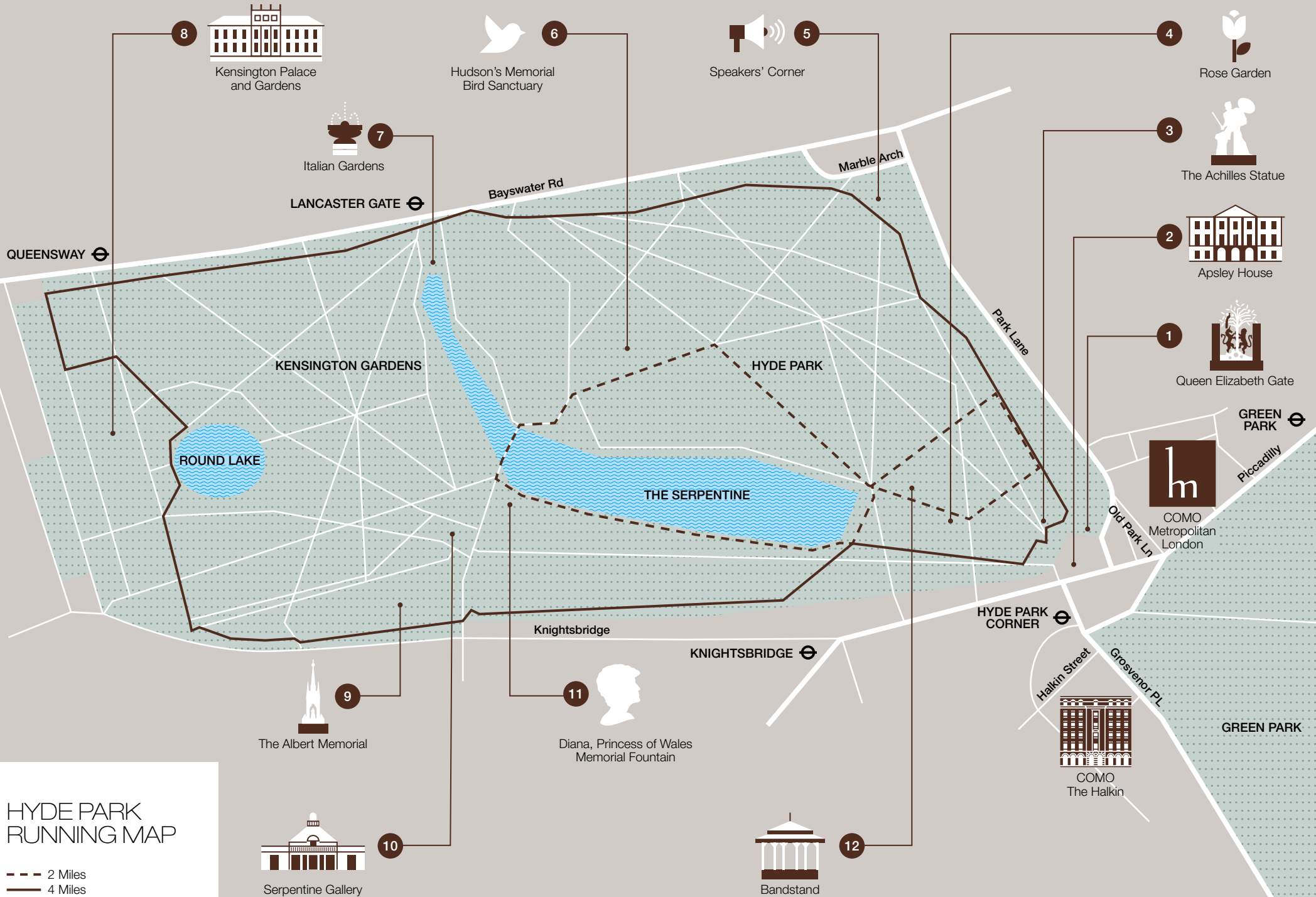


# HYDE PARK RUNNING MAP

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## HYDE PARK RUNNING MAP THINGS TO SEE ON YOUR RUN IN HYDE PARK

COMO Metropolitan London and COMO The Halkin are both only a stone's throw away from Hyde Park, where you can find leafy greenery and wide open spaces, perfect for a jog. Pick a path – whether through the flower gardens, around The Serpentine, or from sculpture to sculpture – and start running. You can also speak to our Concierge if you'd like additional recommendations or advice.

- 1 Admire the craftsmanship of the **Queen Elizabeth Gate**, an ornate entrance, with a centrepiece depicting the red lion of England and the white unicorn of Scotland.
- 2 Appreciate the preserved, stately Georgian façade of **Apsley House**, one of the grandest addresses in the capital. Home to the first Duke of Wellington and his descendants, it houses one of the finest art collections in London.
- 3 Look up at the **Achilles Statue** – the 33 tonnes of bronze used to make it were sourced from cannons captured in battle by the Duke of Wellington, who donated them for art instead of keeping them for war.
- 4 Stop and smell the roses in **The Rose Garden**, where herbaceous plants are mixed to create rich, fragrant flower beds. You will also find the Boy and Dolphin Fountain, made in 1862 by Alexander Munro, a friend of Lewis Carroll – author of *Alice and Wonderland*.
- 5 Stand at the historic **Speakers' Corner**, which has been a site for public speech, debate, protests and demonstrations since the mid-1800s. **Marble Arch** is nearby – designed based on the Arch of Constantine in Rome.
- 6 Watch birds flock to **Hudson's Memorial Bird Sanctuary**, a stone relief that commemorates writer and naturalist William Hudson. Look out for robins, blackbirds, wrens and goldcrests.
- 7 Walk through the **Italian Gardens** – Prince Albert's gift to his beloved Queen Victoria. This ornamental water garden is a mix of four main basins of marble and stone, with native water lilies, yellow irises and more flowers rooted below the water.
- 8 Catch your breath outside **Kensington Palace and Gardens**, an imposing red brick structure that is the current residence of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.
- 9 Spot the details in **The Albert Memorial**, one of London's most ornate monuments: a bronze sculpture of Prince Albert enshrined in a bejewelled structure with marble figures and friezes depicting his passions when he was alive.
- 10 Detour via the **Serpentine Gallery**, which stands just back from the lake, offering a year-round free programme of exhibitions, education and live events.
- 11 Stop at the **Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain**. The design aims to reflect her life; water flows from its highest point in two directions before collecting in a calm pool below.
- 12 Stand under the octagonal roof of the oldest **bandstand** in Britain, engineered for excellent acoustics.