

## Short Walk

### Queen's Park East

Distance:	Approximately: 1 Mile
Duration:	21 minutes
Total Steps:	1,975

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to A
Duration (Mins)	5	6	5	4	1
No. of Steps	467	545	490	394	79

#### What will I see...

From the park gates at the top of Queen's Park Avenue, facing Carlisle Street, **A** turn left and follow the path all the way up to the top park gates. You will see there is a lovely Victorian red brick lodge here.

**B** You need to take the path going off to your right and follow it around the wide curving open green space on your right, past the skateboard park on your left. Continuing on, you will come to a cross roads with one path leading off to your left and another to your right heading across the large green open space. **C** Stay on the main path that you were on continuing round to your right. As you do so, you will see a small lake over to your left; keep the small lake on your left. The path will then lead you firstly towards, and then past a landscaped garden on your left, **D** and a little way ahead, on your right, you will see a clock tower with a children's play park beyond it. Follow the path up to the clock tower. There is some interesting information about the clock tower on a plaque attached to it; you may wish to stop for a moment while you read this. **E** From here, follow on along the same path that brought you to the clock tower and a little way in front of you are the park gates that you started from earlier. **A**



## Medium Walk

### Queen's Park West

Distance:	Approximately: 1¼ Miles				
Duration:	39 minutes				
Total Steps:	3,735				

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to F	F to G
Duration (Mins)	6	6	5	4	2	3
No. of Steps	572	579	493	384	192	274

Stage	G to H	H to I	I to J	J to K	K to A
Duration (Mins)	3	3	3	2	2
No. of Steps	291	279	286	191	194

#### What will I see...

From the park gates at the top of Queen's Park Avenue, facing Carlisle Street, **A** turn right and follow the path along past two (all weather) sports courts on your left and shrubs on your right. A little further on you will see a bandstand off to your left. After 4 minutes, you will come to a lodge, beside some park gates where there is a grass circle, standing in which is a majestic pine tree. **B** Toilets are located in a second building behind the lodge. Continue on along the path which leads you beside the red brick lodge and toilet block and then continue until you come alongside a lake with an island in the middle of it, follow this path across a small metal bridge over a culvert, **C** then take the path following around the side of the lake. There are a number of small paths going off to your right at this point, but you should stick to the main lakeside path. Follow on until you come to a metal and wood bridge at the head of the lake then cross this bridge; **D** on your right you will see a waterfall where the water from the small lake (that you pass on the short walk) flows into the larger lake that you have just circled. Immediately you have crossed the bridge, you should turn right and follow the tarmac path up to the smaller of the two lakes **E** a short way beyond here, the path merges with another path coming in from your left and onto a wider path with a landscaped area in front of you.

**F** Walk on through the centre of this landscaped area and follow the path leading out the other side, keeping on this path until it meets with a wider path where you should turn left, **G** and walk on down to the bandstand. **H** Follow the path leading around to the left of the bandstand and then exit the area with the pavilion and toilets on your right, taking the right path at the fork between the two bowling greens and follow the path round to your left at the side of the oblong bowling green. At the end of the bowling green the path merges with another path coming from your right, **I** you should turn left here and follow the wider path past the landscaped garden on your left and all the way up, round the top corner of the small lake and up to the T junction. **J** Turn left onto this wide path and follow it all the way up to the clock tower, with the children's play park off beyond it on your right. **K** From here, a little way on ahead, you can see the gate where you started this walk, continue to this gate and back to point **A**.

