

Hampstead Heath in visual arts

Preamble:

Most of the following pictures and Constable's paintings already feature in my research papers: 'Keats, a Regency Poet'¹ and 'The distinctive personalities of English gardens and landscapes'.²

Kenwood estate:

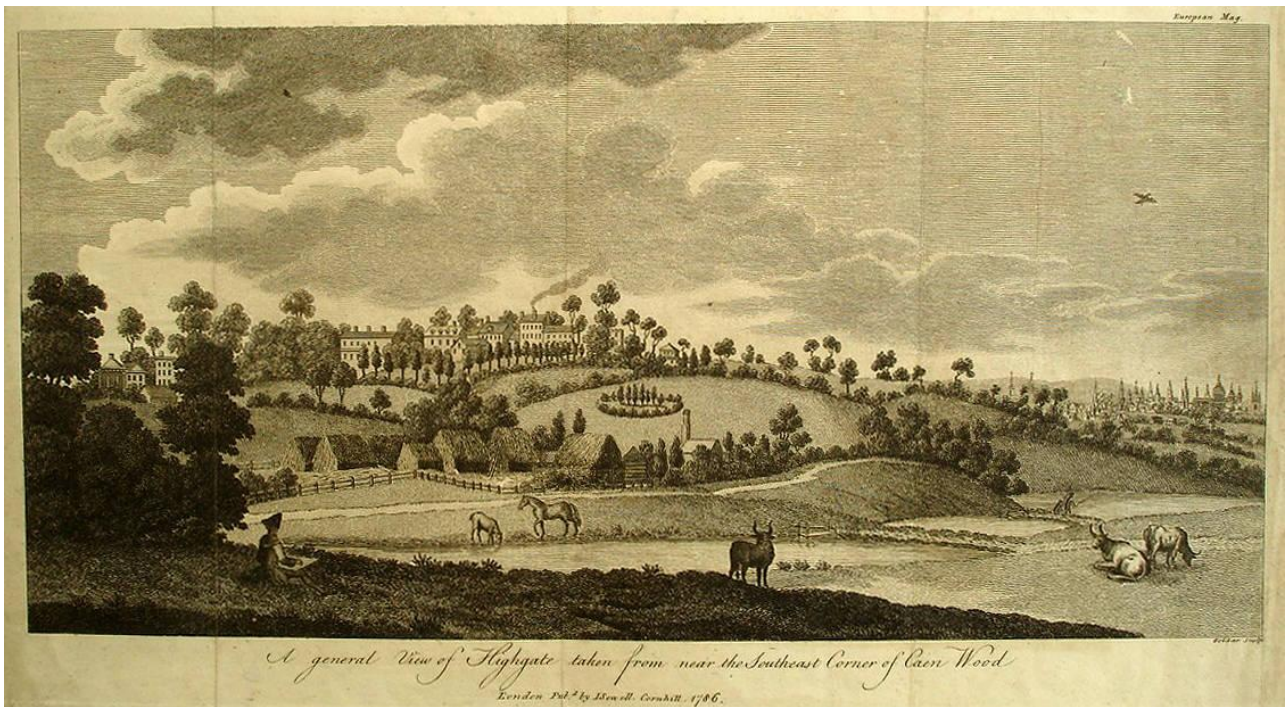


This picture and the following one, next page, come from the internet webpage dedicated to the history of Kenwood estate: [Kenwood Estate — Hampstead Heath](#).

More pictures can be found on: [Kenwood House and Estate — Hampstead Heath](#)

¹ Source: [Keats, a Regency poet – The eternal student – anglophile version](#)

² Source: [Three Sisters: Poetry, Painting and Gardening – The eternal student – anglophile version](#)



John Constable and other 19th-century painters



John Constable, *Hampstead Heath, with the House Called 'The Salt Box'*, c.1819–20 ³

³ <https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artworks/constable-hampstead-heath-with-the-house-called-the-salt-box-n01236>



John Constable, *Hampstead Heath with a Rainbow*, 1836 ⁴



John Constable, *Sir Richard Steele's Cottage, Hampstead*, (1832) ⁵

⁴ Source: <https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artworks/constable-hampstead-heath-with-a-rainbow-n01275>

⁵ Source: <http://collections.britishart.yale.edu/vufind/Record/1668080>



Constable, *The Grove, Hampstead* (1820-21) ⁶



Constable, *Trees at Hampstead* (1829) ⁷



John Constable, *Hampstead Heath with Pond and Bathers*, 1821. Kenwood House. ⁸

⁶ Source: <https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artworks/constable-the-grove-hampstead-n01246>

⁷ Source: <https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artworks/constable-trees-at-hampstead-n02659>

⁸ Source: <https://friendsofkenwood.org.uk/collection/hampstead-heath-with-pond-and-bathers/>



John Constable, *Hampstead Heath about 1830*, Kelvingrove Museum, Glasgow (own photo).



The Vale of Health by James Herbert Snell (1861-1935) ⁹

⁹ Source: [Landmarks — Hampstead Heath](#)



An English Autumn Afternoon, Ford Madox Brown 1852-1853¹⁰

¹⁰ https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ford_Madox_Brown_-_An_English_Autumn_Afternoon,_1852-1853_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg

Hampstead Heath in recent films:

Far from being exhaustive, this is only a small selection of films featuring Hampstead or/and Hampstead Heath that I watched these recent years:

- *Notting Hill* (1999): a scene was shot around Kenwood House.
- *Bright Star* (2009): scenes shot in Hampstead and the Heath (but not in Keats's House...)
- *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* (2011): a scene was shot at the ponds
- *Allied* (2016): the main two characters (played by Brad Pitt and Marion Cotillard) marry and settle down in Hampstead.
- *Bridget Jones 4: Mad About the Boy* (2024). Several scenes were shot in Hampstead and on the Heath. Interestingly, the author of the Bridget novels, Helen Fielding, lives in Hampstead.