

London Geodiversity Action Plan 2025-2029

Proposed activities for 2026-27

Circulate London's Foundations any remaining updates of SSSIs/RIGS/LIGS (GLA 01 to 82) to London Boroughs and landowners and provide them a link to the website. Ensure all citations are up-to-date on the LGP and GiGL websites).

Guide to Sites – Ensure details of all sites are up-to-date on the LGP website to comply with the revised LF. At 30 April the revised GLA 1 – 59 still need adding.

Potential sites – the ten identified sites that remain to be assessed are:

PS 3 Ingrebourne Valley, Havering	PS 41 St Martin's Hill, Bromley
PS 9 Springwell Lane Chalk Pit, Hillingdon	PS 42 Top of North Downs, Bromley
PS 17 Gun Club, Bexley	PS 44 Riddlesdown dry valley, Croydon
PS 25 Lake at Peckham Rye, Southwark	PS 56 Kenley Station chalk pit, Croydon
PS 33 Mud flats near Gore Brook, Barking & Dagenham	PS 58 Park Farm Boulder, Havering

2021-2026 additions (also still outstanding):

1. Coulsden Chalk Pit (in Waitrose car park as SGI)
2. Possible site in Shepperton Gravel in Hillingdon area (not yet included elsewhere – Moorhall Road is found to be still operating with a visible face, although not the original GA site in 1968. Visited 2022, used for distribution centre).
3. Little Wormwood Scrubs for possible LC exposure (notified using internet from USA!)
4. HS2 excavations through north-west London, if not for permanent exposure, to at least document what strata was excavated both in writing and pictures.
5. Downe Dry Valley, Ravensbourne
6. Peckham Rye Lake as SGI
7. Kew Gardens evolution garden to be investigated.
8. Lloyd Park, Coombe Road, Croydon Pulhamite to be investigated

Priority: the following sites were identified as priority to visit in 2026: HS2 excavations within GLA , Shepperton Gravel, Ingrebourne Valley, Downe Dry Valley

Agreed LIGS site to be written up

Kingston Golf Course, possible LIGS for Black Park Gravel (visited in 2017 and viewed from outside in 2025)

SGI sites already agreed, need writing up

To continue to add to LGP website when completed:

SGI 32 Millennium Stone Circle Hillyfields

Other SGI sites in progress:

1. Jurassic Tree in Finsbury Park (extended to possible evolution panel)
2. Craigleith Tree in NHM gardens
3. Harrow on the Hill
4. Streatham Waterworks

5. Copperas Trinity House lighthouse at Mouth of Lea
6. Dinosaur footprints City
7. Ferricrete, Hornsey Tower
8. Kingston Water Story
9. Coombe Wood Gardens, Lloyds Park, Croydon
10. Bedfont Church (possible SGI)
11. Hogsmill Confluence with the Thames in Kingston area. Visited in 2025.

Lost Rivers will be assessed but need not be included with this tranche. A full length *Walking the Westbourne* has been published and portions can be used in a potential SGI. It will be added to the website.

Three London boroughs (Hammersmith & Fulham, Kingston, and Lambeth) have no geodiversity interest identified as yet; further desk research to be carried out to identify possible sites. A further five have no statutory sites but do have SGIs (City of London, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Westminster, Kingston).

Geotrail write-ups

1. **Nonsuch Park** write-up to be completed
2. **Bus Pass Geology Route 2** from Chelsea to Harrow Weald, Map to be finalised and added to the LGP website.
3. **Bus Pass Geology Route 3** SE London to be completed
4. Divide up the geological points of interest on the Green Chain Walk '**A Trail through Time**', into manageable sections and place on website.
5. **Thames Park** Geotrail to be updated and placed on website
6. **Spring Park** new geotrail (and board) still to be done
7. ?Write up geotrail presented to the public around Abbey Wood
8. Create a geotrail through GLA 45 Bedfords Park
9. Write-up geotrail on the Hillingdon Trail (in conjunction with HHGS)
10. Create leaflet on the geology of Gunnersbury Park (map prepared)
11. Hainault Country Park

Priorities Hainault Country Park, Bus Pass 2, Gunnersbury Park, GCW, Thames, Spring Park, Bedfords Park, Wandsworth, Bus Pass 3; Springfield Park needs to be added to the website.

Identified London views

To be written up and added to the LGP website.

23 sites have not been inspected for five or more years.

GLA 4 Chelsfield Gravel (2018)	GLA 50 Knighton Wood (2011, Peter Doyle 2023)
GLA 5 Chingford Hatch (2017)	GLA 52 Bromley Palace (2019)
GLA 9 Dry Valley, Sutton (2018)	GLA 53 Charmwood Farm (2011)
GLA 17 Happy Valley (2008)	GLA 59 Pole Hill (2017)
(GLA 19 Hornchurch 2010 – inaccessible)	GLA 61 Spring Park, Threehalfpenny Wood & Sparrows Den (2021)
GLA 24 Old Gravel Pit (Eliot), Blackheath	GLA 62 Sipson Lane Complex, Hillingdon
GLA 30 Cray Valley Golf Course (2019)	GLA 65 Old Gravel Pit (Vanbrugh) (2020)
GLA 33 Elmstead Pit (2005) NE since	GLA 66 Tripcock Ness (2013)
GLA 35 Wansunt Pit (2019)	GLA 69 Wanstead Flats (2019)
GLA 36 Pinner Chalk Mines (2019, exterior)	GLA 77 Park Hill Chalk (2019)
GLA 46 Rainham Submerged Forest (2011)	GLA 79 Buckthorne Cutting (2020)
GLA 47 South Hall Farm/Spring Farm (2019)	
GLA 49 Fairlop (2019)	

