



Preston Manor

A delightful manor house capturing the atmosphere of an Edwardian home both 'upstairs and downstairs.' Visitors can take a step back in time exploring over 20 rooms on four floors from the superbly renovated servants quarters in the basement to the attic bedrooms on the top floor.
An admission fee is payable and opening times are available from the Manor.

Chalet Cafe

Designed by Philip Lockwood in 1897 this two storey brick and timber building has a distinctive balcony reached by metal stairs and was originally used by the park police. Look out for the cast iron box by the door with the letters and town crest of the former Corporation of Brighton.

The Clock Tower

This 55ft working Grade II listed red brick and terracotta tower has broken pediments supported by Corinthian columns and is elaborately decorated with dolphin motifs, shields, Cherub statues and a weathervane. It bears the following rhyme: 'Here I stand with all my might to tell the hour day and night. Therefore example take by me and serve thy God as I serve thee.'

Bowls Pavillion

Designed and built by Captain Bertie MacLaren in 1937, this red brick flat roof building is easily recognised with its five glazed double doors leading to a terrace.

Rotunda Cafe

Built in 1929, this circular single storey building was the subject of a Heritage Lottery Grant, has been restored to its former glory and is now a busy continental style cafe. Designed in Italianate style by Bertie MacLaren, the building has 11 glazed timber doors, leading to a terrace and overlooking a rose garden.

Walled Garden

The Edwardian style Walled garden re-opened to the public in 2001 after restoration funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The grade 11 listed garden was originally part of the manor gardens before becoming part of the park. Work has included the relaying of paths, replacing the lily pond, erecting a metal arch re-introducing early varieties of period plants.

Rock Garden & Chalet

Built on the side of a railway embankment, using 1,350 tonnes of stone from the Cheddar Gorge the rock garden opened in 1936.
Winding stone paths, steps and a rustic bridge follow the rocky cascade through different levels of the garden leading to a kidney shaped pool.
A walk to the top of the rockery reveals stunning views over the Park, Preston Manor and St Peter's Church.

Tile House

Also known as the octagonal pavilion, the Grade 11 listed tile house was bought in 1929 from the Wembley Exhibition where it was used to display a pottery company's glazed tile work at the Bath and West Show.
Designed by Philip Lockwood, the timber framed building was originally moved to the park as a Ladies Pavilion.

Bowls Pavillion

This timber framed single story building designed and built by Captain Bertie MacLaren was originally the men's bowling pavilion.

Rose Garden

Originally designed by Captain Bertie MacLaren to draw people into the park, the rose garden was restored and replanted in 2001 with funding from a Heritage Lottery grant. Work included planting 4,000 old fashioned shrub roses, chosen for colour and scent and renovation of the life size French statues which represent two of the four seasons.

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Cafe



Toilets



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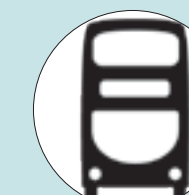


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Bus Stop



Accessible Bus Stop

Preston Park – The People's Park

Preston Park is Brighton & Hove's first and largest public park.

With 63 acres of parkland, this well loved open space plays a huge role in the life of the city, offering a variety of sports and activities and hosting many major outdoor events.

The park is also home to beautiful bedding schemes, a glorious restored walled garden, rose garden and many fine trees, two which are Champion Elms. It is also boasts several interesting and unique buildings including the Rotunda, Clock Tower and Tile House.

In recent years, many parts of the park have been restored as part of a 10 year project between Brighton & Hove City Council, Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage.

A regular winner of the Green Flag Award, given to quality parks and open spaces, Preston Park remains green throughout the summer because of an underground water source, known as the Wellesbourne.

Preston Park was bought by Brighton Corporation in 1883 for £50,000 from Mr William Bennett-Stanford who owned the Preston Manor estate.

The purchase and layout costs (£22,868) was funded by a bequest from local bookmaker William Edmund Davies in 1879.

The park began life as a conventional Victorian park with walks, drives and plantations and was formally declared open to the public in November 1884.

Little changed until 1920 when Captain Bertie MacLaren was promoted to Parks Superintendent, bringing with him new skills in landscape design, construction, management and a vision for a light, colourful and family friendly park.

Banishing the 'Victorian gloom' MacLaren introduced colourful planting schemes, unique new buildings, fun, sport and entertainment.

Railings were removed and tennis courts, bowling greens, lighting and a tea pavilion were introduced.

These new ideas changed the face of Preston Park and laid the foundations for the park you visit today.

Popular with families, the park has a large children's playground complete with sandpit, and a wide range of sports including bowling greens, eight tennis courts, football and cricket pitches, basketball court and cycling facilities.

The council also organises regular healthwalks – a perfect way to keep fit and explore this beautiful park. For more information contact healthwalks@brighton-hove.gov.uk

During your visit, don't miss the beautiful rock garden, situated on the other side of the main road. It's one of the biggest city-owned rock gardens in Britain and is full of twisting walkways, streams and wonderful plants. It is reputed that the design was based on the popular Willow Pattern.

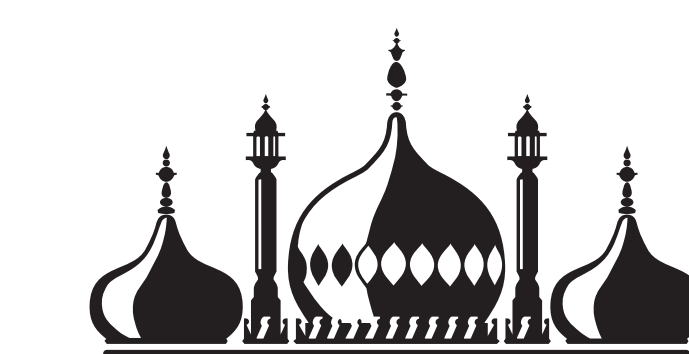
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