

Gunnersbury Park

Gunnersbury Park began as a walled garden around a Palladian house designed by John Webb, dating from the mid-17th century. Princess Amelia, daughter of George II, lived in the old Gunnersbury House from 1763 to 1786 and landscaped the park to late 18th century taste. On her death it passed through a number of owners until 1801 when John Morley decided to demolish the house and sell the land in 13 plots.



Alexander Copland purchased ten of the plots in 1802 and a further two in 1806 and built the Large Mansion. The remaining plot was purchased by Stephen Cosser in 1802 who formed his own separate estate. Records are unclear exactly who the Small Mansion was commissioned by but it was either Stephen Cosser or Major Alexander Morrison who purchased the estate in 1807.

In 1835, Nathan Rothschild acquired the Large Mansion and Gunnersbury Park estate and the Small Mansion estate in 1889, re-uniting the two properties.

In 1925, the Rothschilds sold the 190 acre park, including both mansions to the boroughs of Ealing and Acton, helped by a generous contribution from Middlesex County Council.

In 1926 Gunnersbury Park was opened as a public park converting features of the existing landscape as the Round Pond and Potomac into a boating and fishing lake respectively. In 1929 the present Museum in the Large Mansion was opened.

The Park is now a much loved park used by people living, working or visiting the Boroughs of Hounslow and Ealing. It is designated Grade II on the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest.

Access Information



- Flat ground
- Good condition of paths (tarmac)

**Contact CIP on 020 8894 2677 or
Gunnersbury Museum on 020 8992 1612**

Public Transport Information

- Bus: E3
- Tube: Acton Town station (District or Piccadilly Line)
- Rail: Kew Bridge Station, then a 10 minute walk across Lionel Road Bridge

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- 1 Museum (Large Mansion)
- 2 Small Mansion (public toilets)
- 3 Princess Amelia's Bath House
- 4 Mock Gothic Ruin
- 5 Stables
- 6 Orangery
- 7 Temple
- 8 Italian Gardens
- 9 Cafe

- 10 Round Pond
- 11 Shelter
- 12 Mock Gothic Ruin
- 13 Potomac Lake
- 14 Farm Dressing Room
- 15 Main Playground
- 16 Pitch and Putt



Total Route Length

1.8 miles

2.9 kilometres

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1.1 miles

0.7 kilometres

T Toilets (also disabled)

P Car Park

