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## HORTON COUNTRY PARK

### What you'll see

*This is an opportunity to enjoy a slice of under-appreciated countryside in Chessington. Horton Park was previously part of the Trotter estate, then sold to London County Council in 1896 to build a hospital and farms supplying the hospital. The park covers 400 acres, half now being public space. It was designated as a local nature reserve in 2004 and is managed to provide an attractive mixture of environments. There are refreshments at the Old Moat Garden Centre. (5 miles)*

- A** Starting at Chessington North Station, cross Sopwith Avenue and join the service road. Use the shared crossing signal to cross over Bridge Road into Marston Avenue.
- B** In Rollesby Road, turn right onto an unmade road between numbers 52 and 54, then right again behind houses to a large steel gate on the left. Go through this on the path and very soon fork left.
- C** Turn right onto the main path in Horton Country Park.
- D** After about half a mile, the path forks. Take the right fork to continue the route or the left fork for a short cut to **G**.
- E** At the crossroads turn left up towards 'Horton Lane'.
- F** Take the cycle path beside a vehicle gate, turn left (signed 'Chessington 1m'), and immediately take the left fork on the path past another vehicle gate.
- G** Pass a bat roost on your right and, immediately past the sign marked 'McKenzie Way', take the right fork. (The short cut from **D** joins here.)
- H** At a very wide junction, with concrete slabs on part of the surface (the remains of a piggery), turn right for the main route, or if this way is muddy, you can return to **C** by taking the short cut option left. Keep straight on, passing ponds and ignoring golfers' paths crossing the route.
- I** A short steep rise. Turn left at the top and follow the path straight ahead (ignoring the immediate fork to left) back to **C** which is marked by a signpost signing left '2/3m Horton Lane' but you turn right to leave the park and return the way you came.

