

- 1 Redbridge Wharf
- 2 Green Park
- 3 Mansel Park
- 4 Green Lane Copse
- 5 Lordshill Outdoor Rec
- 6 Bakers Drove / Cromarty Pond
- 7 Lordswood Greenway
- 8 Golf Course
- 9 Sports Centre
- 10 Alder Moor Road
- 11 Olive Road Rec
- 12 Lordsdale Greenway
- 13 Shirley Pond
- 14 St James Park
- 15 St James Churchyard
- 16 Cedar Lodge
- 17 Millbrook Old Cemetery
- 18 Millbrook Rec
- 19 Freshfield Road
- 20 Freemantle Lake Park
- 21 Southampton Old Cemetery
- 22 Southampton Common
- 23 The Avenue
- 24 Little Mongers Park / Rockstone Place
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- 29 Town Quay & Cuckoo Lane
- 30 Vokes Memorial Garden
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- 32 Northam Doorstep Green
- 33 Northam Bridge
- 34 Lawn Road
- 35 Portswood Rec
- 36 Broadlands Valley
- 37 Daisy Dip
- 38 Bassett Wood Greenway
- 39 Monks Brook Greenway
- 40 Mansbridge Reservoir
- 41 Octavia Road
- 42 Monks Path Meadows
- 43 Woodmill Activity Centre
- 44 Riverside Park
- 45 Janaway / Pettinger Gardens
- 46 Bitterne Manor
- 47 Sports Zone
- 48 Chessel Bay
- 49 Peartree Green
- 50 Veracity Ground
- 51 Freemantle Common
- 52 Hum Hole
- 53 Deep Dene
- 54 Frogs Copse
- 55 Cutbush Hidden Pond
- 56 Bitterne Sports Ground
- 57 Bacon Hill Woodland Park
- 58 Harefield Woods
- 59 Thornhill Park
- 60 Hinkler Green
- 61 Dumbletons Copse
- 62 Donkey Common
- 63 Shoreburs Greenway
- 64 Sholing Doorstep Green
- 65 Butts Road Rec
- 66 Millers Pond
- 67 Mayfield Park
- 68 Archery Rec
- 69 Jurds Lake
- 70 Weston Shore
- 71 Westwood Greenway
- 72 Sullivan Road Rec
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PARK FACILITIES KEY

- Play area
- Water fun
- Funfair
- Multi use sports court
- Skateboarding
- BMX stunt riding
- Fitness equipment
- Water sports
- Sports pitches
- Tennis courts
- Lawn bowls
- Golf
- Walking
- Cycle route
- View / vista
- Nature conservation
- Educational site
- Dog agility course
- Fishing
- Kite / model aircraft flying suitable
- Formal park
- Historical interest
- Refreshments
- Ice-cream
- Toilets
- Restricted access
- Further leaflet description
- Skiing

Southampton Parks and Green Spaces

Southampton Water

CENTRAL PARKS

The award winning, Grade 11* listed Central Parks were established between 1854 and 1866 on the ancient field known as Lammas Lands. These were the fields of the ancient medieval town that were cultivated privately for six months each year until Lammas Day, August 1, when they became available for common grazing. There are 5 Central Parks, each with their own unique features, and together cover 21 hectares.

West Park or Watts Park

Features public art works and monuments including the Cenotaph and the monument of Isaac Watts, a famous author, educator, philosopher and writer of hymns who was born and educated in Southampton. The sculpture 'Enclosure' by Paul De Monchaux was commissioned under the heritage Lottery scheme and the four meter high stone sculpture frames and the four skyline landmarks in and around the park.

The memorial wall that surrounds the Cenotaph commemorates an additional 371 names from WWI, 927 names of those who died in WWII and 3 names from later conflicts.

On the south west corner is the green and gold privet hedge lined Millvina Dean Memorial Garden. Millvina was the youngest and last surviving passenger of the Titanic disaster. The garden features plants of many colours, aromas and textures and is a tranquil setting near the entrance to the Sea City Museum.

