

A Bird Hide for Battersea Park

Design Competition

Location: London

Completion Date: June 2007

Construction Value: £1500

As part of the 2007 Architecture Week in London we were invited to build a bird hide for Battersea Park in South London. We used routed softwood timber studs, 4' x 8' sheets of 18mm ply, nylon loading straps with ratchets and two large sheets of mirror, to form a walk-in-periscope.

The periscope idea was intended to overcome the issue of passing walkers obstructing the bird watcher's view. The use of ratchet straps as the only fixing method allowed for extremely fast construction and as no mechanical fixings were used, all of the plywood used in the construction could be reused once the hide was dismantled.



