

Urban Ecology Trail

Trail stop 2 - White City

Commonwealth Garden

Welcome to the White City Commonwealth Garden!
White City is our largest housing estate, with over 2000 properties.

DID YOU KNOW...

The area was farmland until the early 20th century when it was transformed with 25 acres of palaces and halls. Most of these steel and concrete buildings were covered with white stucco, giving the area its name, and they were interspersed with Venetian-style canals. In 1908 they were used to host both the Summer Olympics and the Franco-British Exhibition, at which a team of physicists from Imperial College of Science and Technology (established only a year earlier) showcased their equipment. In the 1920s, Hammersmith Council built the first major housing developments in the area, the Cleverly estate and the Wormholt estate, which was created in the garden city style to be spacious and include green space.

The White City Commonwealth Garden was completed in 2019 and was developed from the ideas of the White City Tenants & Residents Association. The name takes its theme from the surrounding street names on the estate, named after countries that had featured in the 1908 exhibitions.

As you can see, it's an important space for the community, nestled in next to the White City Community Centre.

Next trail stop... [The Green Project, Wormholt Estate \(W12 7BZ\)](#)

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