

SGI 25 Carshalton Park – Water features

London Borough of Sutton

Carshalton Park (to the south of Ruskin Road): Water features 1) The Grotto, 2) Hog Pit, 3) Carshalton Ponds (at the junction of North Street and High Street, to the north, outside the Park)
Grid references: The Grotto TQ 2825 6407, Hog Pit TQ 2813 6420, Carshalton Ponds TQ 279 645.

Carshalton Park

This public park is underlain by the chalk and contains two major features which used to include springs that supplied the Wandle. Now, however, since large quantities of groundwater are pumped from the local chalk they only contain water in exceptional years. They are:

- 1) The Grotto. This was built in 1724 at the head of a canal channel that supplied a Carshalton Mill.
- 2) The Hog Pit. This curious large pit feature appears in 15th century records.

Following an exceptionally wet December both features contained water in 2014, the first time, it is believed, since Spring 2003.

- 3) There are also Carshalton Ponds which after drying out were lined and are now maintained at a minimum level by Sutton and East Surrey Water plc.

Access:

Public access to the park; buses 127,157 & 407 stop along Carshalton High Street

Hog Pit



**24
October
2013**

The Grotto



**22
January
2014**



Photos: Paul Rainey

Reference:

Phillips, J. 2008. "Old Carshalton" London Borough of Sutton.