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Why you love Pendle’s parks

“Like the park because I can relax and play bowls.”

“Like going to find the lion in Marsden Park and playing on the swings.”

“Walverden is our local park. It’s good for walking in the peace and quiet.”

Be our friend!

Do you enjoy spending time in Pendle’s parks? Have fun meeting new people? With a little time to spare? Then we’d love you to be our Friend!

Pendle has eight active Friends of Parks groups who are always ready to welcome new members. Friends of the Parks are volunteers who dedicate some of their time and energy into helping us care for and improve their local park.

It’s not all digging holes and planting: we need friends who have organisational skills to help with events in the parks, and admin or financial skills.

Whatever you can offer, you’re sure of a friendly welcome.

To find out more about becoming a Friend of the Parks, call (01282) 661569 or 661600 or visit www.pendle.gov.uk/parks.

Volunteer days – get involved!

We run regular volunteer days in our parks, appealing to local people and organisations to help us with clean-ups and small scale improvements.

The type of projects we need your help with include the relaying of footpaths, river clean-ups and some planting. To find out more call (01282) 661569 or look on our website.

Facilities for people with disabilities

Many of our parks are suitable for people with disabilities, with wheelchair friendly pathways and dedicated disabled parking spaces. On our playgrounds some swings are DDA compliant.

Bag it, bin it!

Please use bins in our parks to clear up after your dog and help keep our parks clean and safe. You can put bagged dog waste into litter bins, not just dog waste bins. Thank you.

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Here's a little taster of what each of our eleven parks has to offer you.

Heyhead Park, Brierfield BB9 5BW

Set in an urban area, this park is mainly lawned with mature trees lining the paths. In its elevated position on the road out of Brierfield, you can take in some spectacular views of Pendle Hill and the surrounding countryside. Heyhead’s main attractions are its two tennis courts, children’s playgrounds suitable for children up to 14 years, a ball court and a bowling green.

Barrowford Memorial Park BB9 6EW

This park has a lovely lake and wetland area where you can spot moorhen, ducks and coots. The fish pass installed at the park encourages fish species, including trout, eels, bullhead and stone loach, in Pendle Water to move freely up and down the river system, helping them to thrive. The park has a bowling green, two children's playgrounds suitable for children up to 14 years, and some outdoor fitness equipment for adults to burn off a few calories too! When it’s time to relax, there’s a picnic area where you can gaze over the wildflower area. And the newly Pendle Heritage Centre offers visitors to the park toilets and a café for refreshments.

Marsden Park, Nelson BB9 6BW

Marsden Park is the largest of Pendle’s Parks. It’s blessed with many historical and architectural features including a pseudo-Roman spa bath, an ornamental pond and marsh area, many elaborate stone carvings and one of only nine lossoxshard sundials in the world. There’s plenty to do here with five tennis courts, two bowling greens and a children’s playground. There are also woodland walks to enjoy, Marsden Hall sits within the park. Dating back to 1505, the hall is now home to the Marsden Park Forest School, run by a local charity.

Alkincoats Park, Colne BB8 3QQ

A large open park with plenty of recreational space, Alkincoats’ main attractions are its tennis courts, a bowling green, the bandstand and Green’s café. The park also has an excellent playground suitable for children aged up to 14 years. The park has its own public orchard, planted with apple, pear and plum trees, and there’s a stunning wildflower area. And the walled garden with its perfectly placed seating offers wonderful panoramic views over Pendle. Beautiful!

Walverden Park, Nelson BB9 9JY

A woodland park in an urban area, Walverden Park has lovely wooded walkways and a river. The name Walverden means ‘Wolves’ Den’ and relates to wolves populating the area many years ago. Today the park is home to four sculptures carved in wood, including a wolf. Can you spot the other three? Walverden Park also has a multi use games area, a junior play area with equipment for children up to the age of 12 years, an adventure playground for children aged between 12 and 16 years, a wildflower area and a storytelling area. And for grown-ups there’s the Trim Trail, a series of walks around the park to help you keep in shape.

Letcliffe Park, Barnoldswick BB8 5HE

This park is Pendle’s only country park. Situated on a beautiful hillsides, Letcliffe commands breathtaking panoramic views of both the Lancashire and Yorkshire countryside. The park is home to a wide range of wildlife: kestrels, wood warblers, goldcrests, redwings and stoats live here, as well as a whole host of other animals and insects. At Letcliffe you’ll also find a hedged bandstand, picnic sites and children’s play area with equipment suitable for children up to the age of 14 years.

Victoria Park, Nelson BB9 6DG

Just half a mile from the centre of Nelson, Victoria Park is an urban park with several interesting features. There’s the Grade 2 Listed bandstand, built at the turn of the 20th century, which is still used for events in the park today. There’s also a ball court, a children’s play area and three health walk routes. A community enterprise café is planned, giving an added attraction for visitors. The park’s lake attracts many species of wildfowl throughout the year, including swans, mallards, coots, tufted ducks, goosanders and occasionally cormorants.

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This park was formerly opened in May 1953, as part of the town’s celebrations for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Home to Barnoldswick Town Football Club, Barnoldswick Cricket Club and West Craven Warnoms Rugby Club, Victory Park has a wealth of sporting facilities offering football pitches, rugby pitches and a cricket square. There is also a junior cycleway, a ball court, a children’s play area and a floodlit wheels park designed by local young people with ramps and a free style area. Victory Park has previously hosted the Ride With Brad cycling event, with Olympic medalist Sir Bradley Wiggins.

Ball Grove Park, Trawden BB8 7BS

Situated close to seven hectares of community woodland, this park is an ideal destination for walkers. There’s also a millpond and a lake, which was once used by a local tannery. This gives the park massive wildlife potential, as does the large area above Ball Grove designated as a Local Nature Reserve. Add to that a picnic area, toilets and a play area suitable for children up to 14 years, and you’ve got a great day out!

Sough Park BB8 6XJ

A formal Victorian style park. Sough Park’s trees, flowerbeds and shrub beds produce some of the best formal park scenes in Pendle. There’s something for everyone here: the park has a bowling green, tennis courts, a football pitch, a children’s play area and a skate park with ramps and jumps. The park also houses a renovated war memorial.

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