

Epping Forest - Branching Out

Location

UK

Client

City of London

Budget

£6.8m

Period

2009 - Ongoing

Services

Landscape Masterplanning

Landscape Design

Implementation

Website

www.cbastudios.com

Epping Forest is the largest public open space in the London area extending to 6000 acres. It is a popular and easily accessible recreation resource as well as an international and nationally significant conservation zone. Over a 5 year period the Branching Out Project is focussing on increasing awareness of the past life and heritage of the Forest for visitors and contributing to conservation and a sustainable future for the Forest. Adjacent to the Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge, the Interpretation Centre for 'Discovering Epping Forest' will have a large exhibition area with thought provoking displays and community room for school and adult learning to provide learning experiences concerned with forest management and history and explain the Forest Retreats of the Victorian era. The Centre will be within easy reach of good public transport links, other forest hubs gateways and easy Access Trails. CBA is designing and delivering a range of landscape, access and interpretation improvements at Forest Gateways including the Chingford Hub, Bulters Retreat and others to improve visitor arrival, participation and experience. The commission has also been extended to include the development of a vision and Masterplan for the High Beach Visitor Hub. This has been prepared in consultation with local business, residents and Essex County Council.



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