

ORIENTEERING

Wallsend Parks has 30 marker posts (control points) across 16 hectares that can be combined to set courses of varying levels of difficulty. Orienteering packs can be purchased at the Verandah Café and maps are available online.

PLANT HUNTER

The free self led Plant Hunter Trail encourages children to learn about the herbs, fruits and nuts growing in the Forgotten Orchard area in the Hall Grounds. Children can collect all five stamps for a free badge. Collect your Plant Hunter Passport from the Verandah Café.



verandah café

The Verandah Café offers an ideal central spot overlooking the play area in Richardson Dees Park, where you can buy a selection of coffees, teas and cold drinks, sandwiches and freshly baked scones. The raised veranda provides a great area for people to catch up, dog walkers to refuel or parents to relax while their children play.

FORGOTTEN ORCHARD

Located within Wallsend Hall Grounds, the Friends of Wallsend Parks Forgotten Orchard brings back into use the former kitchen garden that would have served the residents of the Wallsend Hall. The project includes a pear orchard using heritage varieties, fruit trees and bushes, herbs, nuts, vines and vegetables.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES/ROOM BOOKINGS

The pavilion community room and fenced games green are available to hire for children's parties, private events and corporate bookings. Our staff can offer a wide range of engaging activities to suit your event and a delicious catering menu is available from the Verandah Café. The room comes fully equipped with an HD projector and LED TV. Perfect for an out-of-office meeting in more natural surroundings.

FRIENDS GROUP

Established in 1997, The Friends of Wallsend Parks are a group of volunteers who support the parks by organising annual community events, sourcing funding for improvements and promoting park events and activities. They play a crucial role in the development of the parks through their ongoing consultation with the local community. To find out more visit www.friendsofwallsendparks.org.uk or email info@friendsofwallsendparks.org.uk to become a member.



VOLUNTEERS

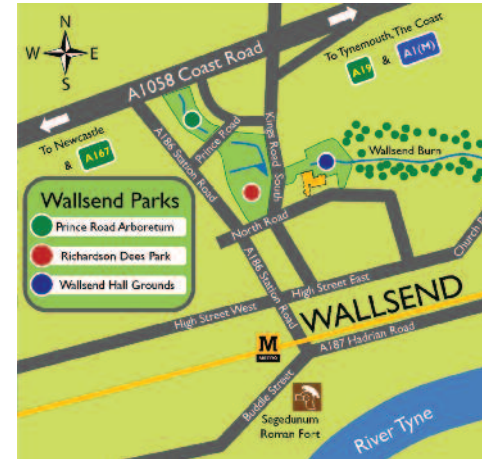
We offer regular volunteering opportunities including a range of conservation and horticultural tasks. You can also gain experience by helping with other projects such as photography, marketing or events. Volunteering is a great way to develop career skills, keep active and meet new people. Contact us for more information and a volunteer application form.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

We offer outdoor learning and training opportunities to cater for schools, adult learning, community groups, businesses and organisations. A separate information leaflet 'Explore Wallsend Parks' is available online or from the Park Lodge and Verandah Café.



HOW TO FIND US



The parks are approximately a 15 minute walk from Wallsend Metro Station and are also well served by local bus routes via various stops between the Coast Road and Wallsend High Street. If travelling by car there is limited parking on surrounding streets.

OPENING TIMES

Richardson Dees Park is open from 6am - 9pm all year. Lights are switched off at 8.30pm in the interest of bat conservation. Wallsend Hall Grounds and Prince Road Arboretum are open at all times. Verandah Café opening hours vary, please call to check. Admission is free.

CONTACT US

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North Tyneside Council cares for 17 parks, including the outstanding Rising Sun Country Park at Benton and the historically significant Northumberland Park in North Shields.

How many have you visited?



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RICHARDSON DEES PARK

Richardson Dees Park is a semi-formal Victorian park dating from 1900, with a range of leisure and recreational facilities. The formal end of the park to the south, includes a multi-age play area, outdoor gym, skate park, games courts, bowling greens, community pavilion and the Verandah Café. The park has a variety of planting; including formal flower beds, mixed herbaceous and shrub borders and areas planted specifically for bees and wildlife.

To the north of this busy area there is a small lake and burnside paths that run through mixed woodland and offer the chance for a quiet stroll amongst the trees. A large activity field provides a valuable open space which is used for events, dog walking and recreation.

