



DERBY ARBORETUM



Playground

Sports

Heart of the Park

Events

Community Garden

Rich history

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WELCOME TO DERBY ARBORETUM

The Arboretum, Britain's oldest public park, is cared for by an enthusiastic team who are committed to providing a vibrant and active park, enjoyed by many people.

The Arboretum opened its doors to the public on Thursday 17 September 1840.

The park has a beautiful heritage landscape and a superb collection of trees, listed in the tree catalogue.

The Arboretum has something for everyone combining history, culture and modern facilities within a thriving, lively and welcoming setting.



OPENING TIMES

Historic Park: Open all year

Apr – May, 8am – 8pm

Jun – Aug, 8am – 9pm

Sep – Oct, 8am – 8pm

Nov – Mar, 8am – 6pm

Rosehill Recreation Ground: Open all year

THE HISTORY OF DERBY ARBORETUM

The Arboretum was the first public park in England, opened in 1840 and donated to the people of Derby by the renowned mill owner and philanthropist Joseph Strutt.

Joseph Strutt named this public area 'The Arboretum' although it is now known as Derby Arboretum. The Arboretum was designed by John Cladius Loundon, who created a historic, unique and varied landscape in picturesque style. Loundon created a naturalistic environment which reflects a walk in the countryside with an element of discovery.



An important quality of the Arboretum was its role as a botanical collection within an attractive parkland setting. The recreation ground is an exceptionally early example of playing fields envisaged as part of a public park and is, therefore, also of particular historical interest.

In 2005 a restoration programme of the Arboretum was completed through Heritage Lottery funding. This resulted in the rejuvenation of the historical buildings and landscape and the provision of new facilities, including the Heart of the Park building, a café, changing rooms, a new play area, sports courts and educational facilities in Grove Street Lodge.

NATURE IN DERBY ARBORETUM

The Arboretum is situated within a dense urban area and provides a vital environment for wildlife close to the city centre. Throughout the park the trees and shrubbery offer food, roosting and nesting sites for a wide variety of birds, including Goldfinch and Fieldfare.



Visit the wildlife area, which is a dedicated part of the park with a conservation focus. There is a pond with a wetland soak away and marginal planting. A dipping platform has been installed to support environmental activities, allowing easy access.

The Arboretum has a superb collection of trees, some of which were planted in the 19th century! One specimen of Caucasian Lime is the tallest tree of its type in Britain. Download a free tree trail leaflet at inderby.org.uk/parks

There are lots of organised activities such as walks, nature trails, and pond dipping in the spring and summer for pre-booked groups.

GET INVOLVED

FRIENDS OF DERBY ARBORETUM

Get involved in your park by joining the friends group. As a friend of the park you can help with events, activities and have your say about Derby Arboretum.

The Friends of Derby Arboretum take care of the community garden, situated on the former bowling green, and welcome everyone to take part in the gardening.

The garden is a mixture of herbs and herbaceous plants, which are attractive to wildlife as well as establishing a new community orchard with fruiting trees.

To find out more information on the friends group, or to join, email friendsderbyarbo@gmail.com

ARBORETUM ARTS

The Orangery is home to Arboretum Arts, the Arboretum's artist residency programme. They are open to all forms of creative activity, most particularly those that are in some way harmonious with the environment or heritage of the park. Artists can make residency requests at arboretumarts.co.uk

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We welcome your thoughts, comments and suggestions on Derby Arboretum. Call us on **01332 640789** or email parks@derby.gov.uk

Phone: 01332 640789

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SEE YOU SOON!



**“A beautiful and stunning park,
so proud to have this amazing
park on my doorstep.”**

Yvonne, Google Review

HOW TO GET THERE

The park is a short walk from Derby City centre or from Derby Train Station.

By bus - There are regular buses to Grove Street, Arboretum from Derby City Centre.

By car - Sat Nav: **DE23 8EL**

PARKING

Grove Street Car Park is pay and display, charges apply every day including Bank Holidays.

Disabled parking bays are available, free parking with a blue badge displayed.

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Please contact us if you need this information in any other format, style or language.

For details of individual activities and attractions on the park, please check our website as opening dates, times and prices vary throughout the year.



ACTIVITIES

- Play Area
- Climbing Boulder
- Tree Trail Start
- Pond dipping
- Cricket
- Grass Football Pitch
- Astro-turf Sports Court
- Tarmac Tennis Court

LANDMARKS

- Herbaceous Garden
- Community Garden
- Caucasian Lime Tree
- Arboretum Lodge (The Orangery)
- East Pavilion
- West Pavilion
- Grove Lodge
- Rosehill Lodge
- South Lodge Footprint
- Florentine Boar
- 1849 Handyside Fountain
- Handyside Urn

HEART OF THE PARK

The Heart of the Park building is home to the Heart of the Park Café, run by Multi-Faith Centre volunteers, celebrating diversity and providing a range of refreshments, community events and activities. Find the opening times and events on the Facebook page Heart of the Park Café, Arboretum Park or contact the Multi-Faith Centre directly on **01332 591285** or **mfc@derby.ac.uk**

The Heart of the Park Community Hall is available for hire for parties, meetings, social and community groups. For prices or to book call **01332 255800** or email **spacehire@derby.gov.uk**

EVENTS

A programme of events on the Arboretum takes place throughout the year. For more information on events taking place visit inderby.org.uk/parks/events To enquire about hosting an event on the park contact the events team on **01332255800** or email **parksadmin@derby.gov.uk**

SPORTS FACILITIES

- Sports facilities include:
- A grass football pitch
 - 3 practice cricket nets
 - 2 astroturf outdoor courts
 - A tarmac tennis court

For prices and to book grass football call **01332 255800** or email **parksbookingsadmin@derby.gov.uk** For all other sports facilities call **01332 292612** or email **derby.arboretum@derby.gov.uk**

PLAY AREA

There is an exciting range of play facilities installed for children of all ages including swings, sand areas, a climbing boulder, our new cosmo climbing frame and outdoor gym equipment.

HERBACEOUS GARDENS

Island beds of herbaceous perennials provide a range of flower and foliage interest throughout the seasons.

FACILITIES

- Grove Street car park
- Toilets
- Changing Rooms
- Cafe
- Heart of the Park
- Pedestrian Entrance
- Main Footpath
- Cycle Route
- Nature Reserve

