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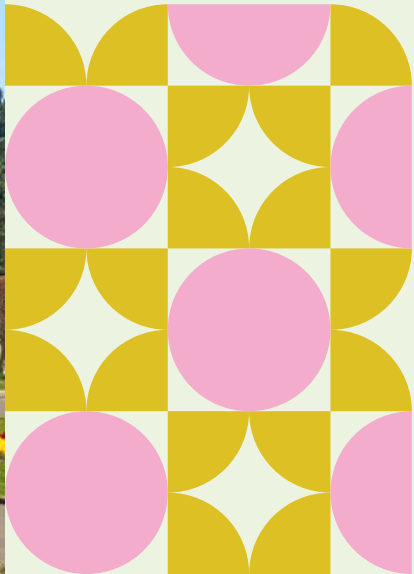
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Bradford on Foot

DISCOVER OUR WONDERFUL DISTRICT

WALK NAME	Lister Park
LOCATION	Manningham
DISTANCE	1.4 km / 0.8 miles
TIME	30 mins
DIFFICULTY	Easy
LANDSCAPE	Park, gardens
HIGHLIGHTS	Art gallery, beautiful trees, boating lake



Lister Park: One of the District's best-known parks, Lister Park was created by Samuel Cunliffe Lister, a wealthy local mill owner. In 1870 he sold it to Bradford Corporation at a bargain price on the agreement it should be used as public park for everyone to enjoy.

Originally known as the grounds of Manningham Hall (the family residence of the Cunliffe family), the park is now home to Cartwright Hall Art Gallery.

Strolling around the park is a popular activity for many Bradford residents; Anne Griffin, Bruce Barnes and Sadia Kousar all suggested Lister Park in our public call out for Bradford's best walks. Lovingly cared for by Bradford Council Parks team, this green oasis is truly a Bradford gem!

Access notes

Step free routes around the park, some steeper inclines.

Parking: Limited in the park, on-street parking on North Park Road.
Bus routes: 622, 626, 680 and more!
OS Map: 288 Bradford & Huddersfield.



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Bradford on Foot is a rich collection of walks around the 2025 UK City of Culture. Discover new places to visit and new groups to join. The walks have been selected by local people and partners from across the district. Access the maps online or pick up the free paper maps at different locations across the district, including your local library.

Look out for other routes nearby in Esholt, Shipley and Saltaire.



Look out for

Cartwright Hall Art Gallery: Built in 1904 for the Bradford Exhibition, Cartwright Hall was designed to be a home for great works of art. The gallery hosts regularly changing exhibitions as well as a permanent Hockney Gallery. Outside, the Mughal Gardens offer a calm and peaceful area with South Asian architecture and water features. Cartwright Hall is free to visit and the cafe is a perfect end point after a stroll around the park.

Boating Lake: At the lower end of the park you'll find a boating lake, home to large families of birds, including geese, ducks and swans. Hire a boat in the summer months and circumnavigate the lake past all the islands. Artworks can be found on each island, look out for two lion sculptures sitting gracefully on the island nearest Emm Lane. A more recent addition is the Peter Pan sculpture, playing his pipe, on the island near the boating pavilion.



Map key

Route	Road
Parking	Moorland
Train line	View point
Train station	Forest
Footpath	Cafe
Toilet	Canal/River

Lister Park

- 1 Enter the park through the large, decorative, iron gates off North Park Road, in-front of Cartwright Hall. Turn left onto the wide tarmac path that follows the edge of the park.
- 2 Follow the path along the upper edge of the park and go through the metal bollards by the park keeper's building. Ensure you use the pedestrian walkway on this stretch.
- 3 Continue ahead past the basketball and tennis courts. Then take the path on the right as it takes a short descent towards the botanical garden area.
- 4 Turn right into the botanical garden just before the stream then take a left turn and cross the ornamental wooden bridge. Once you've crossed the bridge, turn right and follow the path downhill. Enjoy the rock and plant types in the garden. Look out on your left to see the miniature replica of Thornton Force waterfall!
- 5 Next you will arrive at a fossilised tree stump. Cross over and follow the path diagonally right to head down towards the boating lake. Look to your left to see the lions of Lister Park on an island in the water.
- 6 Continue around the lake, keeping the water on your left. Look to your right to see the park's bandstand.
- 7 At the end of the lake follow the path up the hill, keeping the adventure playground on your left.
- 8 As the path heads away from the playground up the hill, look out for the Mughal Gardens on your right. Shortly after you will arrive back at Cartwright Hall.