WALLSEND HALL GROUNDS

The Hall Grounds is a quiet historic parkland, with formal promenade, which also commands excellent views and woodland walks, wildflower slopes, a south facing kitchen garden, a natural watercourse and many features of historical interest. The grounds were the former pleasure gardens of the Grade II listed Wallsend Hall and were opened for public access in 1916 but date back to 1790. The watercourse that runs through the grounds is a key feature, providing a journey along its entire length, navigating culverts, bridges, pools and weirs. Historic columns reclaimed from the former Burnside School provide a focal point on the formal promenade which also provides excellent views to the Hall and grounds. The Vinery Wall is a rare example of a Georgian flued hot wall, which would have been heated with fires to support the growth of vines and soft fruits. A gated Victorian fernery is incorporated into its construction.

PRINCE ROAD ARBORETUM

This open grassland area slopes down to a natural burn with a mixture of open recreational areas, diverse habitats and beautiful views over wild flower tinted slopes. The Arboretum houses a growing collection of specimen trees from all over the world. Of the Wallsend Parks the Arboretum is the least formal and is managed with wildlife in mind. Plenty of long grassland, native shrubs and areas of dense undergrowth provide habitats for a wide range of wildlife such as mammals, birds and insects.



PLAY AREA

Widely recognised as one of the most innovative play areas in the North East. It offers a wide range of play equipment for all ages, including:

- Sand play & mini-diggers
- Water play, pump & dams
- Teen shelter
- Timber forts
- Giant tunnel
- Balance beams
- Climbing rock
- Zip wire
- Puzzle station
- Climbing webs
- Swings
- Totem poles

The play area also includes landscape features such as hills, rocks and planting for natural play in an enclosed environment. There are picnic benches and pockets of open grass for enjoying food and drinks from the Verandah Café.

LEISURE FACILITIES

Richardson Dees Park has four tennis courts, a multi-use games area, skate park and an outdoor gym. There is also a large recreation field at the north end of the park for more open space.

WALLSEND PARK BOWLING CLUB

Bowling has been at the heart of healthy activities in Wallsend Parks for over 100 years, since clubs were formed in 1900. Today men's and women's teams play weekly throughout the season competing in several competitions or in friendly matches, as well as organising social events. For information on how to join, please contact the Park Lodge and we will direct your enquiry.

STORY TRAIL

'The Tale of the Sleeping Ginkgo Trolls', is a free, self led story trail, printed in a colourful booklet, which allows readers to explore nine imaginative sculptures carved from trees and logs hidden around the parks. Families are led on a journey through directions and clues by a friendly resident troll. Booklets are available to collect from the Verandah Café.



EVENTS

Wallsend Parks hosts a variety of small and large events throughout the year for all the family. The North Tyneside Parks events leaflet is available online, from leaflet dispensers or in the Verandah Café.





WALLSEND PARKS

Park code:

Please do not drop litter. Do not remove any plants or animals from the park. Please consider how your activities and behaviour might affect all park users and be polite and co-operative with requests from the Park Wardens. Dog waste is a regular problem; affecting children, families, walkers, volunteers and school visits. Please watch dogs at all times and pick up in all areas of the park and dispose of waste in the park bins or take it home. Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued for failure to do so. Dogs are to be kept under control at all times and must be kept out of flower beds. Please use leads where appropriate. Dogs are not allowed in any leisure facilities including the play area, games courts, outdoor gym and skate park.



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PRINCE ROAD ARBORETUM

RICHARDSON DEES PARK

WALLSEND HALL GROUNDS

1 Park Lodge



2 Formal Gardens



3 Bothy Toilet WC



4 Bowling Green



5 Duffy Memorial Fountain



6 Games Green



7 Verandah Café



8 Skate Park and Games Court



9 Tennis Courts



10 Play Area

11 Bandstand



12 Outdoor Gym



13 Lake and Island



14 Recreation Field



15 Wetland Valley

16 Victorian Bridge



17 Wallsend Hall



18 Promenade and Columns



19 Crow Bank

20 Vinery Wall



21 Forgotten Orchard



Accessibility

Disabled access is available throughout most of the park. However, there are some steep slopes and steps. An accessibility map is available from Park Lodge, Verandah Café or to download from the park website, which highlights these to help you plan your visit.



The Verandah Café toilets are accessible during serving times. A secondary accessible toilet is available at the Bothy when Park Wardens are on duty.