



## BECK CORRIDOR CIRCUIT WALK CARD 4: CATOR CIRCUIT

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- ▷ Buddleia readily establishes on the walls and clinker; air movement along the railways contributes to the successful spread of this exotic species. The flowers are nectar-rich and benefit long-tongued insects including butterflies and moths. Broom also grows near the track (particularly visible to the southern side of the bridge); this provides nectar from early spring for bees. Bromley, on high ground above the River Ravensbourne, derives its name from this plant; the town's name means 'the heath where broom grows'.



On reaching Kings Hall Road, cross carefully and take the path opposite, between the houses, to the entrance of Cator Park, named after the Cator family of Beckenham Place. The park originally provided private landscaped grounds for the sole use of residents on the Cator Estate, but in 1932 was opened to the public. Follow the path which crosses over the Chaffinch Brook. Pass by the play area and bear right. Continue straight on towards a large waymarker sign, ignoring the path to the left. **2** At the sign, turn right along the tarmac path used by walkers and cyclists. (If no football games are being played you may choose to walk across the grass.) Continue along the path, passing the pine trees to your left. On the grass and in the trees you may see great tits, crows and gulls. At a junction of paths close to the park boundary, turn right, back towards the river. Here you may see mallard ducks or moorhens dabbling in the water and wrens in the scrub alongside. Follow the riverside path to the left and exit the park onto Lennard Road. Turn right. Cross Kings Hall Road at the pedestrian island and continue straight on through the subway, under the railway lines. **3** On emerging from the subway, cross Copers Cope Road with care and walk straight ahead along Park Road, where you rejoice Southend Road, on which the Beck Corridor Trail lies. □

