

Falls Park

Points of interest

In June 1866, Belfast Corporation, now Belfast City Council, purchased 101 acres of land on the Falls Road from the Sinclair family. Some of the land was set aside for the building of Belfast City Cemetery, but the rest was earmarked for a new park. The area, now known as Falls Park, was eventually established in 1873.

Ballymurphy Stream runs off the Belfast Hills through Falls Park, Bog Meadows and into the Blackstaff River, a tributary of the Lagan.

The City Cemetery was opened in 1869. The older sections of the cemetery contain many monuments, statues and vaults.

The park offers great views of Black Mountain, the Belfast Hills and Lagan Valley.

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

1.5 miles, 2.4 km, circular

Starting at the main park gates, beside the dog sculpture, follow the path uphill through the park. Pass the flower beds and the bowling pavilion on your left. Cross over the bridge and over the Ballymurphy Stream. Turn right and continue climbing the hill. Keep the playing fields on your left. The City Cemetery is on your right. Continue along this path and continue straight up the

hill. Follow the path around the top of the playing fields. Continue along the path downhill past the mature Scots pine and oak trees. The path skirts around the edge of the park. At the next junction, keep right down the hill into a wooded glen passing under mature ash, and beech trees. Continue along this path and pass the bowling pavilion. Arrive back to the park entrance on the Falls Road.

