

Help restore Bush Farm Orchard

**Orchard Heritage
Restoration Workshop
Sunday 26th of January
from 10.am**



Photos by David McClements

The workshop which is free will be led Peter May an orchardist who works with the Brighton Permaculture Trust and will focus on restorative pruning to prolong the longevity of the trees and to increase fruit yield.

If you are new to conservation then this workshop will provide the necessary skills training to participate fully in the restoration. More experienced conservationists will enjoy applying TLC for the benefit of this veteran orchard.

Bush Farm Orchard

Bush Farm Orchard is situated in the NE of Fryent Country Park. It is marked on a sixteenth century parish map. Since the late 1980s there has been an ongoing process of restoration by Barn Hill Conservation Group. At the present time we are thinning out the woodland trees in the orchard so that more light can reach the fruit trees and enable them to grow and develop. Bush Farm orchard has many different varieties of fruit tree. Alongside the apples (mainly Middlesex varieties) there are plums, damson, a Repton pear, Black mulberry, Bullace, Medlar plus cobnuts, and hops.

Fryent Country Park

Fryent Country Park is a designated nature reserve of over 100 hectares. It is managed by Brent Council. Barn Hill Conservation Group, a voluntary body, carry out conservation activities in the park on 50 weeks of the year. The nature reserve consists of woodland, meadows, hedgerows, orchards and over twenty ponds. 800 plant and animal species have been recorded. It is part of the Capital Ring walking route.

How to get there :

FCP is within walking distance from Wembley Football Stadium but the nearest tube station is Kingsbury on the Jubilee line. The North Circular is a short distance away and can be exited at Neasden.

1. Arriving by tube : Exit the tube station and turn right into Kingsbury Rd. Walk a short distance to Old Kenton Lane. Take the second opening on your right into Larkspur Close and walk to the end of this cul-d-sac. You are now at the Mason's Field entrance to the park. Skirt around the lefthand fringe of the field and cross over a gravel ramp into the larger arena of the nature reserve. Keeping to the left, steadily climb the hill until you reach a metalled path. Follow this path past two ponds on your left. Shortly you enter a lane. Go to the end and the gate to the orchard is on your right. **Postcode : NW9 9LS**

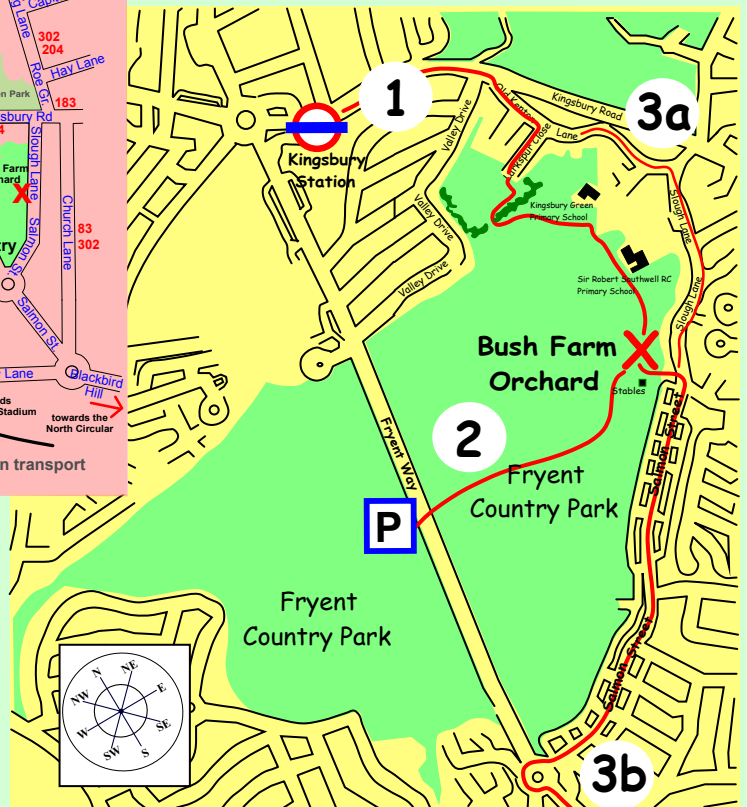
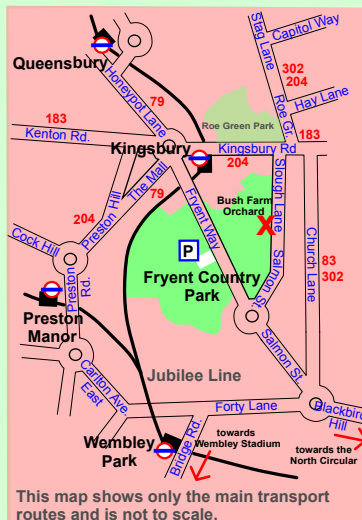
2. Arriving by car : There is a carpark halfway down Fryent Way. It is free. Once parked, cross the road at the traffic lights and enter the park at the gated barrier. Go ahead but keep left along the hedgerow. You are steadily going uphill. You are headed in a north easterly direction and looking out for fields containing horses. This is where The Stables are located and the entrance to the orchard is opposite the stables.

3a. Arriving by car/bike : Coming from Kingsbury proceed along Old Kenton Lane which then turns into Slough Lane. Where Slough Lane meets Salmon Street you will find an entrance to the park. It is a muddy driveway sandwiched between two houses. Although you can take a car down, it is best to park in one of the surrounding roads. At the end of this short driveway there is a gated barrier. Just beyond and on your left are The Stables. Opposite is the entrance to the orchard. **Postcode : NW9 8YB**

3b. Arriving by car/bike : Coming from Wembley proceed along Salmon Street until it meets Slough Lane. At which point follow the instructions for 3a. **Postcode : NW9 8YB**

On foot : The orchard can be reached from any point in Fryent Country Park heading towards its north easterly corner and looking out for The Stables.

The Orchard Heritage Restoration Workshop is funded by LEAF Community Grant Scheme and Brent council. It is supported by Barn Hill Conservation Group and organised in conjunction with The London Orchard Project which is a charity working with community groups to transform disused space. The project has planted over sixty orchards.



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