



Web
Access centre
Park Main Office/Enquiries 0141 427 0558
0141 287 5064
www.glasgow.gov.uk/parks

Further Information

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

Cycle
Local cycle routes can be joined at Dumfries Road near the M8 J23, at Bellahouston Drive, or on Mosspark Boulevard. National Cycle Route 7 & 75 are also nearby and cross Dumfries Road near the M77.

Car
The park is located adjacent to Junction 23 and 24 exits of the M8 motorway. There is ample car parking at the Leisure Centre and the House for an Art Lover with coach drop off points.

Bus
Various routes operate from the city centre to Paisley Road West and Mosspark Boulevard.

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

Access and Facilities



House for an Art Lover

It was in 1901 that Charles Renzie Mackintosh and his wife Margaret entered a competition set by a German design magazine to design a 'House for an Art Lover'. Whilst the Mackintosh's entry was disqualified from the competition on the grounds of late submission, the designs were awarded a special prize for "their pronounced personal quality, their novel and austere form and the uniform configuration of interior and exterior."

The spirit and tenacity of consulting engineer, Graham Roxburgh, led to the idea of building the House. Work began in 1989, but due to recession it was temporarily halted in the early Nineties. Thanks to a collaboration between Glasgow City Council and the Glasgow School of Art building work resumed in 1994. Visitors can now see the Main Hall, Dining Room, Music Room, Oval Room and the newly added Margaret MacDonald Room, that earned Mackintosh European respect.

On the ground floor the Art Lovers Café nestles in a bright contemporary space with access to the café terrace.

Summer Season
[1 April - 30 September]
Monday - Sunday: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Thursday - Sunday: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Winter Season
[1 October - 31 March]
For week day opening times during the winter months please telephone us in advance as times vary.
Saturday & Sunday: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Phone: 0141 353 4770
Web: www.houseforanartlover.co.uk



Bellahouston Park



history of Bellahouston Park

Bellahouston Park attracts well over 1million visitors each year. The main part of the park was acquired by the City in 1895. Three years later, the city's second municipal golf course (now an 18 hole pitch and putt) was established here.

The park was extended in 1901 by the addition of a part of Dumfries Lands purchased from Sir John Maxwell. A further addition was made in 1903 by including the lands of Ibroxhill.

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 huge loss.

Today, of the 200 palaces and pavilions that were built for the exhibition only the Palace of Art remains although a stone Peace Cairn built for the exhibition is still visible at 'Grounds for Play'.

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

features of Bellahouston Park

Victorian Walled Garden

The garden was the original kitchen garden for Ibrox Hill House and was acquired in 1905. It is laid out as a centre for horticultural excellence displaying a wide variety of herbaceous, annual, perennial plants and the "Peter Barr" bulb and fern collection. The centre walk has the Trial Sweet Peas which are organised annually by the Scottish Sweet Pea, Rose and Carnation Society.

Opening times:

Summer [1 Apr - 30 Sept] - Daily between 7am - 9.30pm
Winter [1 Oct - 31 Mar] - Daily between 8am - 4.30pm



Sunken Garden

Originally the basement for Dumfries House the garden dates back to 1860. The original entrance tunnel is still in use today leading visitors into the formally laid out garden which was refurbished in 2005.

ART PARK Glasgow

A bold vision to define Bellahouston Park as a centrepiece venue for the outdoor installation of art, design and architecture in the landscape. A number of art competitions, in partnership with Glasgow City Council's Land Services Department, have already been held over the past few years. Many permanent pieces are sited throughout the park, waiting for the visitor to discover.

Grounds for Play

This truly unique play park is built on a former recreation area and it is the result of a collaboration between Glasgow City Council's Land Services Department and House for an Art Lover.

Back in 2001 a design competition was held. The winning entry for the overall scheme by Glasgow based Gareth Hoskins Architects was a carpet of leaf-like mounds on which, they imagined, would sit a range of play and art objects. These 26 giant leaves or grassy mounds now house 15 specially commissioned play pieces for children to climb and jump all over.

Leisure Facilities

Leisure Centre

The leisure centre offers first class sport and leisure facilities for all age groups. It was built in 1967 and was Scotland's first multi-purpose indoor sports centre. Refurbished in 2001 it now attracts over 800,000 visitors a year, who can swim in the leisure pool, explore the river rapids, shape up in the fitness suite or take part in one of the many classes. There are crèche facilities and a café where you can enjoy light snacks and refreshments.

Phone: 0141 427 9090

Palace of Art

The only remaining building from the 1938 Empire exhibition now serves as a centre for sporting excellence. Weightlifters, boxers, top Scottish athletes and up and coming stars gain quality coaching within this excellent training facility.

Phone: 0141 427 5776

The park also offers an excellent range of outdoor leisure facilities:

- 18 hole pitch and putt course
- 2 bowling greens
- 4 marked Healthy walking routes
- Park Ranger Heritage Tours

Learn about the wealth of history attached to Bellahouston Park on a guided tour. Tours commence at the Cycle Activity Centre (old Bowling Pavilion). For further information or to make a booking please contact: 0141 287 5064

Orienteering

A sport for all ages and ability, involving maps, navigation and route choice. Map packs are available from the Leisure Centre.

Cycle Activity Centre

A range of cycling activities and events take place in the park. - The community cycle track is 420m and can be used for cycling activities on a formal or informal basis. The cycle events circuit is approx 1.5kms long. For group bookings or events phone 0141 287 6776

- Cycle training can make a huge difference to your enjoyment of cycling. Adults can join in cycle training sessions in the park. Phone 0141 287 5079

- The Glasgow Riderz youth cycling club meet every Saturday morning between April - September. For information visit www.scottishcycling.com and click on regional academies.

Glasgow Ski Centre

The place for snow sports enthusiasts in the West of Scotland! A club with modern floodlit dry slopes, unrivalled instruction, as well as ski and board hire. Phone: 0141 427 4991





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