

Welcome to our park...

Alexandra Park was originally laid out by Robert Marnock, a renowned landscape gardener, in 1878. The Park was formally opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales on 26th June 1882.

The Park is linear, spanning some 2.8 km from one end to the other. It covers an area of 44 ha (109 acres).

The Park is a grade 2 designated site in the "Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest".

The Lower Park includes:- a Boating Lake, War Memorial, Bowls Green, Information Point, toilets, café, events areas, Bandstand and Adventure Playground. There is a Park Rangers office at the tennis pavilion.



Alexandra Park has a tree collection of national importance, including "champion" trees, some of which are quite rare. Tree walks are being developed to enhance your enjoyment of the trees, details are available from the Hastings Information Centre, Priors Meadow Shopping Centre in Hastings or from the Park Rangers Office.



Alexandra Park Wildlife



The park is well known for its diverse and abundant wildlife, especially the northern end, Old Roar Gill, which is now a Local Nature Reserve.

Kingfishers and Grey Wagtails breed throughout the park and can be seen any time of the year, especially at Bucks-hole Reservoir and Harmers Pond.

Due to the closeness of the coast, many rare and scarce migrant birds visit the park including Night Heron, Little Bittern, Honey Buzzard and Ferruginous Duck.

Wild Orchids grow on the grassy banks around the park including Common Spotted Orchids, Green-Winged Orchids, Common Twayblade, and Autumn Ladies Tresses. Within Old Roar Gill, Broad-Leaved Helleborines and early Purple Orchids grow on the woodland floor.



Daubentons Bats can be seen flying over Shornden Reservoir on Summer evenings, and Noctule and Pipistrelle Bats are also seen regularly.

Old Roar Gill is cut into sandstone creating a stunning, luxuriant, humid valley rich in Mosses, Liverworts and Ferns, some of which are rare.

The rare cranefly *Lipsothrix Nervosa*, and the rare door snail *Macrogastra Rolphii* are also found in Old Roar Gill. The park is also the only place in Hastings where the beautiful *Demoiselle* breeds. This is a large metallic green and blue damselfly and can be seen along the stream in the Lower Park during Summer.

The park is best known for the superb Toothwort population, which can number over 500 plants, in the Lower Park, and smaller numbers within Old Roar Gill.

For more information please visit www.wildhastings.org.uk



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