



Victoria Park

Points of interest

The idea of creating a public park near the River Connswater in east Belfast was first suggested by the Harbour Commissioner in 1854. However the land set aside was very marshy and inaccessible. Following a lot of negotiations and drainage works, Victoria Park opened in 1906.

The open water in Victoria Park is part of the Belfast Lough Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) project.

The poetry trail features ten nature-themed poems written by local primary school pupils and is etched onto metal plaques.

Sam Thompson Bridge

Links Victoria Park to the Harbour Estate and Titanic Quarter. It is named after a local east Belfast shipyard worker and playwright.

Every Saturday the *parkrun* event takes place. This is a lapped, marked trail for runners and walkers.

There are two routes around the park which begin at the carpark and make an inner and an outer loop around the lake.

Inner route

0.9 mile, 1.5 km, circular

Cross the footbridge over the lake and turn right. Follow the line of the path as it follows through the trees and along the line of the lake. The path will lead you back to the starting point.

Outer route

1 mile, 1.6 km, circular

Face the lake, and follow the sandstone-coloured path to the right. This path forms part of the Connswater Community Greenway. Continue on the path passing the bowling green, the children's playground and a BMX track. Continue on the path as it sweeps around the edge of the park. The pathway sits on the embankment between the lake and Conn's Water. It will lead you back to the carpark.

