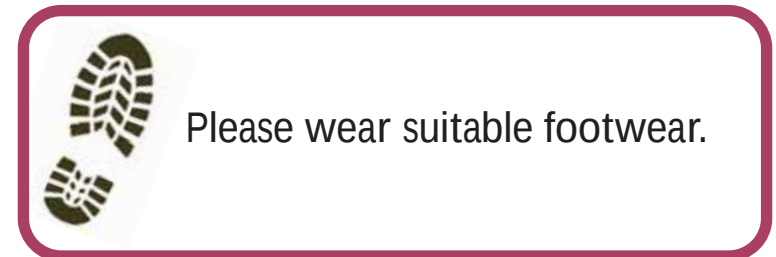
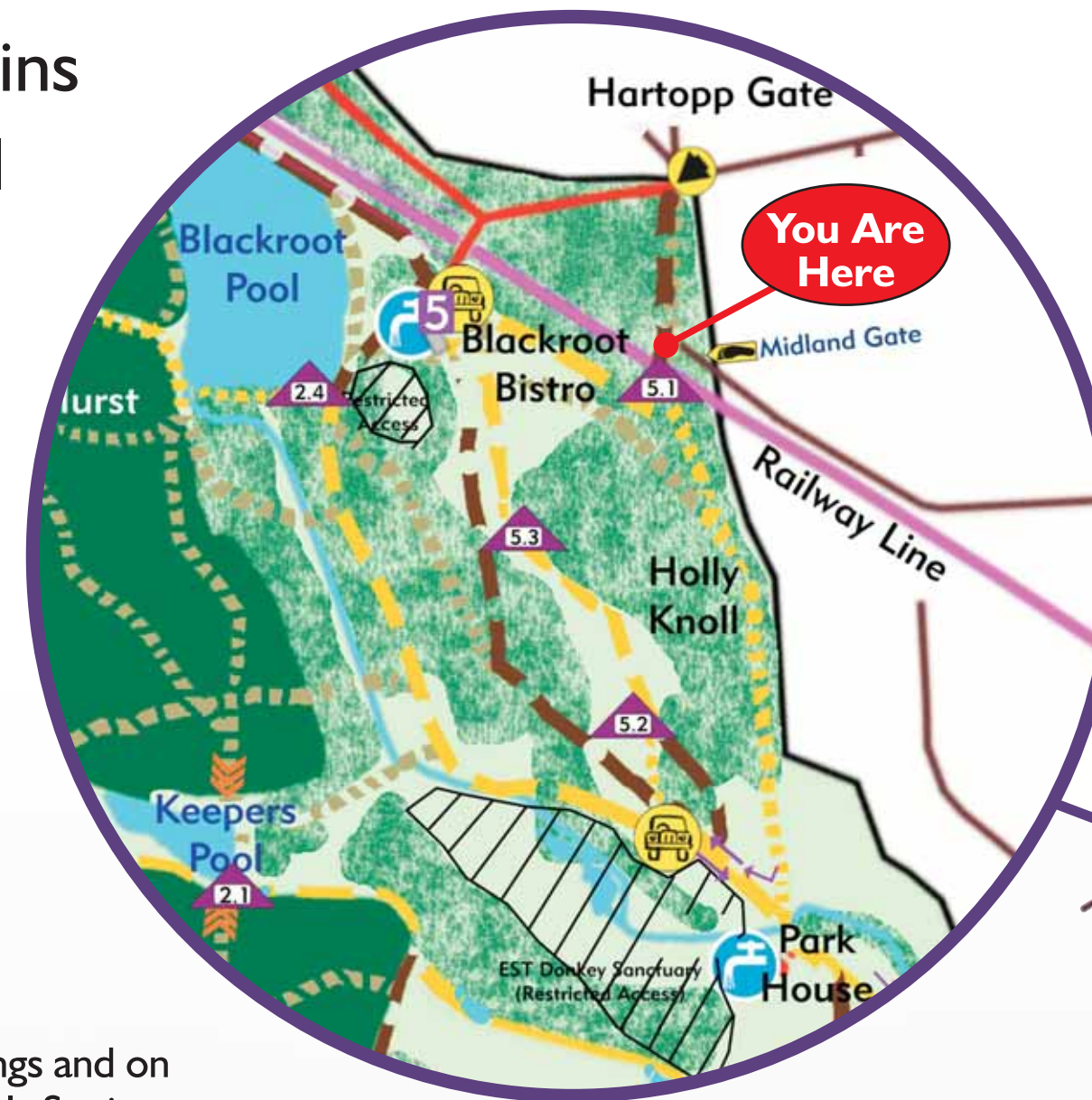




Walking Through Time...



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 a 19th century racecourse and golf course, banks and ditches subdividing a medieval deer park, and a quarry for the dam of an 18th century millpond.



Walking Through Time Archaeological Trails

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

5.1 Railway & Midland Lodge



The marker is beside the road just before the railway bridge

The railway was built across the Park in 1879, in cuttings and on embankments, between Sutton Park Station and Streetly Station. Midland Lodge was built by the Midland Railway company in 1879. It was rented by Benjamin Stone, Sutton Coldfield Corporation's first Mayor, and meetings of the Vesey Club (a scientific and antiquarian club) were held there. The road nearby runs on an embankment which was the spectator bank of a 19th century racecourse. In the trees beyond the road the boundary of the park is marked by a ditch that was constructed in the Middle Ages.

