

# Barnett Demesne

## Points of interest

Malone House, built in the 1820s by William Wallace Legge, a prominent Belfast merchant. The estate passed to the Harberton family and then to the last private owner, William Barnett. The house was donated to the citizens of Belfast in the 1940s.

Malone House is open to the public and contains a restaurant, art gallery and function rooms.

See the wooden sculptures near Malone House, including a lizard, owl and badger.

Look out for the former yew walkway. Some of the remaining yews were planted in the early 20th Century, and now form part of the extensive Arboretum.

Please be aware that some trails cross the paths and some paths are shared with mountain bikes.

There are 12km of mountain bike trails within the park, graded for all levels and abilities.

## 1.5 miles, 2.4 km, circular

Starting at Malone House carpark, take the tarmac path out of the carpark keeping Malone House and the fence on your left. At the T-junction, turn right, continue straight along this path, through the yew walk and the Arboretum. At the end of the Arboretum, turn left downhill. Take the path on the right which leads downhill toward the towpath. There are several mountain bike crossing points along this path. Be aware of bicycles coming at speed, as you continue on your walk. Walk along this path through the woodland. At the T-junction, turn right along the earthen path and through the mature beech trees. To your left, you will see the River Lagan and the Lagan Towpath. Continue straight, passing the wooden fencing. Take the steep path on your left. Once you reach the towpath turn left towards Shaw's Bridge, following the towpath.

The towpath is a shared use path so be mindful of cyclists. Continue on the towpath, until you reach Shaw's Bridge and the boat house. Before the gate into the carpark, take the tarmacked pedestrian path to your left, up the hill. You will pass the playpark on your right. Continue up the hill until you arrive at Malone House. Turn left following the path around the back of the house. Take the path on your right at the end of the fence. You arrive back to the carpark starting point.

