



PHILIPS PARK

Wildlife Walk

Local wildlife to look out for ...

25 mins approx

..... Walking route

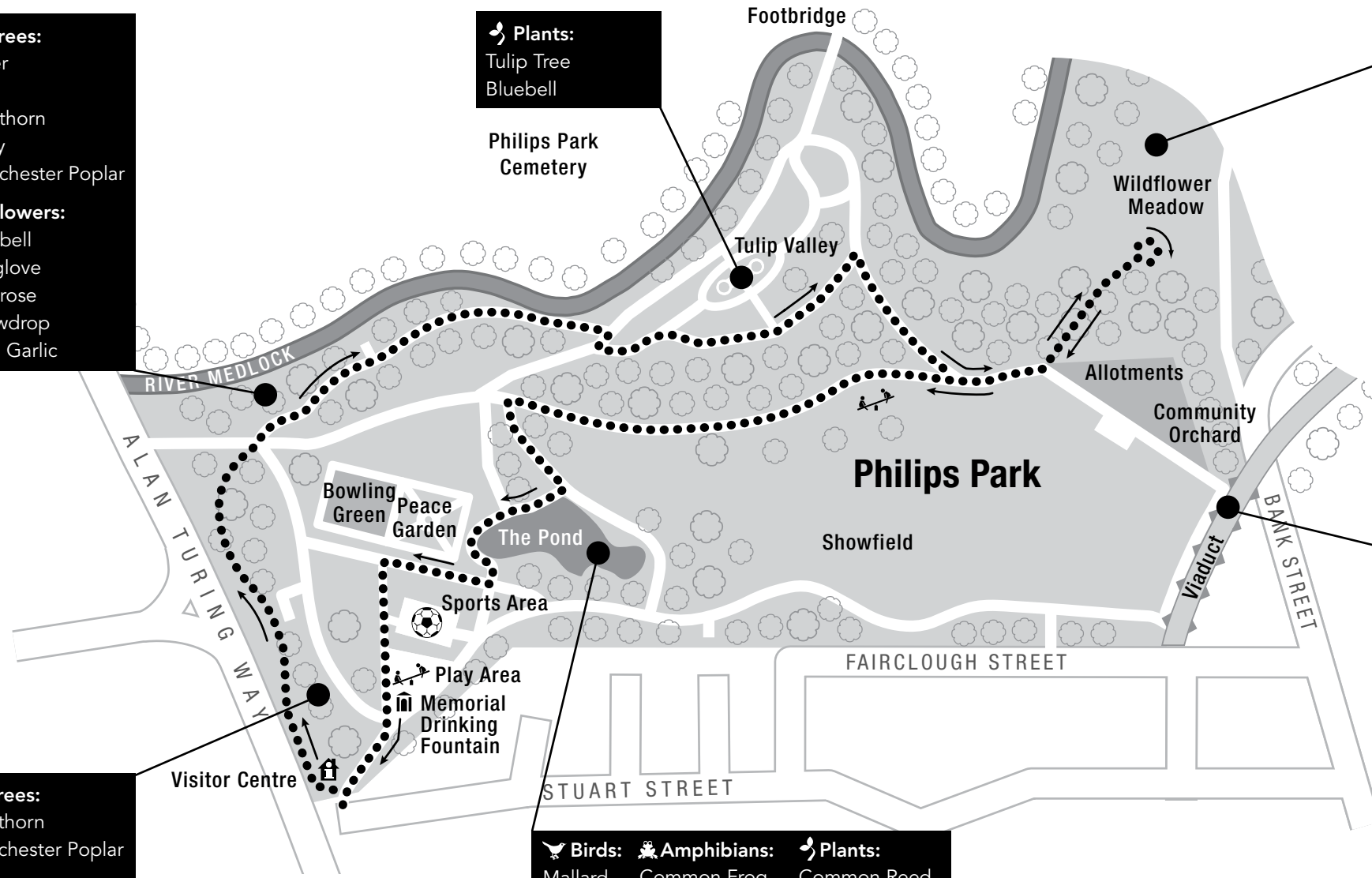
- Trees:**
 - Alder
 - Ash
 - Hawthorn
 - Holly
 - Manchester Poplar
- Flowers:**
 - Bluebell
 - Foxglove
 - Primrose
 - Snowdrop
 - Wild Garlic