5.2 Racecourse & Golf Course



The marker is next to the path, just beyond the car park

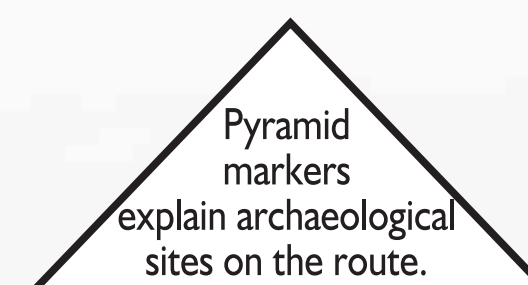
A prominent bank surrounded a racecourse where horse races were held in the 19th century. Spectators would have stood or sat on the bank. A low, tree-covered bank and ditch in front of you was constructed in the 12th century to create an enclosure into which deer in the park were rounded up for hunting. The bank would have had a hedge or fence on top of it. Hollows are part of a golf course laid out 1880.

5.3 Deer Park Subdivision & Quarry

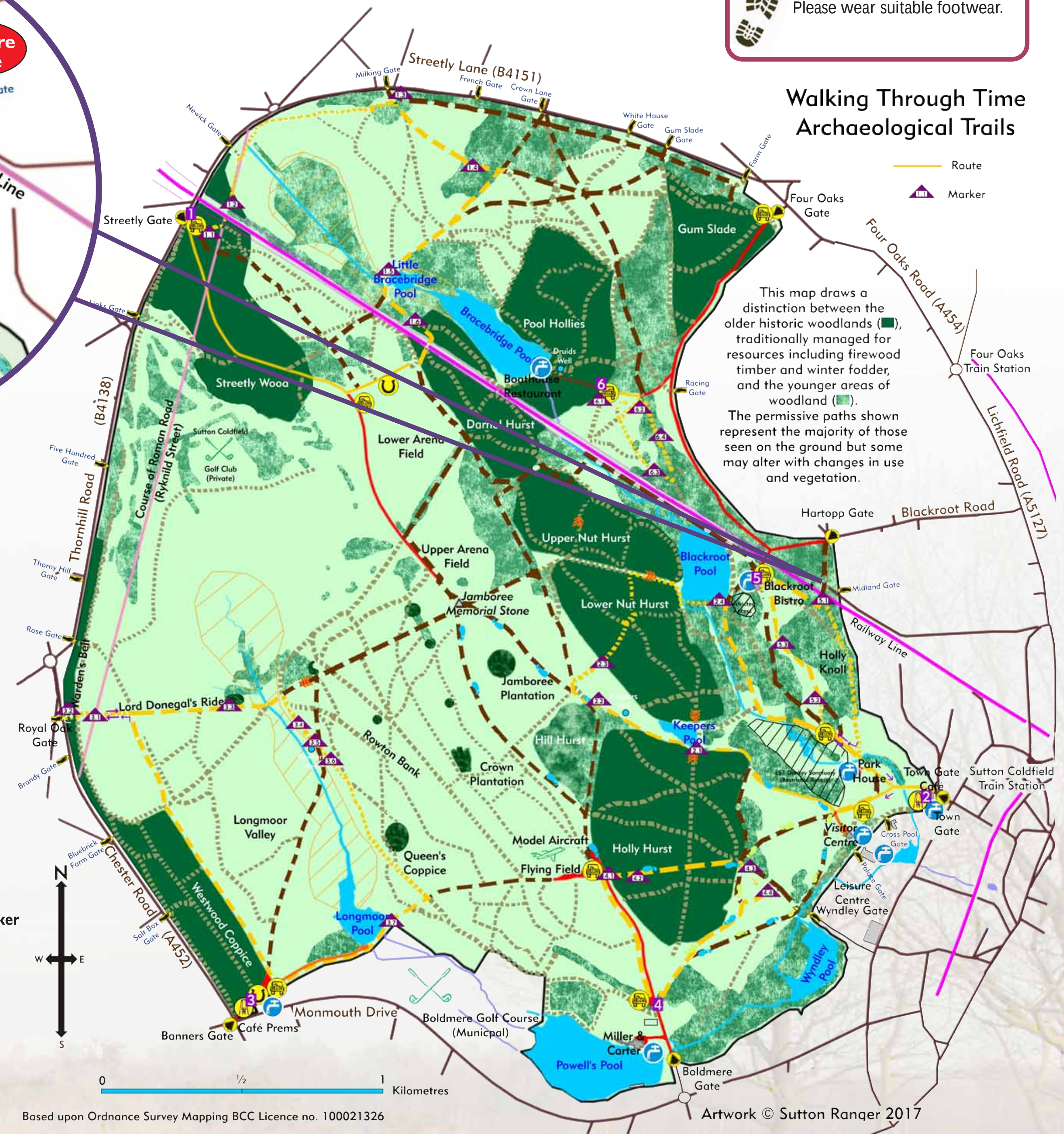


The marker is next to the path

The bank and ditch was constructed in the 12th century to create an enclosure into which deer in the park were rounded up for hunting. The bank would have had a hedge or fence on top of it. The fence ahead of it surrounds a quarry which was created when material was dug out to build the dam of Blackroot Pool. It was later used as a sand and gravel quarry and, in the First World War, for military training.



- 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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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.

