



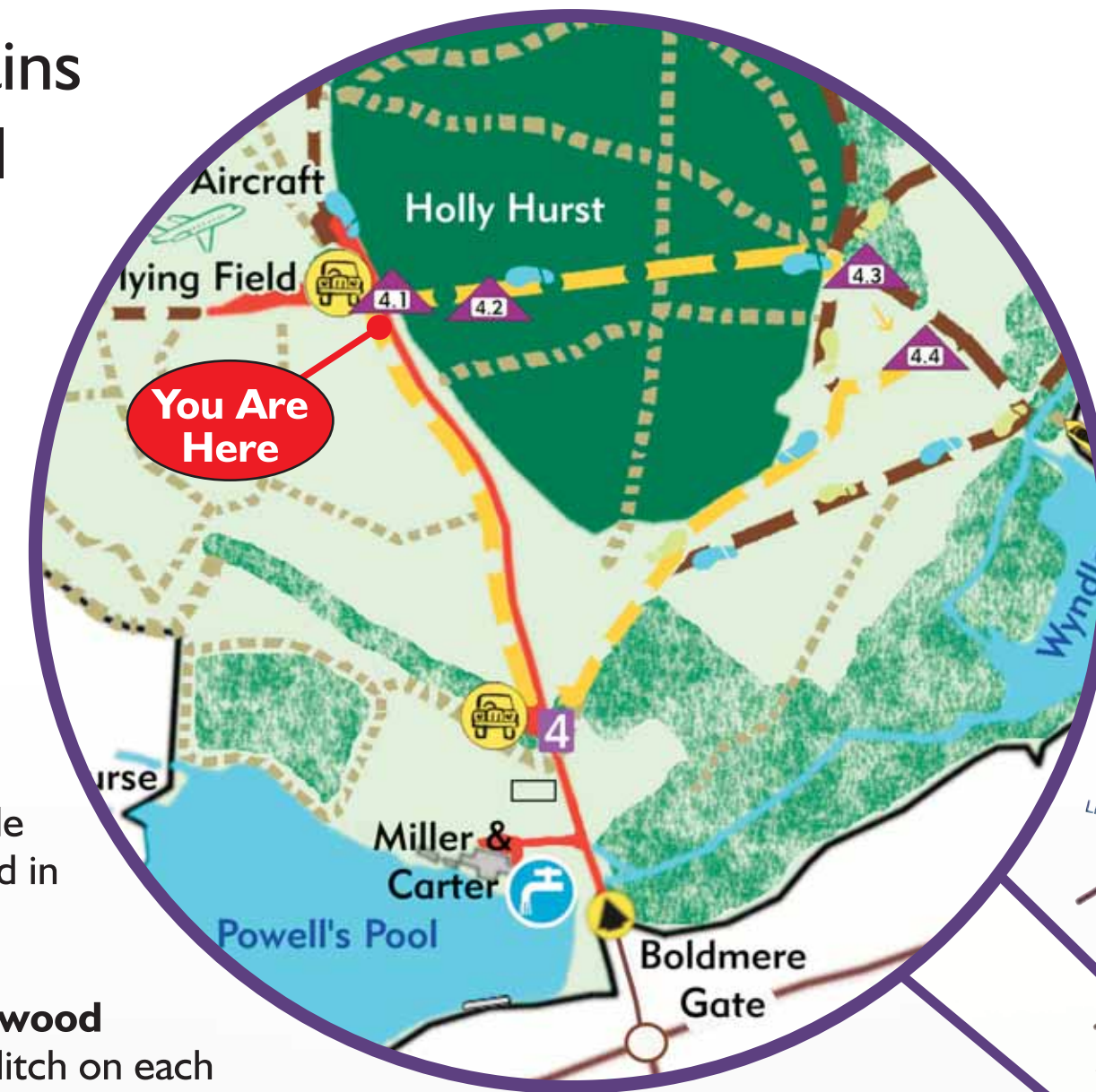
Walking Through Time...



