

Walk 12 – Western Park

A short and easy walk with some gentle uphill bits and grass paths which can be muddy at times. This walk is not suitable for pushchairs and buggies other than in very dry conditions. Depending on where in Glenfield you are starting from the distances will vary, but for our purposes we are describing the walk from the city boundary by the veterinary hospital.

If you want to get a local bus to the start we suggest a no 13 running along Dominion Road, alighting at the first stop just after the ring road.

There is an entrance into the park just across the road from the bus stop or if walking there, either on the corner of the park or just before the first building. The walk within the park is 1¾ miles long.

The site was purchased for the development of a park in 1897 and is the largest park in Leicester offering 178 acres to explore. The main drive features a wide avenue of trees which were laid out for the inaugural opening in 1899. The park is a mix of meadows, mature woods and hedgerows, interspersed with newly established shrub and wooded areas. Overall this creates an ecological environment where wildlife abounds despite being surrounded by development.

The Route

Enter the park and walk across the meadow keeping the ring road on your right. As you approach a copse of trees there is a short path through it into the next meadow. Carry straight on with trees on your left and right but follow the edge of the trees on your left as they peter out and go round the end to the left.

These are now fields used for sport so walk around the perimeter of the park just inside the tree line. You will approach a building and old radio mast in a large wooded area. Cross the small car park and follow the strong path through the trees and where you emerge there will be playing areas both side of the path. Go straight on between the pitches and you will come to an exit from the park.

Stay in the park and go left on the metalled track and follow it round towards the pavilion ignoring paths off to the right. At the T junction near the pavilion go right downhill through the trees to access the road into the park. Turn left and walk past bowling greens to a children's play area. (*there are toilets nearby*).

From the end of the road a path continues up hill coming out onto Glenfield Road – turn left to return to the village. If it is dry and the fields are firm you can take a path going to your left instead which circles round the play area then goes off uphill to the left. At the end of this you can cross the field going through the gaps between the copses to reach the point where you entered the park.

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Route 

(Strong blue lines are parish boundaries)



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