

Victoria Park

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 path along the Greenway is accessible due to the smooth surfaces, dropped curbs where road crossing is required, wide paths and clearly labelled signage.

Victoria Park is a designated **Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI)** and is part of the **Special Protection Area (SPA)**. It has an abundance of wildlife, making it an important element in the biodiversity of the Greenway. Victoria Park is a 15 minute walk from C.S. Lewis Square along the Greenway, passing James Ellis Bridge and entering the park at the main entrance.

- Getting there: Victoria Park can be accessed by foot at the following entrances:
 - Via the underpass at Kyle Street
 - Via Sam Thompson Bridge from the Airport Road
 - Via Sydenham Footbridge
- Parking: You can drive through the underpass at Kyle Street to access the car park (note - cars only, no busses will fit through the underpass)
- Toilet facilities: Accessible public toilets are available on site at the car park but please note the cost to access toilets is £0.20.
- Event spaces: the Pavilion and the Marquee are available for booking and you can contact us for more information (the Pavilion is £24/hour).
- Health & safety: There is a public access defibrillator in Victoria Park in the car park
- Walks: There are two walking trails around the lake
- Eco trail: the Victoria Park ecotrail was created with NI Orienteering, who aim to provide an opportunity to develop an awareness, appreciation and understanding of the local natural and built environment
 - More information on our website or by clicking [here](#).

Facilities: Victoria Park has a range of facilities for public use:

- Playing fields with soccer pitches
- Basketball courts
- Bowling Green
- A cycling and BMX track
- Play Park near the Sydenham Bypass pedestrian entrance

The playing fields in the inner island have several soccer pitches which can be booked with BCC by completing this [booking form](#).



Wildlife: Victoria Park and CCG are fantastic places to see birds and other wildlife including:

- Water birds, including mute swan, coot, moorhen, mallard, tufted duck and dabchick
- Waders, including oystercatcher and redshank
- Parkland birds, including blue tit, great tit, goldfinch, chaffinch and reed bunting



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