Most of Sutton Park is a scheduled ancient monument and it contains many well-preserved archaeological remains. If you follow the trail marked on the map, you pass some of these remains left by our ancestors and you will be....***Walking through time***....to see an 18th century millpond, a 16th century woodbank, banks and ditches subdividing a medieval deer park, a former road, and a medieval fishpond.

Powell's Pool

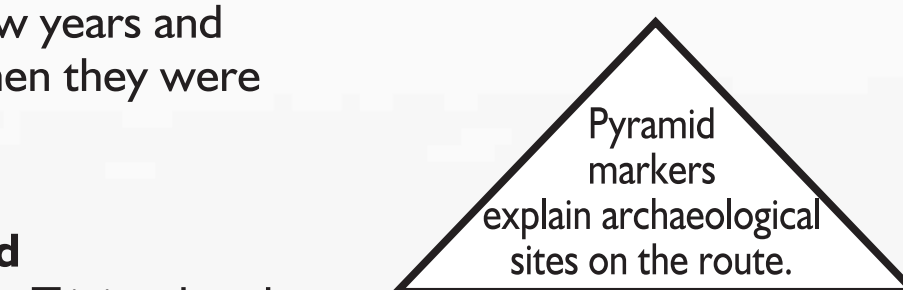
The large dam of Powell's Pool, alongside the road behind you, was built in 1730, possibly replacing an earlier, lower dam. The pool powered a water mill, built in 1733, which stood about halfway along the dam. The mill made spades and later rolled steel. It was demolished in 1936. John Wyatt, an inventor born near Lichfield, experimented in mechanically spinning cotton here, the first person ever to do so.



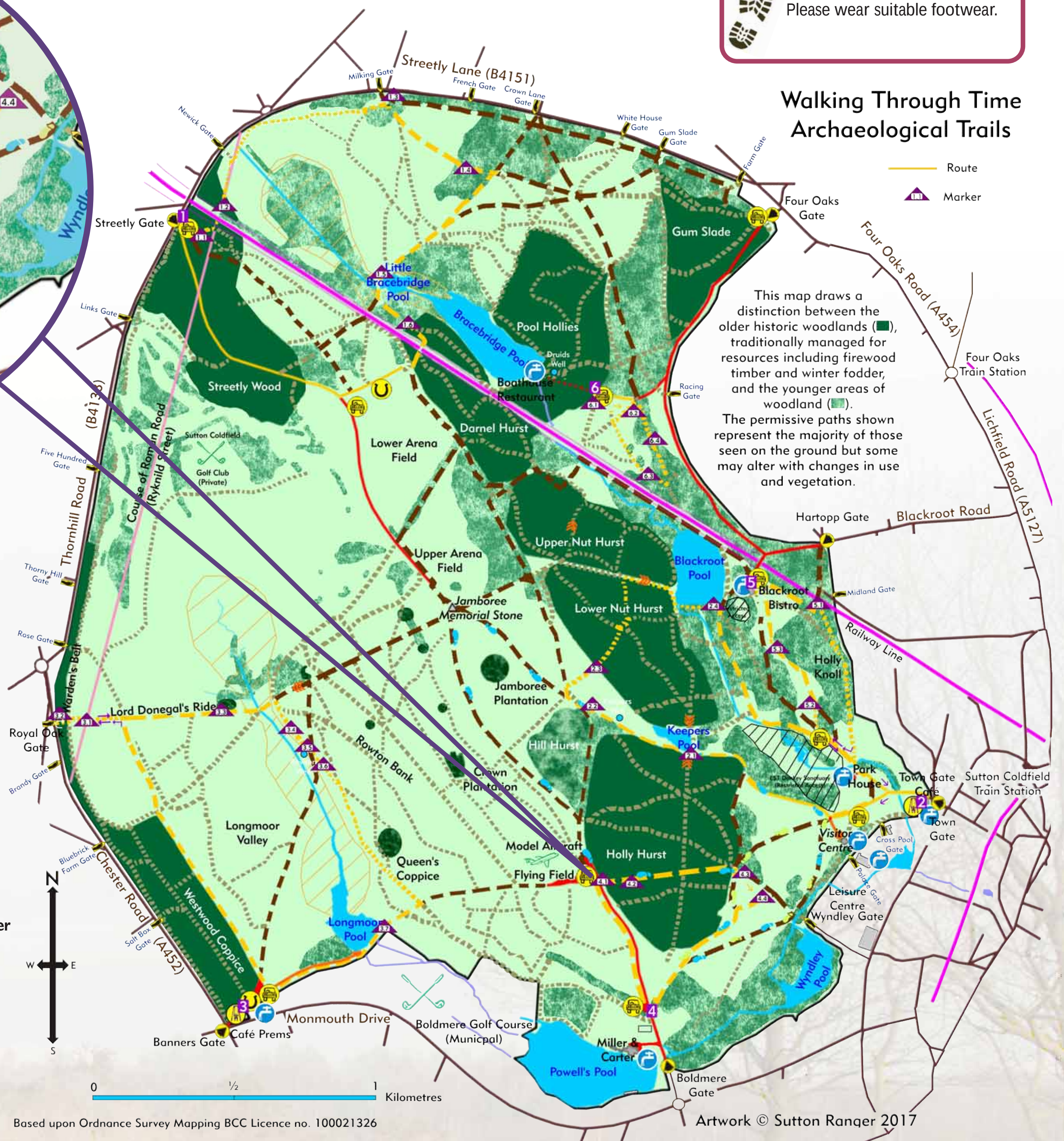
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Walking Through Time Archaeological Trails

