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London
Bridge
British
Rail
&
Wimbledon
Tramlink

Willow Lane
Carshalton Road

London Road

Mitcham Junction
British Rail
Tramlink

Hackbridge
British
Rail

Beddington Lane

Beddington
Lane Tramlink

Croydon Road

One Island
Pond

Walk 2

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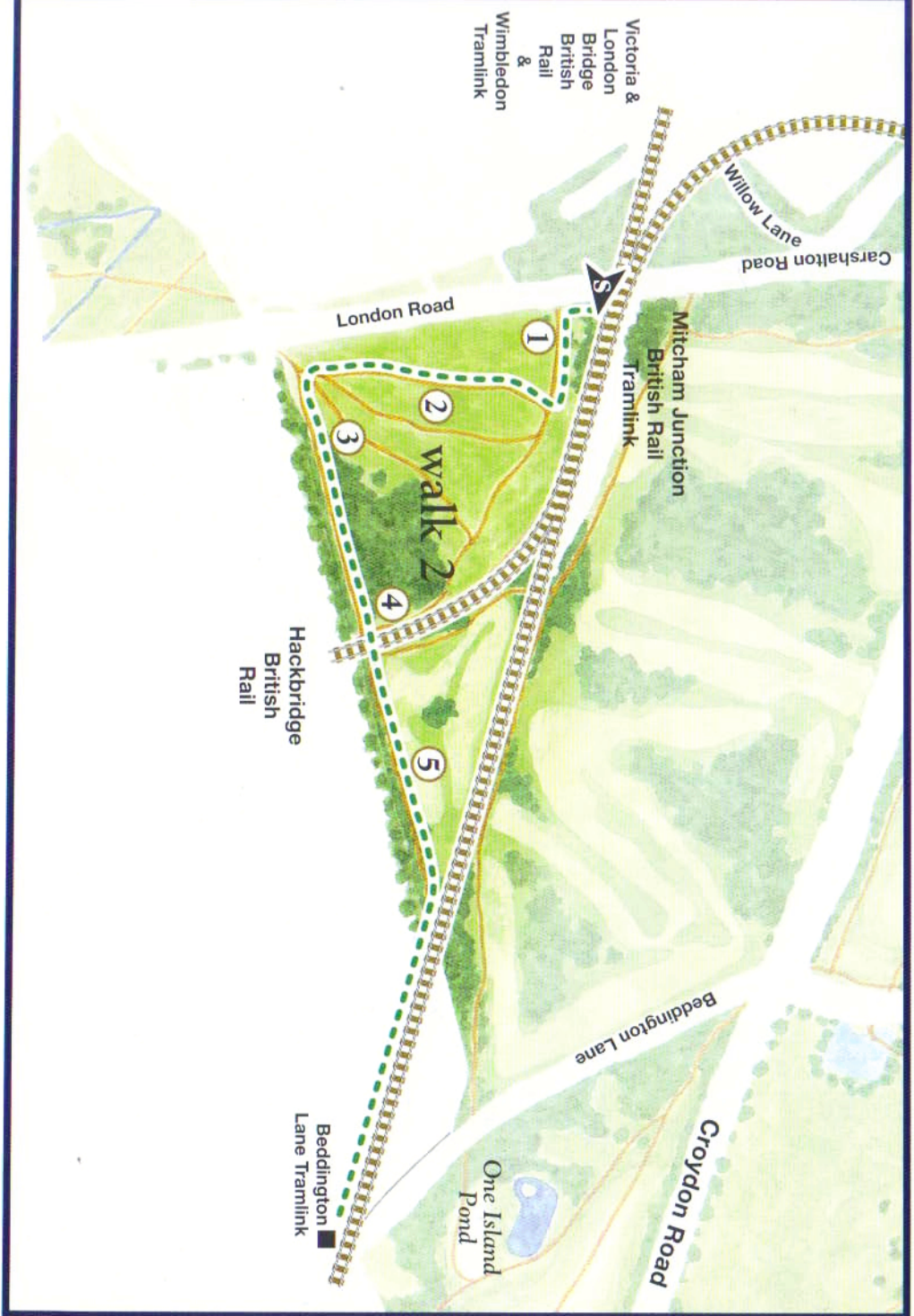
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Between the Tramstops

Time

21 minutes

Distance

1 mile
1.6 km

Condition

Apart from the railway bridge, all paths are flat, but maybe muddy in winter

Start point

Mitcham Junction
Railway Station &
Tramlink

Walk heart beat



Merton, Sutton
and Wandsworth
Health Authority



MITCHAM COMMON
CONSERVATORS



POLLARDS HILL
REGENERATION SCHEME
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Budget Programme through the London
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1 This area is known as the **Gunsite** because six anti-aircraft guns were stationed here during the second world war. The troop quarters were still present in the mid-1950s when they were used to house local people while new estates were built in Mitcham.

2 Vegetation changes as you travel across the Gunsite. Near the railway line there are taller, fast growing plants, which include many garden varieties from the time when people lived here. Around the middle of the Gunsite, acid grassland consisting of fine leaved grasses and gorse are more common. Gorse thrives on the unfertile soils found throughout the Common.

3 A small plot of **oak woodland** has established itself on these old gravel pit workings. This woodland was self sown, rather than being planted, and consists of English oak, birch and hawthorn.

4 **Beddington Farmlands** can be seen clearly from the railway bridge and this is one of the most important sites for birds in London. Over the next decade gravel will be extracted, followed by landfill, and finally the area will be restored creating a mosaic of wildlife habitats. The Common, Beddington Park and the Farmlands have together been designated as a Country Park.

5 Many of the oak trees growing on either side of the path are over 150 years old and were almost certainly planted as boundary markers. This narrow woodland strip is a relatively recent addition to the Common. It was formerly owned by a Parish Council, but was exchanged for land elsewhere on the Common needed for road improvements.