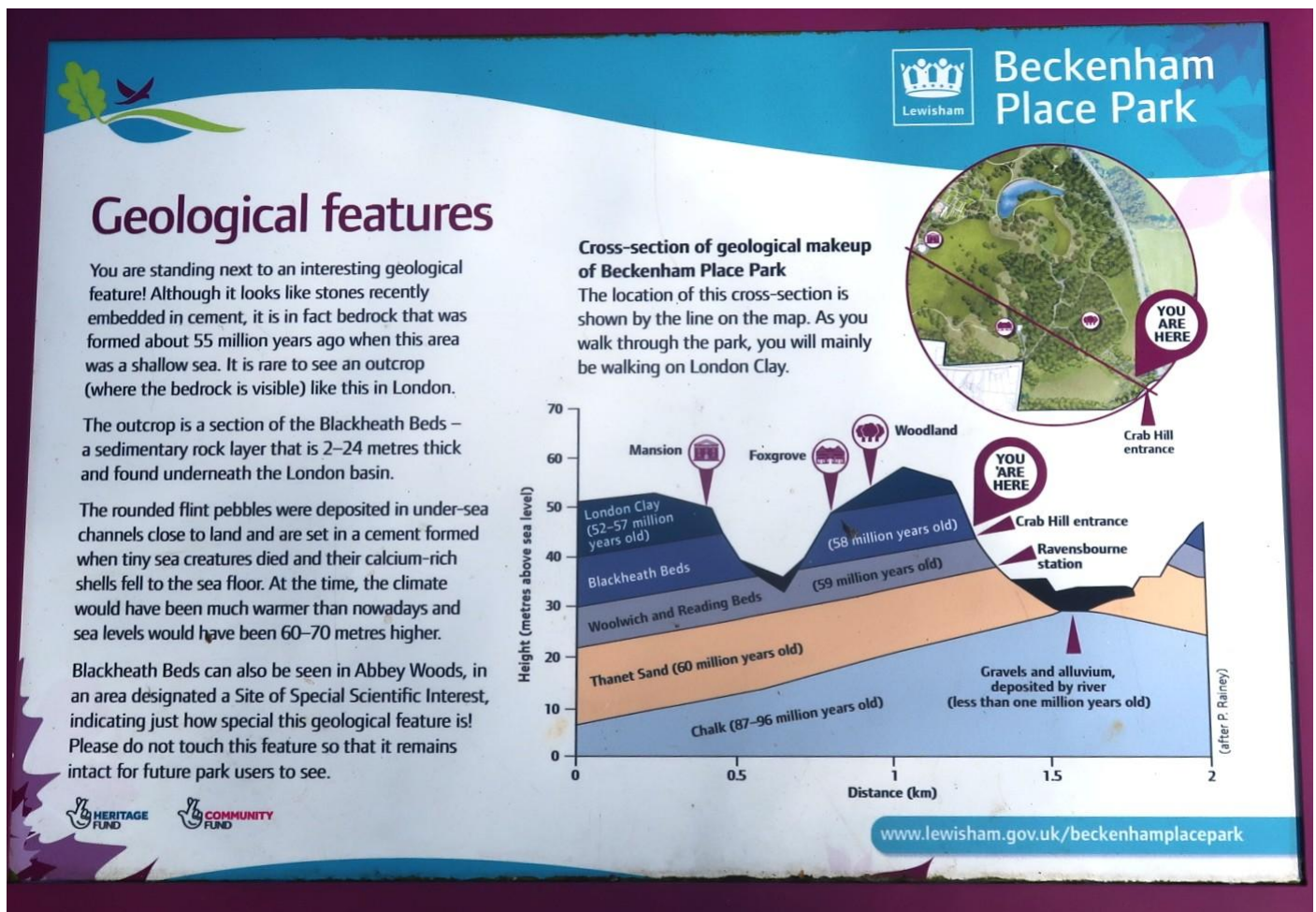


GLA 3 Beckenham Place Park, RIGS

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A small Exposure of Harwich Formation (rounded flint pebbles with calcareous cement) can be seen near the Crab Hill entrance to the park. The Eocene Harwich Formation (about 55 million years old) is very variable but when found in southeast London it is the Blackheath Beds that is the dominant facies. These rounded pebbles are uniformly black and very distinctive. Here, in the public space of Beckenham Place Park they have been cemented and lumps can be seen beside the path on the east side near the base of the slope although in autumn they tend to be covered in leaves. A better example of cemented Blackheath Pebbles can be seen at the Dog Rocks on Plumstead Common (GLA 8). At the top of the slope the underlying rock type is London Clay although it is difficult to find actual exposures.

