

Coombe Wood in the Past...

Coombe Wood was first opened to the public in 1948. It was the former garden of Coombe Wood House. Coombe Wood supplied water to the Coombe Estate via three conduits which ran along the adjacent lane hence the name Conduit Lane.

The stable yard was placed out of the view of Coombe Wood House by building it in a small gravel pit. Just in front of the stable yard there is a small building called Pond Cottage which is older than the house and courtyard.



Pond Cottage c. 1896



Beside the pond there is a rock garden which was only discovered when workmen were clearing the undergrowth prior to the opening in 1948.

Further investigation has revealed that much of the rockery is not natural stone but 'Pulhamite' a manmade creation developed by James Pulham one of the most well-reputed firm of landscape gardeners of the late 19th and early 20th centuries who specialised in the creation of picturesque rock gardens, constructed from artificial rock.

How to get there...

Location Conduit Lane, off Coombe Road (A212), Croydon. CR0 5RQ



Tram
Route 3, alight at Lloyd Park or Coombe Lane stops, both of which are a 10 minute walk from the site.



Footpaths
Public Footpath & Bridleway No. 575 runs along Conduit Lane and links to Croham Valley Road.



Car Park
In Conduit Lane, opposite main entrance and Oaks Road.



Toilets
Available near the stable block with a separate disabled access toilet and baby changing facilities.



Refreshments
Coombe Wood Café is open 7 days a week.



No dogs are allowed in the gardens.



No Ball Games

The paths around the main gardens are level or have gentle slopes; through the rock garden and woodland they are uneven and unsuitable for wheelchairs and prams.



The British Trust for Conservation (BTCV) is an organization working in partnership with Croydon Council carrying out voluntary conservation activities within parks and open spaces. Their regional office is located in Pond Cottage at the heart of the site beside the courtyard. For further information please visit www.btcv.org.uk



● Tram stop
— Tram route 3

For more information or to report a problem please contact Croydon Council. Tel: 020 8726 6000 or e mail: parks@croydon.gov.uk

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Coombe Wood through the Seasons....

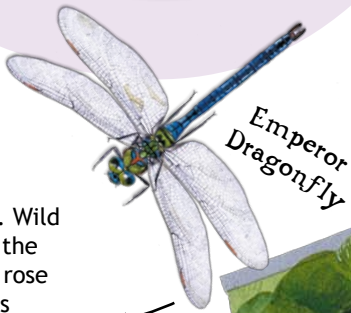
Spring

In late spring the woodlands are ablaze with colourful rhododendrons and azaleas. A variety of bulbs can be seen particularly in the rock garden and woodland shrub beds.



Summer

The broad walk is a colourful display of herbaceous planting. Wild flowers are found in the meadow area of the rose and ornamental grass garden.



Autumn

The herbaceous borders are still colourful with striking grasses and bold foliage. Bamboos can be seen in the winter garden against a backdrop of autumn colour in the woodlands.



Winter

The winter gardens are alive with colourful heathers. Explore the woodland slopes beyond the gardens along the network of paths.