

# South Park

## Route 8 - 45 Minutes / 1.7 Miles

A scenic walk combining an attractive victorian park with a stretch of the River Skerne.

### About the route

As the first Victorian Park in the North East of England, it provides an attractive environment for an interesting walk.

The 91 acre park was restored in 2003 and paths have been resurfaced, making the section of the walk, north of parkside (5 onwards), suitable for wheelchair and pushchair users.

Seats are available throughout the route for resting.

If you're looking for more adventure, there is a skate park and adventure playground in the park.

### Walking instructions

Start at the South Park main gates on Parkside. You can also access also from Victoria Embankment.

- 1 With the gates behind you, cross the road and enter the parkland opposite.
- 2 Follow the grassed area and path along the River Skerne to the footbridge on your right.
- 3 Cross the bridge, turn right and follow the Skerne on the opposite side.

- 4 Before you reach the road you can explore the family nature area on the right.
- 5 Cross the main road to enter South Park gate which is opposite.
- 6 Keeping the river on your right, continue to the footbridge.
- 7 Cross the bridge and turn left, following the perimeter paths around the park to return to the start.



### Things to see

Within this park there are lots of restored historic monuments to stop and admire. You can see the bandstand, terracotta fountain and rose gardens.

As you walk around you may also see wildlife such as butterflies and birds. In the parks aviary you will see Budgies and Parakeets.

### Health & safety

Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather.

Be careful near water and keep children away from the edge. Be careful when crossing roads.



### This route links to

- Geneva Wood & Brankin Moor Local Nature Reserves (Route 7) via Skerne Park.
- Broken Scar & Tees (Route 9) via Blackwell.
- This walk is close to bus routes X27 & 14/14A.