

Spring Park portrait



West Wickham Commons

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Newsletter

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Welcome to the West Wickham Commons Newsletter covering [West Wickham Common](#) and [Spring Park](#).



Spring Park's special stones

Our ranger team recently attended an onsite meeting with the [London Geodiversity Partnership](#) and the [London Natural History Society](#) to discuss the possibility of creating new display panels about the unique geological features visible across Spring Park. We went for a tour and looked at all the different geological layers such as the ['Blackheath Beds'](#) and ['Lambeth Group'](#).

You can join the London Geodiversity Partnership in conjunction with London Natural History Society and our ranger for a gentle 3 miles walk on Sunday 13 May 2018 between 10.30am-1pm. This free guided walk will take you around Spring Park and adjacent areas and will give you the opportunity to delve into the fascinating world of geology.

Please contact us for booking: **01372 27983**.

SPRING PARK GEOTRAIL

Sunday 13th May, 2018 at 10.30

Led by members of the London Geodiversity Partnership
in conjunction with London Natural History Society

The purpose of the Geotrail is to discover and understand the different geological strata that underlie Spring Park and the adjacent Threehalfpenny Wood and Sparrows Den Playing Fields by looking at clues in the landscape and vegetation. At times of heavy rainfall, Sparrow's Den, in particular becomes flooded and we will look at why that should happen. We will start by climbing the hill on the south side of Addington Road looking for evidence of chalk, following the public footpath across the fields to St John the Baptist Church at Wickham Court. Then we will pick up the London Loop down to Addington Road and then westwards into Sparrows Den and climb up the hill looking for evidence of the various strata as we go.

It is a 3 mile round trip beginning at the Kent Gate car park entrance to Spring Park opposite Croydon Rugby Club on the A2022 Addington Road. Buses 314 and 353 stop at *Addington Road / Pumping Station* by the car park. They run from Bromley, Orpington and Hayes Station as well as from Addington Village Interchange (Tram Stop). Please note that toilet opportunities are limited. Those who wish to continue with the optional add-on in the afternoon are advised to bring a packed lunch. There are some steep slopes which may be slippery if wet.

Booking essential please ring the City of London Corporation on 01372 279083 – there is no charge.



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Optional add-on for the afternoon

Continue along the London Loop and walk west, mostly on heathland for about 2½ miles to Addington Hill to look at the magnificent views across London. From there it is a short walk downhill to Coombe Lane Tram Stop.

This trip is part of the national Geo Week that runs from 5-13 May. To find out about other events see:
www.geoweek.org.uk.

