



Waterworks

Points of interest

The park is an oasis for wildlife in north Belfast. The ponds are home to greylag geese, mute swans, mallards, tufted ducks, coots, pochards, golden eyes, cormorants and great-crested grebes. You may also see redwings and fieldfares feeding on the grass.

The two ponds were constructed in the 1840s by the engineer William Dargan to provide water for Belfast.

This historic park was officially opened as a public park by Belfast Corporation, now Belfast City Council, in 1956.

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 from Queen Mary's Gardens entrance on the corner of the Cavehill and Antrim Roads, keep to the left alongside the stream. Continue over the bridge. Climb both sets of steps and turn right. Continue along the tree lined avenue and alongside the lower pond. Take the steps, or ramp, to the upper pond. Pass by a small playground and another bridge. The path circles the upper pond. Take the path to the left and you will return to the lower pond. It is a short walk from here back to the starting point.