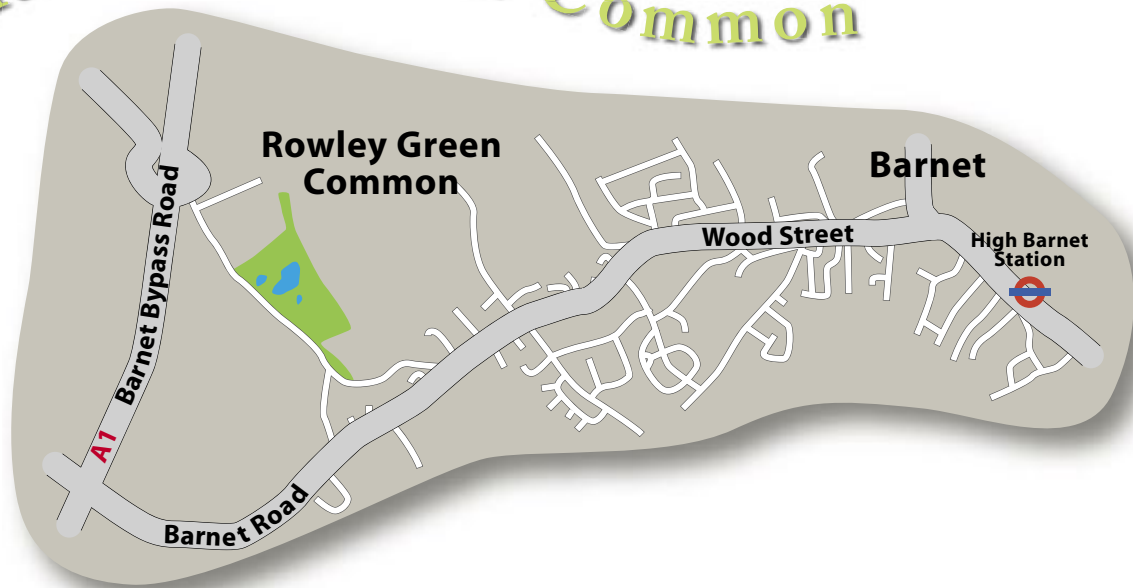


Welcome to YOUR Heathland Heritage

x Rowley Green Common



Barnet - TQ 216 960 – 4.9 ha

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Until WWII, this onetime heather and gorse dominated site was kept open by grazing cattle. Following colonisation by birch and oak, scrub and young are now predominant, but dry and wet heathland and acid grassland areas are still present.

Small scale gravel extraction in the 1930's is responsible for the series of ponds..The mix of habitats attracts a variety of birds to this small area and notable insects include the attractive Emerald dragonfly. The heath and acid grassland areas support heather, mat-grass, petty whin and pill sedge, whilst what is one of London's very few mires has at least four species of bog-moss, various rushes, purple moor-grass and star sedge - a London rarity.

In recent times, the site has been managed by the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust with the objective of maintaining and gradually extending the heathland within this small but interesting site.

The common is criss-crossed by a network of informal paths. Wellingtons are advisable.

Getting there

 New Barnet, then bus 107



High Barnet, then bus 107



107 stops at the Arkley War Memorial at the intersection of Rowley Lane and Barnet Road (1.5 km south of the reserve).

Car From the A1, take the A411 Barnet Road east from the Stirling Corner roundabout. Turn left into Rowley Lane after ~ 1.5 km. The reserve is about 1 km along on the right.

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Car park: Lay-by opposite

Look out for LHH information boards on site