## Long Walk

### Queen's Park

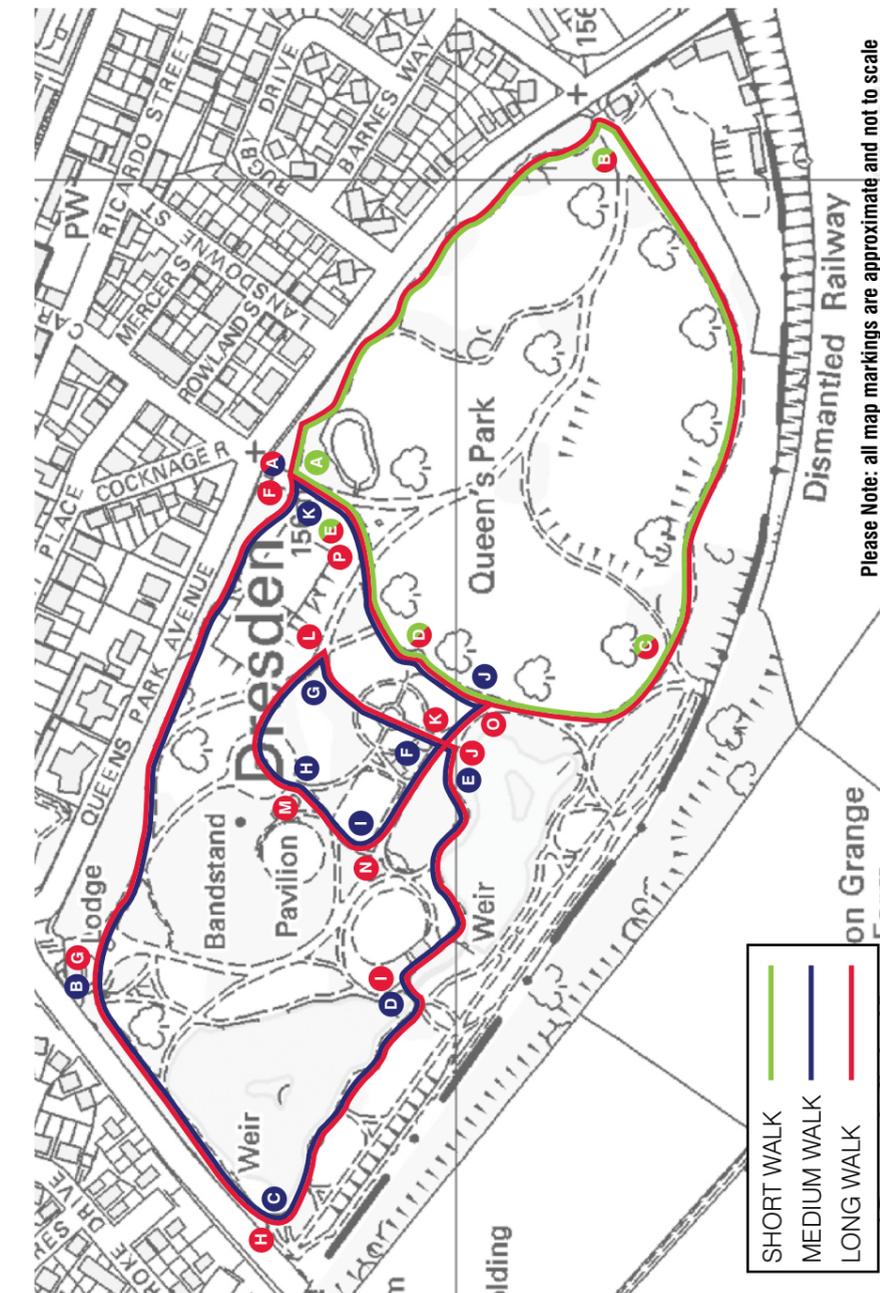
Distance:	Approximately: 2½ Miles						
Duration:	60 minutes						
Total Steps:	5,710						

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to F	F to G	G to H	H to I
Duration (Mins)	5	6	5	4	1	6	6	5
No. of Steps	467	545	490	394	79	572	579	493

Stage	I to J	J to K	K to L	L to M	M to N	N to O	O to P	P to A
Duration (Mins)	4	2	3	3	3	3	2	2
No. of Steps	384	192	274	291	279	286	191	194

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wide curving open green space on your right, past the skateboard park on your left. Continuing on, you will come to a cross roads with one path leading off to your left and another to your right heading off across the large green open space. **C** Stay on the main path that you were following continuing round to your right, keep the small lake on your left. The path will then lead you first towards and then past a landscaped garden on your left, **D** and a little way ahead, on your right, you will see a clock tower with a children's play park beyond it. Follow the path up to the clock tower. There is some interesting information about the clock tower on a plaque attached to it; you may wish to stop for a moment while you read this. **E** From here, follow on along the same path that brought you to the clock tower and a little way in front of you are the park gates that you started from earlier. **F**

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left of the bandstand and then exit the area with the pavilion and toilets on your right, taking the right path at the fork, between the two bowling greens and follow the path round to your left at the side of the oblong bowling green. At the far end of the oblong bowling green, the path merges with another path coming from your right, **N** you should turn left here and follow the wider path past the landscaped garden on your left and all the way up, round the top corner of the small lake to the T junction. **O** Turn left onto this wide path and follow it all the way up to the clock tower, with the children's play park off beyond it on your right. **P** From here, a little way on ahead, you can see the gate where you started this walk, continue to this gate and back to point **A**.

## Remember

All of these walks include some short hills. If you are unsure about your level of fitness, please consult your GP prior to undertaking these walks. These walks are suitable for people with prams and wheelchair users.

**Toilets are available in Queen's Park at the lodge by the gates leading to the junction with Trentham Road and Queen's Park Avenue.**

### Hazards to look out for...

Some paths are pitted and uneven with exposed tree roots. Some of the trees have overhanging branches.



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Queen's Park, Longton

## Points of interest

- Queen's Park or Longton Park as it is also known, is famous for its trees, horticulture and lakes.
- It has a very individual character and is one of the city's heritage parks. It houses a range of buildings including the clock tower and three bowling pavilions.
- The park has a fantastic new play area incorporating two play zones - one for toddlers and one for juniors - both packed with exciting play equipment. The play areas offer fantastic facilities including the unique i-play unit of electronic games, of which there are only a few in the UK at the moment. Other features in the play area include hexagonal swings, an 8m high space net, 25m cable slide and a ship wreck.
- The park lies alongside the former mineral line that serviced both of the former collieries, Hem Heath and Florence.

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No:4



Three walks around

## Queen's Park, Longton