

did you know?

People have played cricket in Kennington since as early as 1724.

Until 1988, there was a lido in Kennington Park where people used to swim outdoors.

In 1861 an open air gymnasium opened on the site now occupied by the children's playground. The path running across the middle of the park is called the Midnight Path because it was the first path in a public park to be lit all night long.

There used to be boxing matches on Kennington Common in 1792.

The Chartist rally in 1848 led to Kennington Common being enclosed by fences and the creation of Kennington Park. It has seen many political marches and rallies since including General Strike march (1926), Gay Pride (1986), Anti-Poll Tax (1990), Reclaim the Streets (1996) and anti-knife crime (2008).

There used to be an open air stage where the basketball court is now.

People were executed at the gallows on Kennington Common, where St Mark's church now stands. The last person hanged was a conman from Camberwell called Badger in 1799.

The singer Bob Marley used to play football in the park when he recorded his album Exodus in 1976.

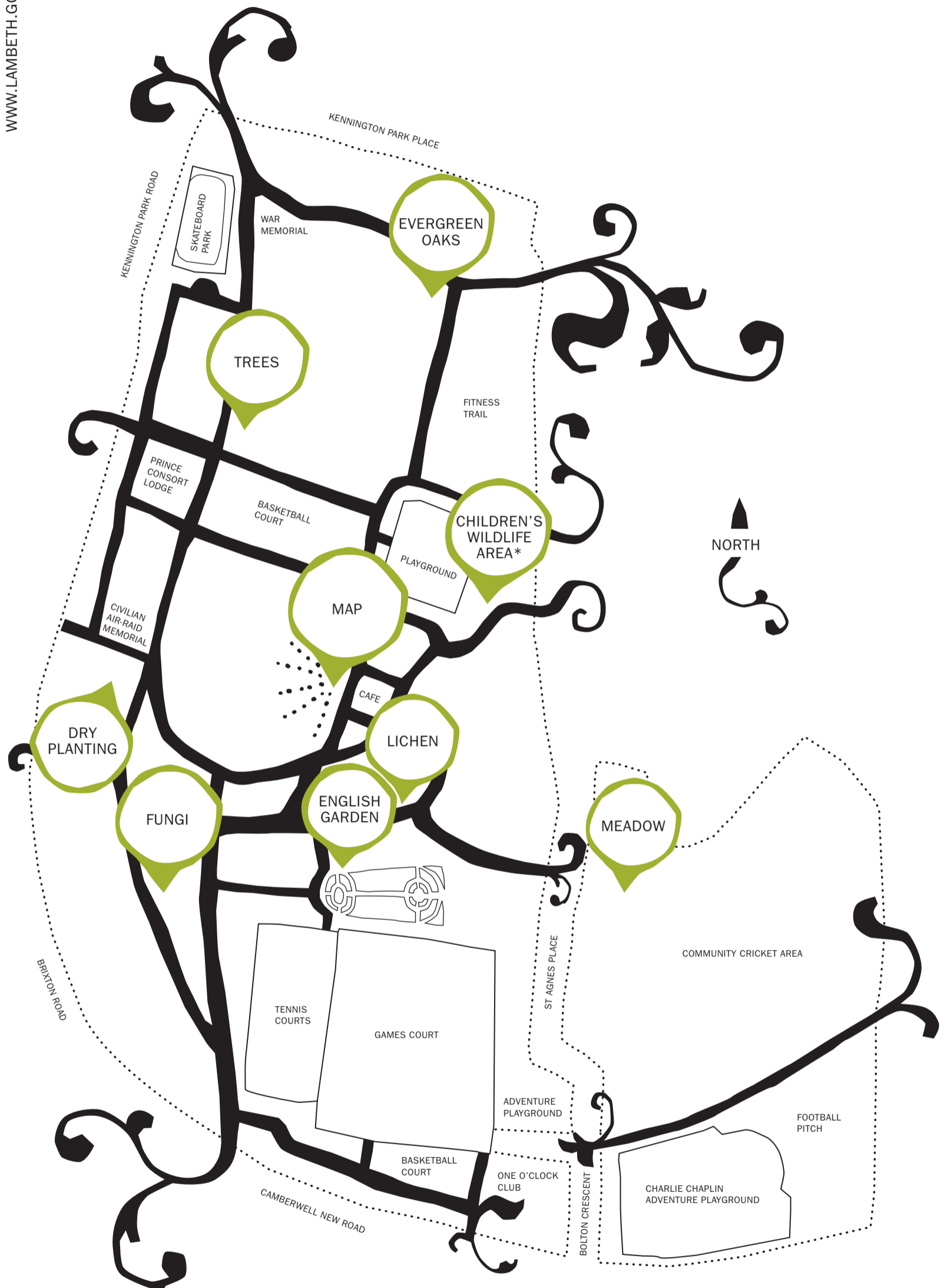
The River Effra once flowed along the edge of Kennington Common and divided the manors of Kennington and Vauxhall.

During World War II there were allotments in Kennington Park for local people to grow food.

Over 50 people were killed in an air-raid shelter in the park in October 1940. There is a civilian air-raid memorial in the park to those who died.

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Kennington Park nature trail



* Adults accompanied by children only in the Wildlife Area

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Welcome to the activity pack.
It will help you make the most of the
nature trail and make learning more
about the park's nature fun.

Local schoolchildren helped to create
the nature trail and to design, plant
and improve the children's wildlife
area. Now it's time for you to explore
and enjoy what we've done!

You don't need any special equipment
to use the activity pack - just a pencil
and your imagination! You can team
up with other people to explore the
trail and use the pack or go it alone.

The trail and pack are designed to be
used in any order you like so you can
find your own way of exploring.

And you can make up your own nature
activities to do in the park - and
beyond. See where else you can find
the plants and creatures you learnt
about in Kennington Park - at home,
school, in the street or other parks.
If you want to find out more at the
library or on the internet try the
useful links below.

We hope you enjoy using the nature
trail, activity pack and your time in
Kennington Park. Come back and
see us soon! Find out more about
nature at:

Royal Society for the Protection
of Birds
www.rspb.org.uk

London Wildlife Trust
www.wildlondon.org.uk

Trees for Cities
www.treesforcities.org

Museum of Garden History
www.museumgardenhistory.org

Roots and Shoots
www.rootsandshoots.org.uk

Tell your friends about the nature
trail and activity packs!
They can download the activity pack at:
[www.lambeth.gov.uk/
kenningtonparknature](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/kenningtonparknature)

The Friends of Kennington Park
have published a series of booklets
on different parts of the park's
history including the air-raid shelter,
sport and leisure and the Chartist
rally. The booklets are free but you
are invited to make a donation
towards the work of the Friends.
Copies can be picked up from the
Durning Library and Brandon Library
or by emailing:

friends@kenningtonpark.org

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