East Park or Andrews Park

Retains its Victorian heritage of planting with trees, shrubs, rose beds, herbaceous plants, spring and summer bulbs, bedding, ferns, grasses and bamboos. In Spring the park features a stunning wisteria walkway with cascading trusses of blooms. Other features include the Queens Peace Fountain, the memorial dedicated to the engineers on the Titanic and an Alpine rockery with two ponds, an ornamental fish pond and a more natural pond to encourage wildlife. There is also a café, miniature golf course and hard court games area.

Hoglands Park

is the village green of Central Parks with cricket squares and kick about area and is popular for visiting attractions such as the fun fair and circus as well as annual events such as the Mela Festival. There is a skateboard park and a pavilion used as a drop in Centre for young people and the buildings have been painted by local street artists adding to the appeal for younger park visitors. The park boundaries are planted with native species and managed to encourage wildlife.

Houndwell Park

Has a large all ability play area that provides amazing play facilities in the centre of our busy city. The fully inclusive play area has been designed to provide children with imaginative and challenging play opportunities recognising the city's heritage.

At the southern end stands the 50 feet high fluted Doric columned gas column, subscribed as a tribute to William Chamberlayne, MP for the town 1818 – 1829.

Palmerston Park

Celebrates Spring with acid soil loving plants such as camellias, rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias and witch hazels. This much loved park joins the busy Above Bar Street and at this densely planted northern end stands a statue of the former Prime Minister, the 3rd Viscount Palmerston. A prominent feature of this park is the bandstand which is often used for formal and informal events.

Queens Park, Vokes Park, Mayflower Park & Town Quay

The land on which Queens Park is located was part of a larger compartment of fields held by God's House and was known as God's House meadow. After the dissolution of the monasteries, the Queen's College Oxford acquired the God's House properties. Ownership of Porter's Meadow was acquired by the corporation and laid out for use as a public park in May 1885 and named Queen's Park.

The contemporary landscaping of Vokes Park next to Dock Gate 4, offers views across the water for viewing the arrival and departure of the cruise ships.

Mayflower Park

Sits on the water's edge and is a popular place for visitors to watch famous cruise liners set sail. The park hosts the annual Southampton Boat Show as well as music festivals, firework displays, circuses and other family events. Town Quay Park, with views over the water, is surrounded by the City's medieval vaults and walls and features a small garden dedicated to the Huguenots.

Mayfield Park

The park, which opened in 1938, was formerly the grounds of Mayfield House built for Robert Wright in 1854. Through the main gate the park features formal bedding, a horticultural therapy unit and nursery, a beautiful spring garden walk with camellias, rhododendrons, bluebells and other early flowering plants and a Bowling club with an excellent green. From the end of the bowling green there is a vista across the playing field towards the Obelisk, commemorating Charles Fox the radical politician. On the edge of the playing field is a multi use games area and fenced children's play area.

Sports Centre and Golf Course

80ha of sports area and open space with woods and views across the valley. Laid out with tracks, courts and pitches for formal sporting activities and enjoyed by many visitors for other leisure activities such as dog walking and rambling in the more informal areas.

The Golf Course

Designed by five-time Open Championship winner J H Taylor. The club was established in 1935 and still remains one of the finest courses in the area today.

Southampton Common & Old Cemetery

With a history dating back to Saxon times Southampton Common is a much loved and well used green space. The 365 acres features woodland, wet and dry meadow, heathland and open water and is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The Common is managed both for nature conservation and leisure activities both informal recreation and larger events such as the annual Race for Life and large scale music events on the area known as The Flats. Visitors can enjoy the large open spaces for a kick about or the more tranquil areas for quite walks or a family picnic. Other features include The Hawthorns Urban Wildlife Centre & Café, Fishing Lake, Orienteering Route, marked jogging route and a children's natural play area.