- Plants:**
 - Tulip Tree
 - Bluebell

- Wildflowers:**
 - Cornflower
 - Foxglove
 - Poppy
 - Primrose
 - Wild Garlic

- Trees:**
 - Hawthorn
 - Manchester Poplar
 - Oak
 - Silver Birch

- Birds:**
 - Mallard
 - Heron
- Amphibians:**
 - Common Frog
 - Common Newt
- Plants:**
 - Common Reed
 - Marsh Marigold



Look out for bats living in the viaduct



200 metres



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Walk Information

Information

Visitor Centre

Located at the entrance on Stuart Street, open 9am – 5pm.

Main Entrances

- Stuart Street via Manchester Velodrome
- Fairclough Street off Bank Street

Arriving By Bus

- From Manchester City Centre: the **217** and **218** buses (Manchester to Tameside General Hospital) stop on Alan Turing Way near the park.
- Other services include the **53** (Cheetham Hill to Old Trafford), the **54** (Cheetham to the Trafford Centre) and the **185** (Sportcity to North Manchester General Hospital).
- Visit www.gmpete.com for bus times.

Arriving By Car

Car parking is available at the nearby Manchester Velodrome.

For more information telephone 0161 231 3090, or visit the website at www.philipspark.org.uk

Wildlife

Managed green spaces, such as Philips Park, provide important places for wildlife in urban settings, as well as contributing to the health and well-being of local people. Their proximity to schools and housing also makes them an ideal resource for learning about the natural world.

Environmental benefits of urban green spaces include:

- Providing habitats for wildlife
- Helping to stabilise urban temperatures and humidity
- Absorbing pollutants in air and groundwater

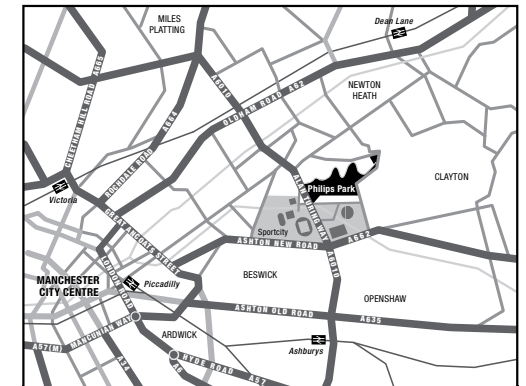
Philips Park itself provides an important habitat for a wide range of plants and animals. Some of them are easy to spot because of their size or abundance, or perhaps because they are loud, colourful or just plain curious! Other species are more difficult to discover due to their rarity and lack of numbers, or because they are so small, well hidden, or simply shy around people.

Most importantly, all of the different species work together, recycling waste and helping to look after the environment. Please make sure that you protect this balance by not disturbing any plants or animals when visiting the park.

Simple ways to enjoy the wildlife of Philips Park:

- Have a picnic. In quieter areas you may see birds and mammals such as woodpeckers or squirrels, and a pair of binoculars will bring these animals even closer, allowing you to appreciate their appearance and behaviour. There may also be butterflies, bees and hoverflies in any planted areas. A book on wildflowers will help you to identify any plants you find, and a hand lens opens up the fascinating world of insects.
- Try birdwatching. Birds are adaptable creatures and can be found just about everywhere. Even once uncommon birds, like the Kingfisher, can now be found in the heart of the city.
- Visit the community orchard, or perhaps take up an allotment. All through the year, enthusiastic gardeners are on hand to show off their plots to anyone who has an interest in gardening or the outdoors. This is a great way of developing your gardening skills, growing healthy food organically, getting some exercise and meeting like-minded people. It's also a great way of observing wildlife, especially birds and insects, and sharing your experiences with others.

- Get involved. Local volunteer groups, such as The Friends of Philips Park, play a vital and inspirational role in the management and improvement of the area. This responsibility is shared amongst other organisations, such as the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), Red Rose Forest and the Groundwork Trust. Projects include everything from wildflower planting and woodland thinning, to historic interpretation and landscape planning. Check the Philips Park website for more information.



Where is Philips Park?