

## Littleover Parks' Long Walk

Joining up (most of) the parks of Littleover:

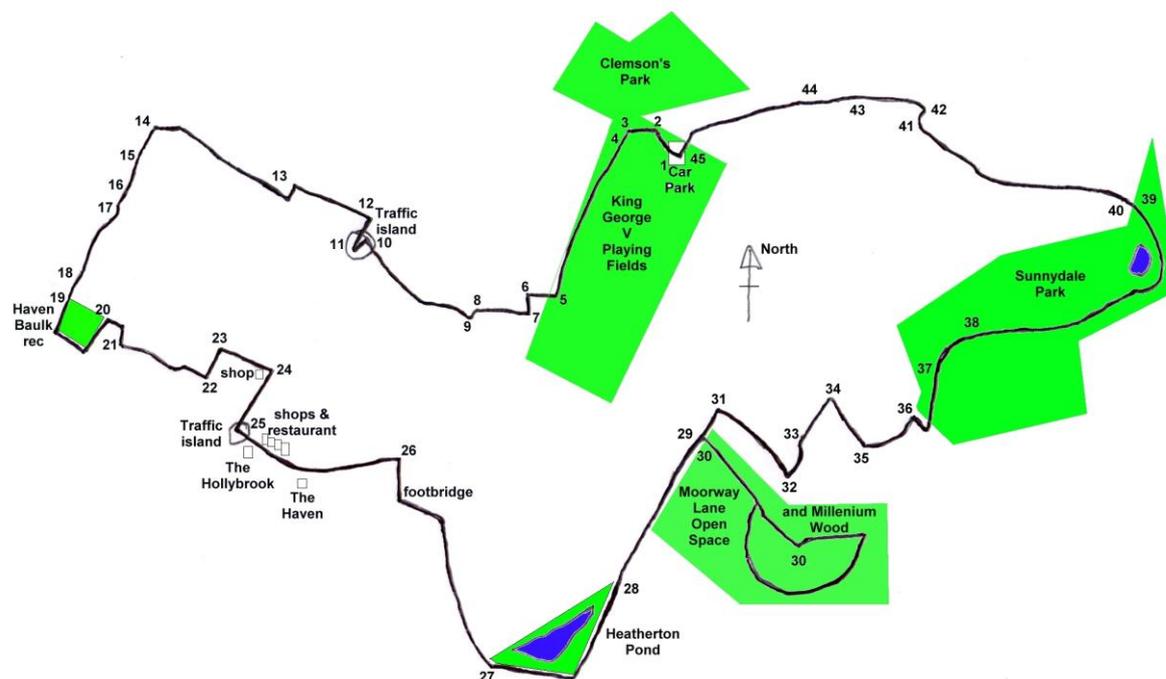
- Clemson's Park / King George V Park
- Haven Baulk Recreation Ground
- Heatherton Pond
- Millennium Wood (optional)
- Sunnydale Park

This walk is a great way of getting some exercise through walking without having a long car journey into the country. Although it is a city walk, it maximises the use of parks and pathways with only small sections along roads.

The walk takes two hours to complete at a pace of about 4km or 2.5 miles per hour and overall is an 8km / 5 miles circuit.

The start point is the car park in King George V playing fields. The start can be reached by car from The Hollow (Littleover) and Carlisle Avenue. For those interested the grid reference is SK 326 337. By bus the park can be reached from stops in The Hollow served by services 36 and 36A travelling from Sunny Hill and 33 & 33A travelling from Littleover village (walk from the bus stop up Carlisle Avenue into the park, about 300 metres).

Numbers refer to points on the map attached.



