

GLA 22: Keston Common, Recommended RIGS

London Borough of Bromley, TQ 417 639
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Keston Common displays small exposures of Harwich Formation within its woodland. The south east side of the site is a long former gravel pit in the Harwich Formation. The north east side is marked by two ponds, the higher of which is marked by a spring engineered in brick as "Caesar's Well". A site much frequented by Charles Darwin.

The ponds are immediately outside the LF map as is Keston Sphagnum Bog. An information board on the site shows the geology of this bog. Shallow diggings occasionally reveal Lambeth Group clays. The London Loop runs along the east side of the common (www.walklondon.org.uk).

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Harwich Formation exposure

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