Farms and lost houses

4.3 km (2.7 miles) · about 2 h 15 min with stops · **Start:** Oxhey Chapel, Gosforth Lane · **Underfoot:** Pavements, and a short stretch of grass on the playing fields.

The farms, lodges and big house that the estate replaced, from the Oxhey Place home farm to the warren lodge of 1601. The map at southoxhey.org/map/ has an 1896 layer that shows what stood here.



Route Road Path Ancient woodland

1. **Oxhey Chapel.** Sir James Altham built the chapel in 1612. In 1889 H. J. Foley found it standing alone in a field beyond the farm.
2. **Site of Oxhey Place.** The Blackwells' mansion, finished by 1910, with about fifty rooms and a carved oak ceiling. It burned on 4 July 1960 and was pulled down that summer.
3. **Site of the home farm.** The Oxhey Place farm had a farmhouse, big barns, a granary and a cottage that had once been a dove cote. Its site is under Lincoln Drive and Matlock Crescent.
4. **Paddock Spring.** The estate's timber yard and sawpit stood at this way into the woods. One of its old cottages is said to have been the estate's first police station.
5. **Park Pond and Pond Wood.** A large pond with stepped banks lay here, where Oxhey Wood Primary School now stands. Pond Wood beside it survives.
6. **Site of Oxhey Warren.** Maps from 1896 to the 1960s show a small house called Oxhey Warren at the fork of Green Lane. The lime avenue here dates from parkland of around 1820.
7. **Oxhey Lodge.** The warren lodge "called Edeswick or Oxhey Lodge" was sold in 1601. The farmhouse stood until the late 1950s, and a short road here keeps the name.
8. **The Pavilion.** A golf clubhouse stood here from 1912, on the old farm ground. Head back south down Green Lane to the chapel.

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