Belfast parks walking trails

Map Key



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More information

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/parks www.walkni.com

Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park

Enjoy over 128 acres of meadows, woodland and gardens on a range of scenic walking trails throughout this historic park. The City of Belfast International Rose Garden is a must see and the children's playground will tick all the right boxes for younger visitors. Refreshments are available from Stables Coffee Shop beside the lower car park where you can replenish all that spent energy.



These trails are situated in a woodland environment and may be subject to temporary diversion and closures. In such circumstances, please ensure that all safety signage is complied with. Please keep your dog under control at all times, be considerate of other trail users and always follow the principles of 'Leave No Trace'.

Garden Trail



Meadow Trail



Woodland Trail



Trail grades			
All ability	Easy	Moderate	Strenuous
Suitable for Most people in good health including those with limited mobility and baby buggies.	Suitable for Most people in good health. Accessible with some baby buggies.	Suitable for A good standard of fitness can help.	Suitable for Higher level of fitness and stamina.
Surface type Sealed surfaces such as asphalt or compacted stone. Even and consistent throughout.	Surface type Sealed surface i.e. compacted stone.	Surface type Variable but stable surface, may be slightly uneven and include loose material.	Surface type Extremely variable and uneven including large loose material including rocks and roots.
Gradient Relatively flat.	Gradient Relatively flat but may include some short steep climbs and descents.	Gradient Includes some steep climbs and descents.	Gradient Includes long steep climbs and descents.

1.1 miles / 1.8 km Easy

Starting at the upper car park, this short trail leads through the quaint Japanese Garden (unsuitable for those with limited mobility) before passing to the right of Wilmont House. Continue along the lawn path before turning right towards the Golden Crown Fountain commissioned for the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Walk along the perimeter of the walled garden (always on your left) before sweeping back up along Azalea Walk with the children's playground on your right. Turn right at the T-junction, follow the path between the Yew Hedges to a crossroads where you can follow the orange waymarkers back to the upper car park.

1.78 miles / 2.9 km Moderate

This trail begins at the lower car park and leads up the main drive with the children's playground on your left. Passing Wilmont House (again on your left), the trail sweeps to the right over the stone bridge towards the gate lodge before turning left to follow the park perimeter. Look out for orchids, speedwells, clovers and hayrattle as you walk through the meadows. Turn left after the concrete bridge to make your way down to the River Lagan where you will turn left again to follow the wide path back towards the lower car park and coffee shop.

1.93 miles / 3.1 km Moderate

The woodland trail leaves the lower car park and follows the main drive with the children's playground on your left before veering right to follow the park perimeter towards the upper car park. Take care when crossing over the vehicle entrance to the upper car park and continue towards the gate lodge where you will re-join with the Meadow Trail. Enjoy the flora and fauna on offer through these magnificent meadows before turning right into more dense woodland after the concrete bridge at waymarker 15. This section of woodland trail includes some steep climbs and descents however also offers splendid views over the entire park.



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