

# HISTORY

The main part of the park was acquired by the City in 1895 for the sum of £50,000 and opened to the public in 1896.

Three years later, the city's second municipal golf course (now an 18 hole pitch and putt) was established here, following the success of the course at Alexandra Park.

The park was extended in 1901 by the addition of a part of Dumbreck Lands purchased for the sum of £2,824 from Sir John Maxwell. A further addition was made in 1903 by including the lands of Ibroxhill at a cost of £40,222 from which commanding views of the city are available.

In 1938 the famous Empire exhibition was held at the park. The site took only fourteen months to build and the cost of admission was one shilling. A mammoth attendance of 12.5 million was recorded and despite this, the exhibition made a loss of £130,000.



Today, of the 200 palaces and pavilions that were built for the exhibition only the Palace of Art remains - it now serves as a Sports Excellence Centre.



A stone Peace Cairn built for the exhibition is still visible from the rock garden.



In 1982 the park was the venue for the visit of Pope John Paul II which attracted 280,000 people and part of the ceremonial platform still remains.

# TRAVEL

**Train** Trains travel from **Central Station** to **Dumbreck Railway Station**, which is a 5-minute walk from the park.

**Bus** Various routes operate from the city centre to **Paisley Road West** and **Moss Park Boulevard**.

**Car** The park is located adjacent to Junction 23 and 24 exits of the M8 motorway and car parking is available at The House for an Art Lover off Dumbreck Road and at Bellahouston Sports Centre off Bellahouston Drive (all car parks have lighting).

**Cycle** The park forms part of the Glasgow to Irvine and Ardrossan Cycle Route (Number 75).

**Walk** Access points available from Dumbreck Road, Paisley Road West, Bellahouston Drive and Mosspark Boulevard.

**Travel Line Scotland 0870 608 2 608**

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Park

# Bellahouston



# FEATURES



## VICTORIAN WALLED GARDEN

The garden has a fine collection of ferns and daffodils collected by the 19th century plant enthusiast Peter Bar. It also boasts a wide variety of herbaceous perennials, wall-trained shrubs, Chrysanthemums, Dahlias, and annual borders.



## GROUNDS FOR PLAY

A truly unique play area in Glasgow featuring specially commissioned works of art. It includes pieces by professional artists as well as by the former unemployed and student apprentices.



## HOUSE FOR AN ART LOVER

It was in 1901 that Charles Rennie Mackintosh and his wife entered the now famous competition to design a 'House for an Art Lover' whilst on a visit to Vienna. The resulting masterpiece of architecture and interior design remained in the form of detailed drawings until 1996.



Thanks to Graham Roxburgh and architect Professor Andy Macmillan, visitors can now see the hall, dining room, Oval Room and music room that earned Mackintosh European respect.

Phone: 0141 353 4770

**GLASGOW SKI CENTRE** is the place for snow sports in the West of Scotland. Only minutes away from central Glasgow, you find a club with a modern floodlit dry slope, unrivalled instruction, as well as ski and board hire.

Phone: 0141 427 4991

**THE PALACE OF ART** is a centre for sporting excellence. Weightlifters, boxers and other top Scottish sports people and up and coming stars gain quality coaching and can use the excellent training facilities within.

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'glasgow city healthwalks' is an exciting new project designed to encourage people to take up walking as a gentle form of exercise, giving participants the chance to meet new people and take those first steps towards a healthier lifestyle.

All our walks are designed to be easy going and fun for people of all abilities. Feel free to bring friends and family along and let them experience a new and exciting way to walk.

For more information about the Glasgow City Health Walks project contact: Kevin Hutchison - Health Walks Coordinator  
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For any information regarding Bellahouston Park please contact: Land Services General Enquiries  
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## ROUTES

- **Start Walking**  
(Mainly flat ground and short distance)  
**1.1 miles 25-35 minutes**
- **Getting Warmer**  
(Mostly flat ground with slight slopes)  
**1 miles 25-35 minutes**
- **Hearts Working**  
(Longer walk and/or some steeper slopes)  
**1.7 miles 35-45 minutes**
- **A Little Puffed**  
(Long walk and/or bigger slopes)  
**2.1 miles 40 mins- 1 hour**

We have tried as far as possible to make these walking routes accessible to all, however some may find them unsuitable due to the steepness of slopes and other dynamics of the park out with our control. If you are unsure regarding the routes suitability for you or your group please contact **Kevin Hutchison - Glasgow City Health Walks Coordinator** on **0141 287 0241** who will provide additional information and if appropriate, alternative routes in the park.

## FACILITIES

- Pedestrian Access
- Vehicle Access
- Car Park
- Toilets
- Telephone
- Café
- Restaurant
- Museum
- Play Area
- Bowling
- Pitch and Putt
- Swimming
- Artificial Ski Slope
- Floral Displays
- Dog Exercise Area

