

History

Much of the land at the edge of Hounslow Heath was once farmland, cut off by the London and South Western Railway in 1850. In the 18th century a Mill Stream was dug to provide extra power to the Hounslow Gunpowder Mills. Between 1922 and 1969 there was 32 miles of track and sidings at Feltham Marshalling Yards.

The circular walls of the sewage works, disused from the 1930's and known as Feltham Circles, form an outdoor gallery for graffiti artists.

Links Upstream & Downstream

The network of linked open riverside spaces continues upstream through Donkey Wood and Cranford Park, linking to the Grand Union Canal, and beyond to Ickenham Marshes at Northolt. Downstream the river flows through Crane Park and Kneller Gardens, where it divides into the River Crane and the Duke of Northumberland's River. Both flow into the Thames at Isleworth.

If you want to learn more about green spaces on the River Crane please visit:

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Crane Park to Hounslow Heath

Green Spaces on the River Crane



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-  shared use path
-  dragonfly trail
-  footpath
-  informal path
-  river flow
-  open spaces
-  outdoor classroom
-  bus routes
-  national rail
-  FORCE carved bench

Donkey Woods & Grand Union Canal



Hounslow

Golf Course

Cavalry Tunnel

Cygnets Avenue

Royal Jubilee

Feltham Marshalling Yards

footpaths in this area subject to consultation

Feltham Circles

South Middle Crenshaw Gardens

Pevensey Road Nature Reserve

De Brome Playing Fields

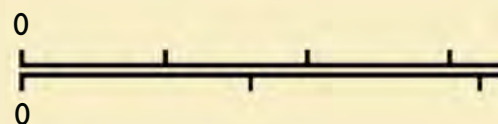
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Feltham Circles



Pevensey Wetlands



Cavalry Tunnel



Crane Park pike bench

Little Park

Pevensey
Wetlands

footpaths in this area
subject to consultation

Hounslow 1.6 m

Mill Farm Crescent

Hanworth Road

Ellerman Avenue

Saxon Avenue

Hounslow Road

Crane Park
(London Borough of Richmond)

Kneller Gardens,
Whitton & Twickenham

Crane Park
(London Borough of Hounslow)

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The River & Wetland Areas

Man has altered the course of the River Crane, creating a millstream for Hounslow Gunpowder Mills and tunnels under Feltham Marshalling Yards. Large ponds, planted with marginal wetland species, were excavated recently in Pevensey Road Nature Reserve. Water voles are resident in the open river channels.



Between Crane Park and Hounslow Heath, the River Crane passes through a patchwork of open space, each with its distinct ecology. Many of these spaces have a high environmental value and include mixed grassland, heathland, wet meadow, wetland, scrub and woodland. Together these green spaces provide an important wildlife corridor for West London.



'Wasteland'

Feltham Marshalling Yards supports some of the best wasteland flora in London due to the wide variety of imported surface soils. A rich variety of both lime and acid loving plants create a herb rich grassland and scrub. It is a home for birds (eg linnet and sparrowhawk), invertebrates (small copper and small heath butterflies), and reptiles (common lizard and slow worm).



Woodlands

Pevensey Road Nature Reserve has areas of mature woodland which include a number of splendid mature and veteran oak and black poplars, as well as several old fruit trees, a reminder of the farms that could once be found along the river corridor.

Grassland

De Brome Fields, once a school field, is now a large open area of acid and neutral grassland which has recently been planted to improve the ecology of the open space.

Heathland

The surviving area of the once extensive Hounslow Heath was declared a Local Nature Reserve in 1991. There are visitor facilities including an information centre, nature trail, dipping pond, bird watching hide and bridle path.