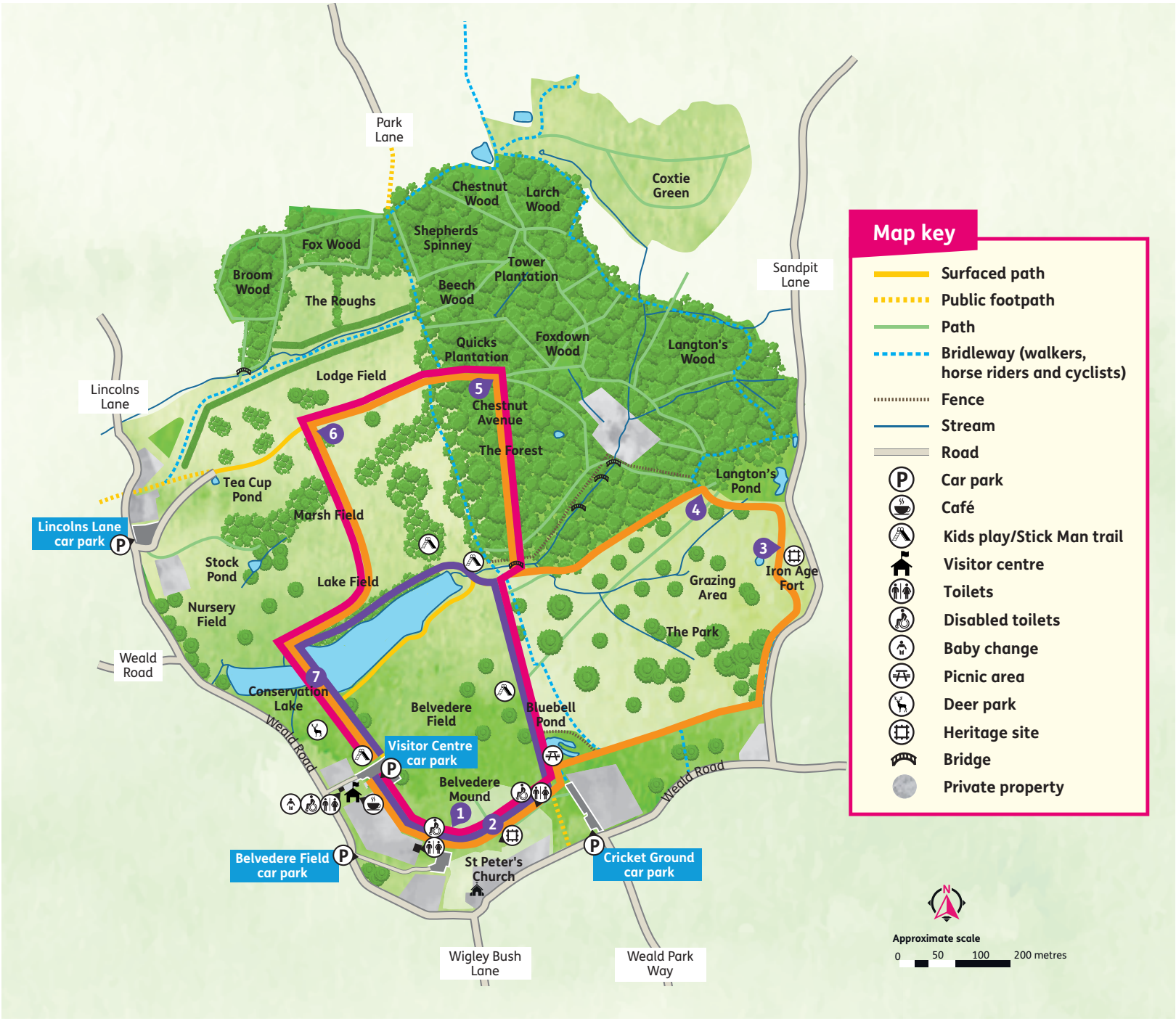


Famous for its deer park and Stick Man trail, Weald Country Park boasts spectacular views and space, covering over 520 acres of woodland, wildflower meadows and open grassland.

Choose from one of three walking routes and discover hidden gems about this beautiful park, its heritage and conservation on our interpretation boards along the way.

- Purple** (Short) 2km. Around 45 minutes.
- Pink** (Medium) 3.25km. Around one hour.
- Orange** (Long) 4km. Around one hour 30 minutes.

**All Routes:** Start at the Visitor Centre or Belvedere Field car park and head towards the first board as marked on the map, or simply join at other entry points and discover more at your leisure.



Visit the Weald Country Park Discovery Trail boards in any order. Explore different corners of the park and re-imagine the landscape as it once was. Discover the work the park rangers are doing to maintain and conserve the park for future generations.

## 1 Weald Hall – A Tudor Mansion

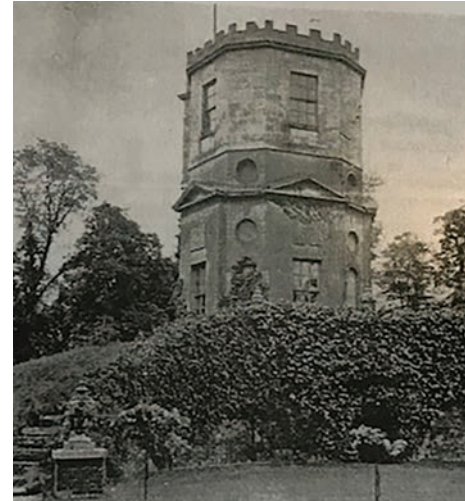
Step back in time and picture the great mansion, originally built in the Tudor period, that once dominated the land here. It was destroyed in 1950 by a large fire but some features still exist, such as the stable yard floor.