In 1843 An Act of Parliament was required to acquire the land for the Cemetery from Southampton Common. The social history of Southampton is reflected through the various graves and memorials including those that gave their life in the service of their country, victims and survivors of the Titanic disaster and the unmarked pauper's graves from the Victorian workhouses. The Cemetery had three chapels – Church of England and Nonconformist, and a Lodge for the curator. The Jewish chapel was added, to adjoin the Lodge. There is an active friends group that carryout some of the management and grave clearing and will help locate graves for those researching their family history.

Riverside Park & Woodmill

A popular park along the bank of the River Itchen from Cobden Bridge to Mansbridge. The river is tidal between Cobden Bridge and Woodmill. The 32 hectare linear park includes football pitches, cricket pitches, a tennis court, skate park and three play areas. The Southampton and District Society of Model Engineers run a miniature railway, open to the public, on Sunday afternoons during the summer months. The River Itchen, a designated as Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is recognised internationally as an important habitat for wildlife such as salmon, water voles, kingfishers and dragonflies. A wide variety of wildlife can be viewed from the park's popular riverside pedestrian and cycle routes. Visitors can also access the river from the park, using the pontoon, for canoeing. The area below Woodmill is tidal and brackish with fresh water above the mill. Fishing is permitted on both stretches of the river providing anglers hold the correct rod license and observe the closed season.

There has been a mill on this site since Saxon times and has been used at various times for the grinding of flour or as a sawmill. Today the building is home to the outdoor activity centre. The enclosed education area provides a haven for wildlife including roe deer, badgers and water voles.

Visitors can walk the Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail from Woodmill to Winchester. The trail is a Heritage Lottery project managed by the Wildlife Trust, preserving an internationally important chalk river system.

Chessel Bay

A designated Local Nature Reserve (LNR) Chessel Bay is the only remaining stretch of natural shoreline with extensive mudflats in the lower River Itchen. At low tide the mudflats provide major feeding grounds for wading birds and wildfowl. The reserve also contains the only salt marsh vegetation within the city and a small area of woodland.

Sholing Valley

Situated on the east side of the city the five acre site was designated a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) in 2012. With strong community activity the area supports a large diversity of flora and fauna with semi natural woodland, amenity grassland areas and the large Millers Pond, which is popular with anglers.

Greenways

Greenways are ribbons of open space that follow stream valleys. They form valuable breaks in the built up area and in some cases reach out into the open countryside beyond. They provide areas for recreation and enhance Southampton's landscape and provide a green corridor for wildlife. There are eight Greenways and you can find more information of where to access them on our website.

GREEN SPACES GUIDE

Our parks and open spaces are for all to enjoy so please take care not to disturb other park users or cause damage to the trees and plants or other park features.

Ball games and play areas

Most of our green spaces is open and free for informal sport and leisure activities. Most formal pitches and courts need to be booked in advance.

BBQs

In our larger District and City Parks you will find designated areas for barbecuing and we ask that you stick to these areas so that other users can enjoy their visit to the park. In all other green spaces or where there is no clear instruction, we ask that you take a sensible approach to where you have your barbecue and take care not to cause damage to the ground and dispose of your rubbish in the park bin or take it home with you.

Bins

General use bins are provided throughout most parks and many green spaces. These can be used for general rubbish and bagged dog waste.

Camping, tents and gazebos

Without prior consent from the Council you are not allowed to put up tents or erect or construct any other type of shelter in our parks and green spaces.

Cycling

We welcome considerate cyclist on permitted cycling paths. Please keep your speed to 10mph and always give way to pedestrians.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome in the parks and open spaces providing you clean up after your dog they are kept under control. There are areas, such as children's play areas and cemeteries where dog control orders are in place. Please check individual park notices.

Events

We welcome organized events in our parks. If you would like to hold an event or find out what events are happening visit our webpages

Feeding the wildlife – We would prefer that you don't feed the wildlife as it is much better for them to find natural food for themselves and any leftover food will attract rats.

Fishing

There are several areas in Southampton where you can fish for free, providing you have the appropriate license. Details can be found on our website.