive steps originally leading to the Palace.
- 18 Geological Strata**
Display of rock strata, formations and waterfalls.
- 19 Lower Lake**
Originally the lower reservoir for Paxton's grand system of waterworks.