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### Where can I find out more?

For general park information the Parks and Open Spaces Service can be contacted by email at [parks@york.gov.uk](mailto:parks@york.gov.uk) or by calling 01904 553392. For information about getting involved in the park or about supporting the Friends of West Bank Park contact the Rangers by email at [rangers@york.gov.uk](mailto:rangers@york.gov.uk) or by calling 0777 194 1155.

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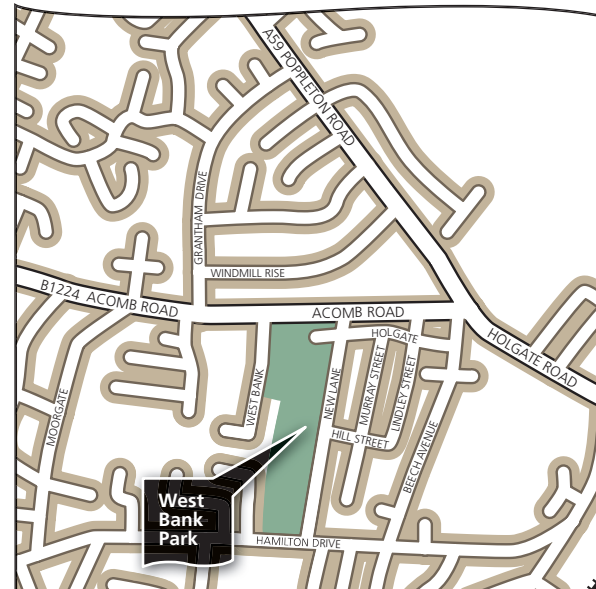
We welcome all people to the park but please respect the site and other people by taking all litter home with you and by cleaning up after your dog. If using bicycles on site please give priority to pedestrians and on busy days please dismount and push your cycle.

### How do I get there?

West Bank Park is served by several bus routes and has good cycle links with the rest of the city. For bus details contact the First Bus Group direct. Cycle maps are available from Council receptions and from the City of York Council web site. If driving, the small car park is in James Backhouse Place, off Hamilton Drive.

### Where is West Bank Park?

West Bank Park is in the Holgate area of York, less than 2 miles to the west of the city centre. It is bordered by Hamilton Drive, New Lane and the B1224 Acomb Road.



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## When is it open?

West Bank Park opens at 8am every day and closes at dusk. The park is closed on Christmas Day and may be closed on occasion in the interests of public safety.

## Background to the site

West Bank Park has a healthy mix of formal and semi-natural areas with a large mixed woodland, small wildflower meadow, amenity grass areas, play areas and bowling greens.

It is 16 Acres (6.5Ha) in size. The site was once home to the world famous Backhouse Nurseries and was opened as a public park in 1938.

The Park now proudly flies the Green Flag, which is an annual award given to parks and green spaces across the country that have reached a benchmark of excellence. The Park is owned and managed by the City of the York Council in close consultation with the Friends of West Bank Park who represent the local community.

## What facilities are there?

West Bank Park has a small car park off James Backhouse Place. Once in the park there

are two well equipped play areas serving both young children and those of an older age. A basket ball court is present along with large areas of open amenity grassland for recreation. There are also two bowling greens that are open to the public.

Toilet facilities are available along with numerous benches for sitting and with tables for picnics. The site is staffed at all times.

## What about disabled access?

West Bank Park has hard surface paths reaching most parts of the park although the woodland area only has woodchip paths running through it.

The paths surrounding the park have dropped kerb access. Many benches around the park also have a small hard standing next to them to allow wheelchair users or prams to pull off the main paths and share the same views as those sitting on the benches.

## What can I do there?

There are a variety of organised and self-led activities to be undertaken at West Bank Park. The Parks and Open Spaces Service have an events leaflet which is available from all libraries and council leisure centres, detailing various guided walks and practical work parties that are open to the public.

In addition to this the Rangers will put on school holiday activities for children and will lead school and scout groups throughout the year.



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If you are looking to undertake your own activities then the play areas and basket ball court are available. You may also want to try your hand at playing bowls (a small fee may apply).

The large amenity grass areas are suitable for most ball games and other activities. You could also pick up a tree trail leaflet or orienteering map from your local library free of charge and explore the park yourself.

The Friends of West Bank Park meet monthly to work on the rockery and always welcome new helpers. The Very Young Friends of West Bank Park meet on a weekly basis and is a group of parents and toddlers who undertake a variety of fun activities in the park.