

HISTORY

400 years ago the area was farmland, known as 'Broade Waters'. The Recreation Ground opened in 1936 with park keepers and a range of special features, including the pre-existing lake converted for boating, a cascade flowing into a paddling pool, an open air theatre and the UK's first Model Traffic Area - opened by the Minister For Transport. See film of this and other historic videos: www.lordshiprec.org.uk/gallery.

In the 1980s the park went into serious decline with staffing and maintenance cut to the bone. Usage plummeted and the buildings became semi-derelict. The sports field was taken over by Broadwater Farm residents as a thriving youth football club and they also built a small BMX track. The Multi-Use Games Area and skate park were added by the Council in 2005 in consultation with park users. The Friends fundraised for a popular rustic path through the woodland and for lake improvements. The lake is now a beautiful, wildlife haven and place to sit and experience nature.

The founding of the Friends of Lordship Rec in 2001 was the catalyst for the community-led regeneration of the whole park, in partnership with the Council. A £4m lottery grant enabled a complete refurbishment in 2011-12 which built the Lordship Hub eco-building, the new BMX track, brought the Moselle River to the surface in a natural channel and started the now extensive Lordship Orchard.



*Left:
The Moselle
River
Channel
in Winter*

*Below:
The BMX dirt
track circling
through the trees*



COMMUNITY ACTION

Since 2001 Lordship Rec has not only been dramatically physically improved from a much-neglected, barely-used park, but the local community has stepped up to take a full part in bringing the whole park to life. We help to maintain and manage it, contributing thousands of hours of effort annually in natural areas and buildings as volunteers. We co-manage the whole park with the Council's Parks Service, working together to monitor and address necessary repairs, to fundraise for and oversee improvements, and to share decision-making.

The twenty different local User Groups of all kinds in the Rec organise many regular community activities including cycling and walking and some major annual events such as Open Shell, Blockorama, the Tottenham Flower and Produce Festival and Wassail. User groups provide volunteering opportunities for local people - for example helping out with the Hub cafe, parkrun, the Friends' activities, Harmony Gardens, Wheely Tots, and football teams.

This ensures that the people of Tottenham can be very proud of our largest public park!

LORDSHIP FRIENDS

The Friends of Lordship Rec were founded in 2001. As explained above, many specialist User Groups have since been set up to cater for diverse particular interests. We've played a key role in knitting together such groups and helping to transform the Rec into the great place Tottenham's residents deserve - its been a long, amazing and empowering journey, involving a lot of volunteering and coordination. And the journey continues...!

We have 1500 members, and run an informative website and lively facebook page. You can volunteer to join our Working Groups which regularly help to manage the orchard field, woodland, lake, and river channel, and do litterpicking all over. We also link up with similar groups across Haringey, London and UK.

www.lordshiprec.org.uk
www.facebook.com/groups/307036912739/
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LORDSHIP REC