Weald Hall

## 2 The Belvedere Mound

Explore several remaining features from the remodelled Weald estate of the 18<sup>th</sup> century in this tranquil spot. Take in the remains of the folly and the stairs at the top of Belvedere Mound. To find the Ha-ha, walk down the hill towards the Cricket Ground car park.



The Belvedere Temple

## 3 The Iron Age Fort and Langton's Pond

This was once the site of an Iron Age settlement and is now a Scheduled Ancient Monument. The ancient earthwork is believed to date from between 500 BCE and 50 CE (or BC/ AD).



#### 4 The Deer Park

Weald Country Park originated from a medieval deer park, which probably dated to the 12<sup>th</sup> century when the land was owned by Waltham Abbey. The parkland is now grazed by red poll cattle and is home to wild fallow deer. A deer enclosure, built in the west of the park in 1987, to preserve the park's heritage, is now a popular attraction for visitors.



Fallow deer (Andrew Adams)

#### 5 The Forest

In the 1800s the Tower family expanded the park creating new plantations and the impressive Chestnut Avenue. The woods are now managed for conservation, and the area is rich in wildlife. It is also home to some ancient oaks and hornbeams (some are over 500-years-old).

#### 6 A History of the Landscape

Weald Country Park has been a fixture in the landscape for at least 700 years. It now boasts 520 acres of captivating open space for people to enjoy. From the earliest written records of the 12<sup>th</sup> century and formal 18<sup>th</sup> century plans to agricultural use and contemporary land management of the park today – discover more about the history of the landscape, whilst enjoying the sweeping vistas from this point in the park.



Chestnut Avenue (Andrew Adams)

#### 7 The Lakes

There are two picturesque lakes at Weald Country Park which support a variety of wildlife. The larger lake is almost a kilometre around, the smaller (known as the conservation lake) provides an important breeding habitat for amphibians.

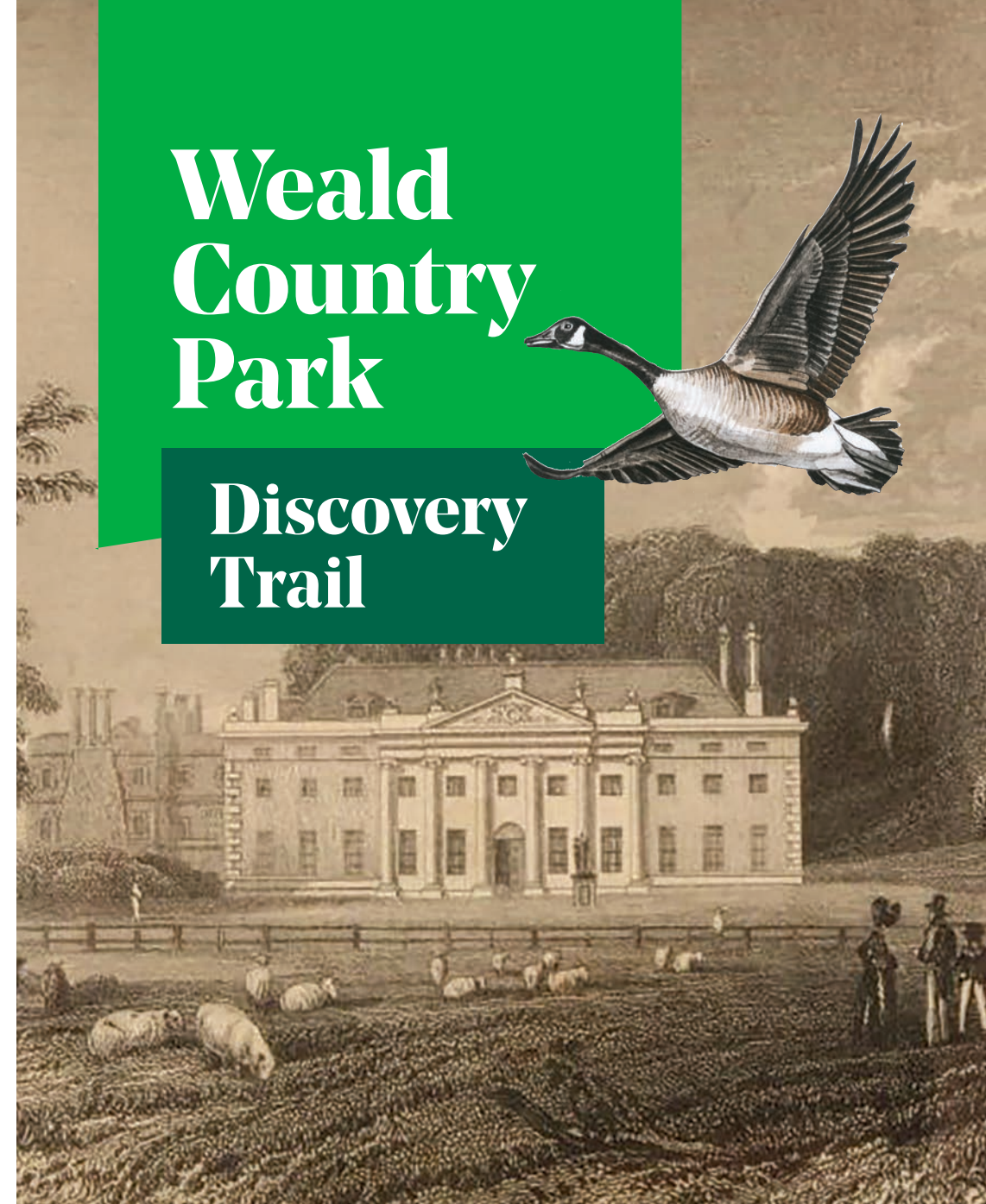


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