This map draws a distinction between the older historic woodlands (green), traditionally managed for resources including firewood timber and winter fodder, and the younger areas of woodland (light green). The permissive paths shown represent the majority of those seen on the ground but some may alter with changes in use and vegetation.



- Vehicle Entrance
- Pedestrian Entrance
- Minor Path
- Steep Gradient
- Car Park
- Play Area
- Main Path/Bridleway
- Walking Through Time Marker
- Horse Box Parking
- Hand Washing Available
- Golf Course
- Boggy Areas (Take Care)



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4.1 Holly Hurst



The marker is beside the road on the edge of the wood

The boundary of Holly Hurst consists of a bank with a ditch on each side of it. The bank and the ditch inside it were constructed in the 12th century to create an enclosure into which deer were rounded up for hunting. The ditch outside the bank was constructed in the 16th century to keep grazing animals out of Holly Hurst which was then managed as coppice. The trees were cut down to the base every few years and shoots which grew up from the stump would be cut when they were big enough.

4.2 Wyndley Glade



The marker is beside the road just inside the wood

As you walk along the road you may see the tower of Holy Trinity church in the distance. A hollow off the road is one of several sawpits in the wood, where felled trees were cut up. On the other side of the road is a group of conifers which were said to mark the centre of England. They are surrounded by a bank which may have been built in the Middle Ages as an observation point for hunting deer.

4.3 Hollow Way



The marker is beside the road at the top of the hollow way

The hollow was a well-worn track which ran from the manor house, along the dam of Wyndley Pool and across the Park to Streetly Gate. The track continues as a shallow hollow through Holly Hurst.

4.4 Wyndley Pool & Manor House



The marker is near the bench, with a view of Wyndley Pool

Wyndley Pool was a fish pond constructed in the 12th century. Sutton Coldfield manor house, where the Earls of Warwick lived when they hunted in Sutton Park in the Middle Ages, stood on the hill beyond the pool. Until 1824 the dam of Wyndley Pool was the only access to the park for horses, and in the seventeenth century cattle, grazing in the park, were regularly rounded up and driven across the dam to the Driffold (which means drive-fold).

"Walking through Time" was created by the Friends of Sutton Park Association and the Sutton Coldfield Civic Society. It was funded by FOSPA and made possible by the generous Bequest of Mr. Laurence William Loader.



Please note that most of Sutton Park is a scheduled ancient monument.

It is a criminal offence to damage the archaeological sites or to use a metal detector without prior consent.

There are interpretation panels at **Streetly Gate**, **Banners Gate**, **Town Gate**, **Boldmere Gate**, **Blackroot Bistro** and **Bracebridge car park** a self-guided trail can be followed from each of these.

A leaflet about the trails is available from www.fospa.org and can be downloaded from the QR code.



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