

Chorlton Water Park and Chorlton Ees

Formerly farmland, the lake was built from the gravel pit created in building the M60 during the 1970's.

The Park is now a haven for wildlife and is a nationally important wintering site for water birds. You may see coots, moorhens, tufted ducks, geese, heron and possibly even kingfishers.

There are many walks in and around the park with a wide range of flora and fauna. Birch, beech, ash and hazel trees are seen here and are particularly colourful in autumn.



A mile west down the river Mersey you come to the wildflower meadows of Chorlton Ees.

Formerly the site of a sewage works and a landfill, now paths meander in and out of woodlands, past ponds and along Chorlton Brook.

The name Ees is derived from the fact that it was once floodplain farmland. The recently discovered rare adderstongue fern indicates the old meadow status of the site.



How to Get to Chorlton Water Park

Bus: The Park is a short walk from bus stops on Princess Road and Barlow Moor Road. Alight at the Southern Cemetery.

Car: There is a carpark situated at the end of Maitland Avenue, off Barlow Moor Road.

Foot and Bicycle: The Park can be accessed from Maitland Avenue or from footpaths along the river Mersey.

Activities

Walking: There are plenty of walks in and around the park catering for all levels. You can take part in a health walk around the lake or walk along part of the Trans Pennine Trail.

Angling: The lake is well stocked with coarse fish and permits can be obtained from the park wardens during the fishing season.

Watersports: The lake is ideal for sailing and canoeing and is available from April to September.



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