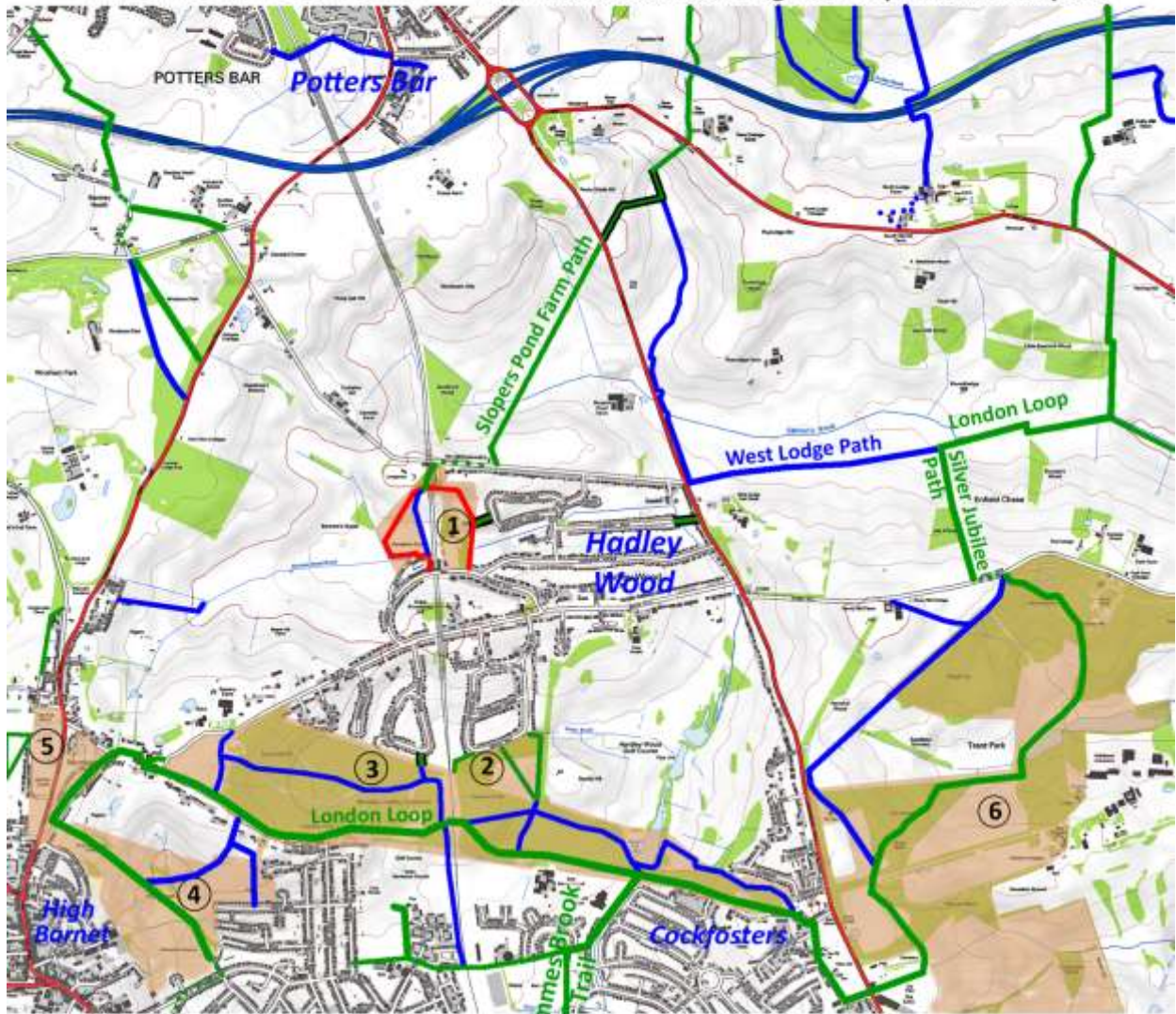


HADLEY WOOD PATHS AND PUBLIC SPACES

Hadley Wood is exceptionally fortunate in being almost surrounded by the London Green Belt, woodland and public open space, infiltrated by footpaths that make them accessible to us all.

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Based on Ordnance Survey Open Data under licence
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from available sources of Rights of Way and other footpaths



PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Public Open Space	
HWA Open Space	1
Covert Way Nature Reserve	2
Monken Hadley Common	3
King Georges Field	4
Hadley Green	5
Trent Park	6

LOCAL PUBLIC PATHS

-  Suggested walk around HWA Open Space
-  Rights of Way
-  Other signposted and waymarked paths
-  Narrow paths
-  Road links

0 Scale 1km
0.62 miles

This **map** is designed to show you where to find these open spaces and footpaths within a mile or two around Hadley Wood that await your exploration. These are the starting points for much longer walks that can take you right round London on the London Loop or deep into Hertfordshire, using a mixture of footpaths and public roads. Routes that are mainly along roads with uneven verges, such as upper Waggon Road, Dancers Hill Road and Kitts End Road, have not been included.

