Mapping Technical Note - Discover-London data layers

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Base maps

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London's Landscapes

National Character Area profiles
RSPB Futurescapes

Sites to Visit Theme

Wildlife Sites
Selected sites from GiGL's Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation database. London's important wildlife sites are recognised by the Greater London Authority and London borough councils as Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs). SINCs are London's equivalent of Local Wildlife Sites. There are three tiers of sites: Metropolitan, Borough (Grade 1 and 2) and Local. More information is provided on GiGL's non-statutory sites web pages https://www.gigl.org.uk/designated-sites/non-statutory-sincs/

This dataset represents sites designated as a SINC and is updated when London boroughs inform GiGL of changes made to their SINCs in their Local Development Frameworks. Any SINCs that are lost are removed from the dataset as soon as GiGL is informed by the London Boroughs.

The sites selected for inclusion in the Publicly Accessible Wildlife Sites map on Discover-London are those SINCs that have public access, based on information collated by GiGL. This excludes SINC sites where there is no access to the public, such as railway linesides.

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Your Local Open Spaces

Selected publicly accessible sites from GiGL's Open Space database.

GiGL manages a database of information about London's more than 12 thousand open spaces, their features and facilities. The data are updated when London boroughs, site managers, members of the public or other stakeholders inform GiGL of changes or during verification checks carried out by GiGL using other data sources. Data are updated on an on-going basis as information becomes available. For more information, see GiGL's open space data pages https://www.gigl.org.uk/open-spaces/.

The sites selected for inclusion in the Your Local Open Spaces map on Discover-London are those open spaces that have public access, based on information collated by GiGL, and are likely to have local interest in the form of Friends Of group or neighbourhood group. This excludes sites where there is no access to the public and certain primary uses. It includes primary use categories: amenity green space, common, community garden, Country Park, formal garden, park, public woodland, recreation ground and village green, plus additional sites added on a case-by-case basis.

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