1. From the car park, walk between the children's play area and the "wheeled sports area" and walk 50m
2. Take the left fork towards the houses and walk 50m
3. Turn left onto the path and head downhill slightly. This path is an ancient road known as Briars Lane. Follow path signs towards Heatherton - national cycle route 66.
4. Ignore the path into Datchett Close and continue down the hill past the bowling club on the left and the Swanmore Road wooded area on your right. Continue through the second field and into the third field.
5. Turn right before you reach the small, children's play area, following the Route 66 sign into Troutbeck Grove.
6. At the end of Troutbeck Grove turn left into Tawney Way.
7. After about 25m turn right into Farrier Gardens and go through the pathway at the end.
8. Turn left from the pathway into Badgerdale Way.
9. Almost immediately, turn right onto Callow Hill Way and follow this to the traffic island with Rykneld Road / Pastures Hill (about 500m).
10. Cross over Pastures Hill on the Pelican Crossing and turn to your left.
11. Almost immediately turn right and back on yourself down the path that runs parallel with Pastures Hill.
12. After 50m the path turns to the left and follows Hell Brook alongside the grounds of Littleover Community School.
13. Cross the school drive / Fresco Drive onto a concrete pathway that still follows the brook past the school football field. After 250m the path becomes ash covered. Continue along this past the small sewage works towards the A38.
14. Where the path turns to the right, to ramp up onto the bridge, turn left off the path and walk across a field away from the bridge towards the small housing estate, (about 100m).
15. Walk south down Allen Avenue.
16. After about 200m turn slightly right into Malcolm Grove.
17. Where this joins Ronald Close turn right onto a footpath between the houses and the A38 (known informally as "Peter Path").
18. After about 200m the path reaches Haven Baulk Lane. Cross straight over and into the path opposite. Follow the path until it turns into Haven Baulk Rec on the left.
19. Walk around the "rec" anti-clockwise until you reach the children's play area.
20. Turn right onto a pathway into Jemison Close.
21. At the end turn right onto Pendleside Way.
22. At the end (about 300m) turn left onto Castleshaw Drive.
23. At the end (about 50m) turn right onto Haven Baulk Lane.
24. At the end turn right onto Rykneld Road and stay on the west side. (On the corner here is a general stores where you can buy snacks and drinks.)
25. Cross the road by the next traffic island and walk into Hollybrook Way. On the right you will find the Hollybrook Tavern, which is the only toilet stop available on the walk. This serves reasonably priced meals at lunchtime and in the evening. Also at this end of Hollybrook Way is a general stores, a fish & chip shop and a restaurant. Continue along Hollybrook Way past the shops and The Haven Christian Centre.

26. After passing the end of Wintergreen Drive, turn right onto a path which runs beside Hell Brook again. After about 100m turn left over the footbridge and follow the path around the edge of the fields until you reach Moorway Lane.
27. Cross straight over and walk around two sides of Heatherton Pond on the pathway.
28. Where the path meets Moorway Lane again cross straight over and turn right onto a footpath/cycle track that runs parallel with the road up the hill.
29. Continue up the hill about 400m until just before Derby Moor School and turn right onto the road. Cross almost straight over to the entrance to Millennium Wood. There is only one entrance to the Millennium Wood park and so the next section can be removed to shorten the walk if desired.
30. OPTIONAL - follow the path around Millennium Wood and look clockwise or anti-clockwise as you wish. Return to the entrance of the park and turn right up Moorway Lane. Note there are a couple of park benches in the Millennium Wood where you can rest your legs and take a picnic or drink if you have brought a flask.
31. After about 100m turn first right into Farmlands Lane.
32. After about 250m turn left onto a short pathway through into Gorse Close.
33. At the end of Gorse Close (about 100m) turn left into Briarwood Way.
34. After about 100m turn first right into Heather Crescent.
35. Where the road turns sharply to the right (about 100m) take a path on the left between the houses onto Blagreaves Lane.
36. Turn right and walk down the lane a few metres, then cross over to the (footpath) entrance to Sunnydale Park.
37. Follow the path through the park and go straight across at the footpath crossroads (path to St. George's School and Gayton School). Go down the hill.
38. Turn right to follow the path through the woods and then follow this path around the edge of the park towards the pond. Cross over the bridge and walk around the pond and continue on this path until it meets the drive from Rosamunds Ride.
39. Take the short pathway to the left from the drive through into Willson Avenue.
40. Walk slightly to the right and up to the end of Willson Avenue (about 500m)
41. Turn right at the end into Brooklands Drive.
42. Almost immediately turn left onto a short pathway and left again into Hollowood Avenue.
43. After about 150m turn left onto a pathway onto The Hollow.
44. Cross The Hollow and almost immediately opposite is Carlisle Avenue. Walk up the avenue and back into the car park at King George V park.

Congratulations, you have completed the Littleover Parks Long Walk.

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