Tottenham's largest public park

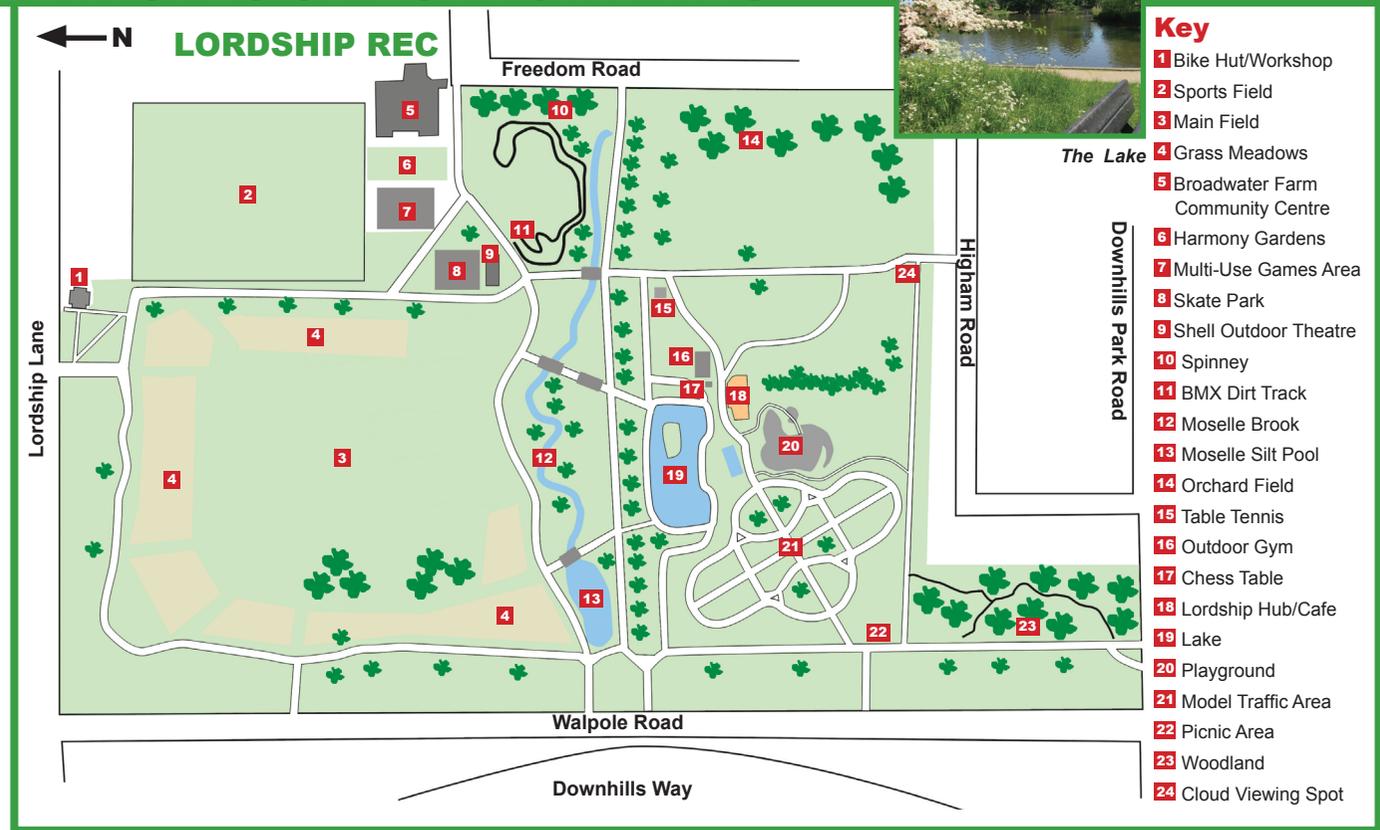


Playground
Lake
River
Orchard
Woodland & Spinney
Grass Meadows
Wildlife
Model Traffic Area
Outdoor Gym
Table Tennis Tables
Chess Table
Multi-Use Games Area
BMX Dirt Track
Outdoor Theatre
Skate Park
Community Garden
Bike Repair and Hire Shop
Lordship Hub & Cafe

A True People's Park

KEY FEATURES OF LORDSHIP REC

- 1. Bike Hut/Workshop:** Bike maintenance and hire, managed by Rockstone. Opening times vary.
- 2. Sports Field:** Home of Broadwater United FC youth teams. No public access. www.londonelite.org
- 3. Main Field:** For diverse activities.
- 4. Grass Meadows:** To improve biodiversity around the edges of the main field.
- 5. Broadwater Farm Community Centre:** Indoor gym, youth and community activities, toilets. www.haringey.gov.uk
Moselle Project Jazz Cafe <https://wheelytots.com>
- 6. Harmony Gardens:** Food and flower growing area managed by Friends of Harmony Gardens. Open to public on Tuesday and Friday for volunteering and learning. <https://www.facebook.com/share/18Mw3chNzf/>
- 7. Multi-Use Games Area:** Free for sports. Access anytime except when booked by a group.
- 8. Skate Park:** For all wheels, ages and abilities.
- 9. Shell Outdoor Theatre and Park Depot:** Performance and music space bookable via the Council. Park depot and storage yard behind.
- 10. Spinney:** Natural woodland for nature appreciation, managed by the Friends. www.lordshiprec.org.uk
- 11. BMX Dirt Track:** Circular course for all ages and abilities.
- 12. Moselle Brook:** River channel for nature. No public access to water for paddling etc. www.lordshiprec.org.uk
- 13. Moselle Silt Pool:** To collect silt before it flows into channel. No public access.
- 14. Orchard Field:** An open area of young fruit trees, managed by the Friends. www.lordshiprec.org.uk
- 15. Table Tennis Tables:** Free. Bring your own equipment.
- 16. Outdoor Gym:** Free. Any time.
- 17. Chess Table:** bring your own chess pieces.
- 18. Lordship Hub with Cafe:** Open daily. Toilets. Rooms for hire. Thursdays Cafe only open for free food bank. Many activities. Fully accessible. www.lordshiphub.org.uk
- 19. Lake:** Wildlife area managed by the Friends. Duck food available from cafe. www.lordshiprec.org.uk
- 20. Playground:** Next to the Hub. For children and young people.
- 21. Model Traffic Area:** For wheels of all kinds and people of all ages. Wheely Tots hold regular sessions. <https://wheelytots.com>
- 22. Picnic Area:** A natural area with picnic tables.
- 23. Woodland:** A relatively young forest with woodchip paths managed by the Friends. www.lordshiprec.org.uk
- 24. Cloud viewing spot:** Read the interpretation board and enjoy the amazing views!



A GREAT DAY OUT

Public green space provides a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages, backgrounds and interests to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday urban pressures - an oasis of calm for nature and recreation. Lordship Rec has a range of features and facilities to enjoy time and time again. It is more than a park, being



Lordship Hub



Trees on Model Traffic Area

a community in itself where people can feel connected and interact positively with each other.

- Enjoy the lake and river, open fields and grasslands, trees and woodlands - full of wildlife and biodiversity.
- There are many opportunities for walking, cycling for all ages, and formal or informal sports and activities
- The large playground by the Hub is very popular
- Just being in the park, maybe sitting on a bench and watching the world go by, can be relaxing and invigorating
- People are encouraged to join in community activities or volunteering sessions.
- Lordship Hub has a cafe, rooms for classes and community/cultural events, a park info table and art exhibitions - see the Hub programme - or hire a room and organise your own.