Priorities have been identified:

Chingford Hatch, Cray Valley Golf course, Knighton Wood, Bromley Palace Park, Bedfont Lakes, Watts Common, Dry Valley & Park Hill chalk, Sutton, Charmwood Farm and Chelsfield Gravel, Sipson Lane Complex (gravel pits) Hillingdon, Rainham Submerged Forest, Tripcock Ness, working quarries in east London (with ERMS)

NB The Third runway at Heathrow has been given the green light and may impact on GLA 62, Sipson's Lane and SGI 41 Harmondsworth Great Barn

Others have ongoing requirements

GLA 7 Crystal Palace (renovation has begun)
GLA 42 Kenwood House Quarry (report on ponds)
GLA 12 Finsbury Gravel (for board)
GLA 39 Erith submerged forest (board)
GLA 79 Buckthorne Cutting (for leaflet on septaria)

Lead walks:

1. Springfield Park (DC 23 May for Hackney Festival)
2. Croham Hurst with CNHSS (29 May)
3. Waterlow Park for Highgate Festival: (20 June)
4. Hampstead Heath for HHS (5 July)
5. Highgate Wood/Queen's Wood as part of Heritage Day (September)
6. Keston Common with LNHS (17 October)
7. Battersea Park GA FOG: (8 November)
8. Waterlow Park as part of Heritage Day (February)
9. 3 separate walks down the Westbourne (dates to be determined)

Building Stone Walks for London Walks: Westminster (20 June), The Monument, The Moon and Malta (30 May & 25 July)

Geoconservation work:

1. Riddlesdown (GLA26) 3 October 2026
2. Harefield – March 2027 if not before NB permission from NE to 2028
3. Gilberts Pit April 2027

Talks:

Hackney Festival (16 May) DC *Beneath your Feet, the Geology of Hackney*
Slade School Fine Art: Building Stones in Bloomsbury – Ruth Siddall
Festival of Art Camberwell (21 May) : Pigments. Talk by Ruth Siddall
Harmondsworth Barn Conference (4-5 September). Talk by Ruth Siddall

Other LGP activities:

- GiGL Day of Nature on (Saturday 9 May) – LGP will have a stall
- Hackney Festival Stand (16 May)
- Stall at Highgate Wood Heritage Day (Sunday, 7 September)

- Visit to Gilbert's Pit at Maryon Wilson Park festival (Sunday 13 September)
- Table at GA Festival featuring Building Stones

Interpretation:

1. Continue liaison on Gilbert's Pit for an education pack for local school using rock and fossil specimens (prepared but not delivered).
2. Send suggestions for adding geodiversity interest to Hainault Forest Park as requested by the organiser for Havering (also in Essex run by London Wildlife Trust)
3. Suggest adding geodiversity interest to the Epping Forest visitor centre.
4. Complete work with Springfield Park delivery officers for Heritage Lottery Fund for Geotrails (adult and family) *Going Underground, Family geology* and get them on LGP website.
5. Work with City of London Corporation for Boards in Spring Park
6. Continue to work with the Redington Frognaal Association on their project to highlight the route of the early Westbourne with glyphs. Branch Hill Pond is now operational and we have written a trail *Walking the Westbourne: From Branch Hill Pond to the Thames*. This will be linked via QR codes to RF website. This will also be issued as a 20 page booklet, designed by Dee McLean.
7. When finished, reports on Hampstead Heath ponds will be put on the website. Dee McLean has written an extremely good overview of the Ponds Project for the GA Magazine. We can link to that and add the small report about what we observed in 2015. (Need to get permission from GA)
8. Work with the Harrow & Hillingdon GS on a Geotrail to be added to the Hillingdon Trail. Possibly in April 2027 after conserving Harefield.
9. Work with Highgate Woods and CoL on project on creating a new Visitor Hut to house the Roman Kiln. Our display will need refreshing. It is proposed to paint the outside of the Hut with reference to geological time.
10. Work with Friends of Coldfall Wood on a Geotrail aimed at schools
11. GLA 31 Erith Park (Work with Orbit to renew board and move in front of fence)
12. GLA 12 Finsbury Gravel. Work with Islington Museum to create a board.
13. GLA 39 Erith Submerged Forest (board with input from HE)
14. Work with Finsbury Park to create an evolution board near the Fossil tree stumps

Other activities include:

- Thames Tideway: Pursue home for Tim Newman's specimens in a permanent exhibition in Brunel Museum or with GCG for educating engineers. Tim's video and talk need retrieving for the website.
- On-going collaboration with National Park City
- On-going collaboration with Ramblers and Inspiral London
- Olympic legacy: still pursuing three boards (NB a board exists near the Velodrome re decontaminating the site – need to check details).
- Continue working with artists, particularly in relation to London Clay; an artist from Barnet got in touch and was sent information. There is a mound of clay on Hampstead Heath
- Gail Dickerson Artist in Residence in Beaconsfield Gallery, Lambeth