

The Hollow and Dixon Playing Fields

Greenways are traffic-free routes for use by pedestrians and cyclists and they provide an amenity suitable for people of all abilities due to smooth surfaces and wide paths. The **Connswater Community Greenway (CCG)** is 16km of continuous cycle and walkway through east Belfast and is a valuable asset for schools in the surrounding areas.

The Greenway can be described as a **wildlife corridor**, a green path in an urban area that encourages and supports wildlife that might not have otherwise lived here.



The Hollow

History: The Hollow is a site of particular interest as the point that the Connswater meets the two tributaries, the **Knock and Loop Rivers**. It is also a site of historical interest with links to Van Morrison and Conn O'Neill, with the **Conn O'Neill bridge** is recorded as being built in the late 1800s.

Biodiversity: The Hollow is a special area with thriving biodiversity both in the river, along the river banks and in the surrounding trees. One way we monitor biodiversity is through a monthly '**kick sampling**' session in which we inspect the tiny invertebrate that live in the water.

- Getting there: the Hollow can be accessed by foot at the following entrances:
- the main entrance on the Greenway off the Beersbridge Road
- the entrance off Abetta Parade
- via the Hutchinson bridge off Linen Gardens.
- Parking: there is a small car park off Abetta Parade
- Toilet facilities: there are no public toilets at this space
- Health & safety: We advise everyone to avoid going in the water as it can be unsafe and unstable.

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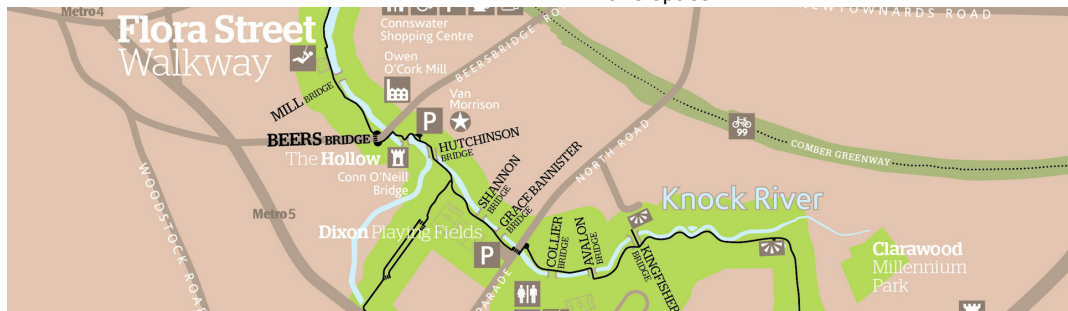
Contact us at the email address for more info about the following activities:

- Rivers and Bridges tours
- Kick sampling
- Bird watching

Dixon Playing Fields



- Getting there: Dixon Playing Fields can be accessed via the Connswater Community Greenway at Grand Parade or Woodcot Avenue. There is also access using one of three bridges in Dixon Park.
 - Hutchinson Bridge at Woodcot Avenue and coming from The Hollow
 - Shannon Bridge & Grace Bannister Bridge, both off Dunraven Gardens
- Parking: There is a large car park accessed via Grand Parade (opposite the Go Station) offering access to Dixon Playing Fields.
- Playing Fields: Dixon Playing Fields are soccer pitches located on the Greenway and can be booked by contacting Belfast City Council following this [link](#)
- Toilet facilities: there are no public toilets at this space



For more info visit [EastSide Greenways Interactive Map](#) of the Connswater Community Greenway or email greenway@eastsidepartnership.com

