

Cassiobury Park Heritage Trails

The story of the park...



Arthur Capel
1st Earl of Essex
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Cassiobury became a public park in 1909. Before that it was part of the lands of Cassiobury House, home of the Earls of Essex for over 300 years.

The original lands of Cassiobury House were recorded, in John Britain's 1837 book about Cassiobury, as stretching to 693 acres including the parkland and the woodland walks, lawns and gardens immediately around the house.

Today's park comprises 190 acres of that old parkland including Whippendell Wood.

To find out more about the history of Cassiobury use the map overleaf to choose the right length of trail for you. Most of it can be done on the paved paths of the park but the sections in Whippendell woods can be muddy. On the longer walk there are a couple of short sections on single track roads.

We hope you enjoy exploring!

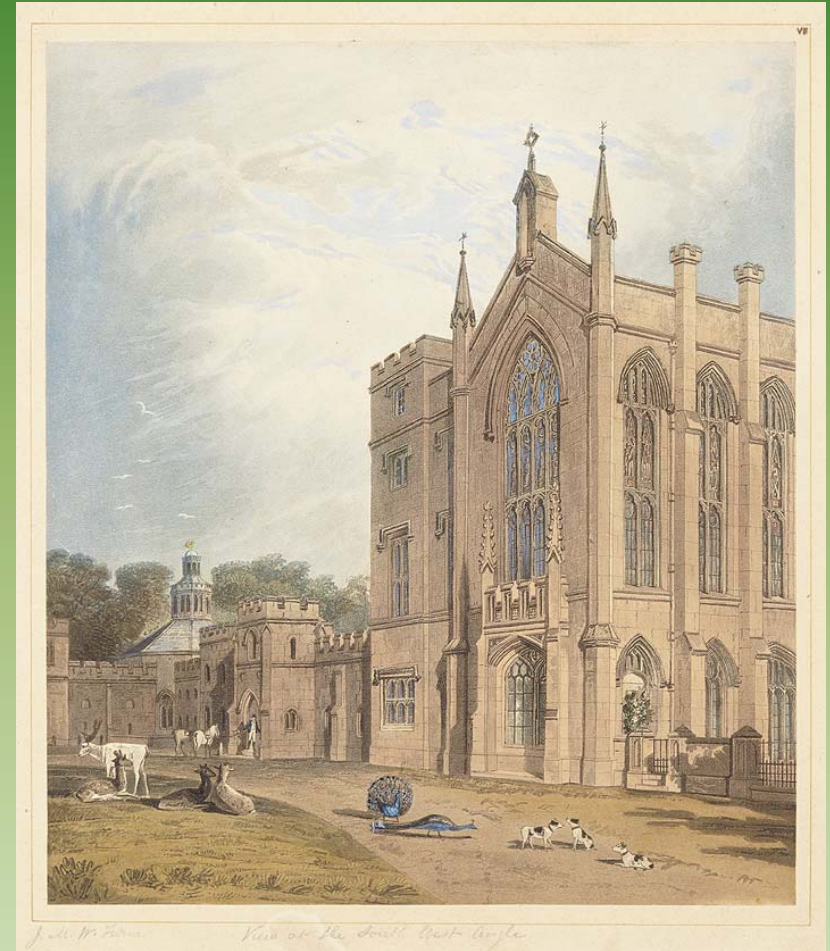
If following the trail leaves you wanting to find out even more about the history of Cassiobury, why not visit Watford Museum where you can see original portraits of the Earls of Essex, the Essex Coronets and other artefacts and pictures.

Information is also available online at www.Watford.gov.uk/cassiobury and www.cassiobury.watfordmuseum.org.uk



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Short trail (takes less than an hour)



Long trail (takes about three hours)



The Hub Opening spring 2017

Café ☕ · Toilets ♿

Padding Pools Changing Cubicles

Sports Changing Rooms

Classroom

Community Space

Park Team's Office

👑 Heritage Information Points

🐎 Perimeter Path