



Croydon Road

Windmill Road

Beddington Lane

Walk 3

Mill House Ecology Centre

Croydon Road

Watneys Road

Arthur's Pond

Bidder's Pond

One Island Pond

Beddington
Lane Tramlink



Around the Ecology Centre

Time

20 minutes

Distance

1 mile
1.6 km

Condition

Follows flat
unsurfaced paths.
May be muddy after
heavy rain

Start point

Ecology Centre car
park

Walk heart beat



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and Wandsworth
Health Authority

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POLLARDS HILL
REGENERATION SCHEME
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1 The Ecology Centre was built in 1995. The Centre serves as the Warden's office and is available for school field studies.

2 The raised area behind the Centre once supported sports pitches but it is now used for informal recreation and as a play area for visiting school parties.

3 Occasional mowing helps prevent this grassland plot reverting to woodland. During the spring and summer, plants such as betony, Devil's-bit scabious, Adders tongue fern, dwarf gorse and Dog violet can all be found here.

4 Much of the woodland on the Common is recent. This particular parcel has formed in the past fifty or so years. A constant balance must be reached between those areas that are allowed to develop into scrub and trees and those that are maintained as flower-rich grassland.

5 Ten years ago this meadow was mown every fortnight, resulting in little wildlife interest. Relaxing the mowing regime and taking a late summer hay cut has enhanced its nature conservation value. On a warm summer's day, swarms of small skipper and meadow brown butterflies can be seen flying amongst the grasses.