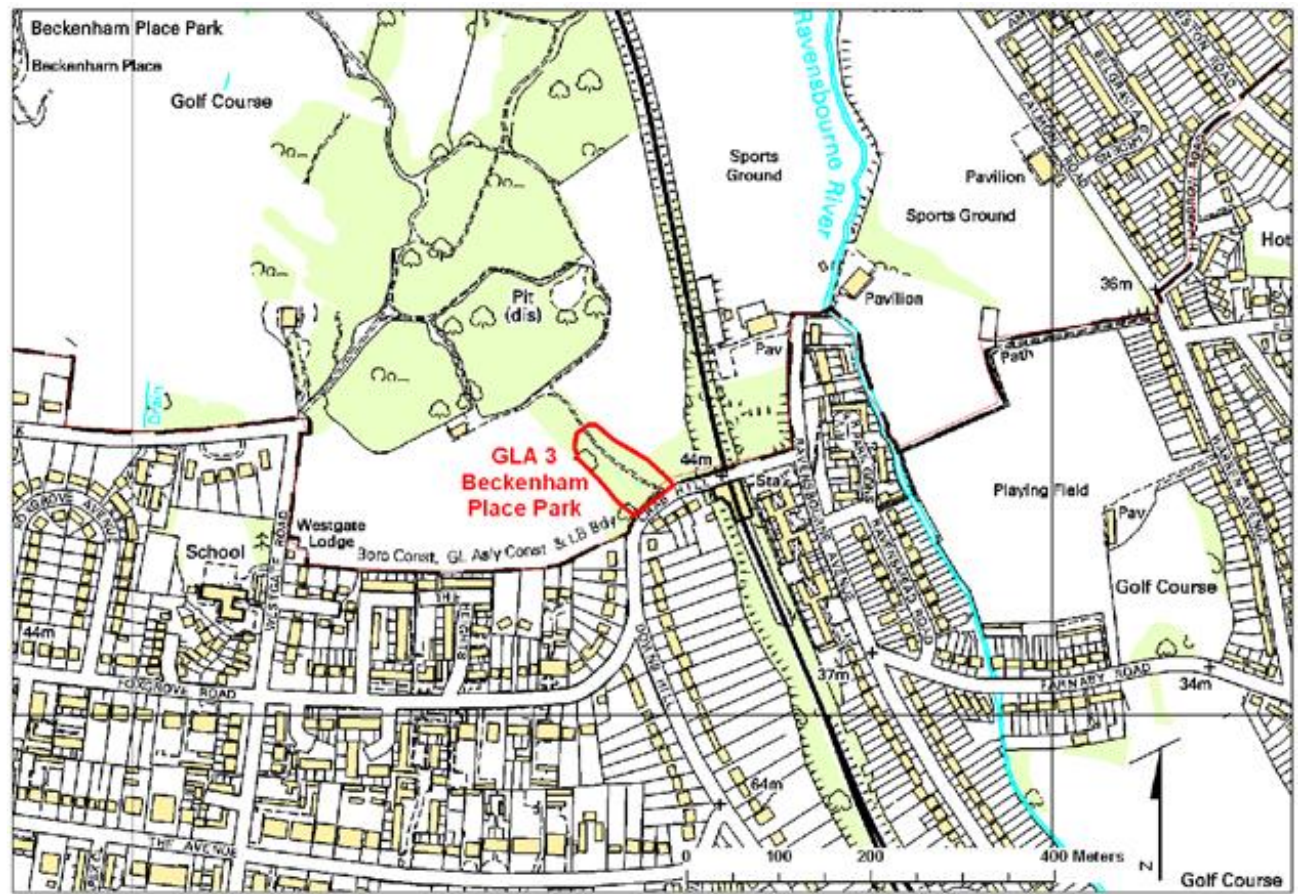
Beckenham Place Park is on the Green Chain Walk and Capital Ring. There is a board illustrating the exposure:



Access: The exposure is close to the park entrance from Crab Hill and is close to Ravensbourne station.

Further information:

Featured in *Trail through Time* audio on 12 Green Chain walk sites:
www.londongeopartnership.org.uk/geotrails/#greenchain



Site Map

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Harwich Formation boulders and outcrop

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