The **paths** shown in green are legally protected rights of way and the blue ones are waymarked by yellow or white arrows indicating that the landowners generally allow them to be used by the public. Fortunately most of these paths are wide and safe to use while **social distancing** is in force during **lockdown**. There are just four sections of paths, highlighted with black edging, that are narrow, where it is difficult to pass other walkers and joggers at a safe distance.

Please remember to observe the Countryside Code, social distancing, and not to stray off the marked paths through farmland.

The six **open spaces** around Hadley Wood, including the HWA Open Space, Monken Hadley Common and Trent Park are coloured on the map in beige. It may be sensible to follow well-worn paths here but we may assume we can walk anywhere in these areas that it is possible to go unless it is fenced off.

The best map for walkers is the **Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 scale Explorer Sheet 173**, which shows roads, watercourses, contours and most importantly field boundaries. Definitive rights of way are shown but not other waymarked paths. If you buy the printed map you can download a digital copy as an app for your smartphone or tablet. You might also want to download the OS Maps App.

The **Enfield Society** publishes a simple footpath maps, the most recent in 2016, that do show all recognised public footpaths. There are also many online maps claiming to show footpaths but some of these are not recognised public paths.

The **Open Space in the heart of Hadley Wood** that lies between the station and Waggon Road, is managed and maintained by the Hadley Wood Association. The Association is dependent on members' subscriptions to run the Centre, mow the grass and keep the area safe for all of us to use. If you are enjoying the Open Space and are not yet members of HWA, please join – application forms are on the website.



HADLEY WOOD ASSOCIATION

BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF OUR MOST ACCESSIBLE LOCAL WALKS:

- A. The **HWA Open Space** is easily accessed from Bartrams Lane, Waggon Road, Courtleigh Avenue beside the primary school, and Crescent East beside the tennis courts. Wander across the fields on either side of the railway and along the paths through the wood on top of the North Tunnel over the railway. Allow 20 minutes or longer.



- B. **Monken Hadley Common, Covert Way Nature Reserve and Jack's Lake** can be approached from the top of Camlet Way, the narrow alley at the bottom of Parkgate, three footbridges along Covert Way, and from Games Road off the Cockfosters Road. Easy to spend a couple of hours or more there if you are not in a hurry.



- C. **Slopers Pond Farm Path to Stag Hill.** You could start at the station and walk up the railway path to Waggon Road, turn right down the hill and left at the start of the Right of Way beside the new glass house. The wide recently-fenced path takes you down to Salmon's Brook and on up to Stag Hill. If you retrace your steps you can be back at Waggon Road within the hour. If you cross Stag Hill, past a dominating electricity pylon, you are in a narrow path, thickly hedged on both sides that takes you down to the next unnamed stream.



Turn right on to a waymarked path beside this stream with open fields on the right and it will take you gently down to Cockfosters Road opposite the bottom of Waggon Road.

Alternatively turn left and the path runs through a narrow wooded tunnel, not designed for social distancing, and then climbs quite steeply in the open to the Ridgeway, with a fine view behind you.



If you cross the Ridgeway and go under the M25 you could end up at the Two Brewers in Northaw where you will surely need some liquid refreshment before returning but this is way beyond what we are being asked to do during lockdown.

- D. **Trent Park.** Getting to Trent Park depends on where you live and for most will be further than we are currently encouraged to go. From the bottom of Waggon Road you can follow the West Lodge Footpath beside a hedge on the left and open fields on the right. Turn right at the junction with the London Loop and climb the Silver Jubilee Path to Ferny Hill. Turn left and then right and admire the obelisk on your right and Camlet Moat on the left, the oldest structure in the area, before heading down to the lakes in front of Sir Philip Sassoon's neo-Georgian mansion. Alternatively you could climb up Ferny Hill along the verge and peel off to the right at Ferny Hill Farm and head for the obelisk. The other option is to walk through Monken Hadley Common to Games Road, turn right along the Cockfosters Road to the main entrance to the park, or left to a secret entrance, discovered by Joycelin Hobman, just to the north of the water tower.



- E. **King George's Field and Hadley Green.** This is an enjoyable way of getting to Barnet. Head up Camlet Way and veer off to the left opposite Mount House School across the open part of the Common. Turn left down Hadley Common past Hadley Hurst with the magnificent Cedars of Lebanon in the garden and go through the impressive arch at the entrance to King George V's field. Keep to the right, dropping steeply down and then up again and you will come out on Hadley Green opposite the pond.



Search for the plaque that marks the spot where the stocks stood in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries to the west of the Great North Road.

Head home by the path through the graveyard beside St Mary's Church and back down Camlet Way.



Waymark



Once you have tried some of these paths you will be able to devise routes of your own to enjoy. Please send in descriptions and photographs to add to the website. If you spot any errors or serious omissions on the map let us know at hadleywoodassoc@btconnect.com.