

BRAMCOTE HILLS PARK



The Nature Reserves

The North Eastern woodland area of the park is a Local Nature Reserve and with a mix of trees this area is particularly valuable for woodland birds such as Jays and Woodpeckers.

Across Coventry Lane the Oak/Birch woodland around the Hemlockstone is also a Local Nature Reserve. This is slightly different in character to the park woodland, being younger, but with the added interest of rocky outcrops and wet woodland, this is a valuabl site for a range of wildlife.

The Trigonometrical Point behind the Hemlockstone provides fantastic views towards the Erewash Valley and the Derbyshire Peak District with Crich Stand often clearly visible about 16 miles away.

Strategically these sites form links in a chain of sites which has been called a 'green lung' as it connects the Erewash Valley to Wollaton Park and the city beyond.



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BRAMCOTE HILLS PARK

A park for community participation!

Bramcote Hills Park is approximately 27 hectares in size, comprising a mix of woodland and parkland. It is a focal point for community participation in leisure and recreational activities and is a much appreciated facility for dog walkers, parents with young children and families.

There are many key and varied features to the park, including the Holocaust Memorial Garden, the cycle path and extensive areas of mixed woodland and open parkland. Historical features include the ice-house, the site of the former Bramcote Hills House and the walled garden. Facilities include an exciting play area, trim trail and cricket square, as well as picnic areas and seating.

The site is owned by Broxtowe Borough Council and is managed in partnership with the BTCV, the Friends of Bramcote Ridge, the Nottingham Wildlife Trust and the Bramcote and Stapleford Hills Public Open Space Forum.



The Parkland Area

This is the main body of the park where the Hemlock Happening Community Event is held in June each year. The park is also used for many community events such as Triathlons, Orienteering and Cyclo Cross. The edge of this area has a trim trail with exercise facilities and a range of specimen trees make this part of the park a mini arboretum.

Childrens Play Area -

A mix of exciting play facilities are available here for a wide range of ages.



Cricket on the Park -

The park is home to the Bramcote Cricket Club who play matches on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer months.



The Hills House

The park once formed the grounds of The Hills House and the footprint of this impressive property can be found on the edge of the woodland. An interpretation panel gives more information on the history of the site and its royal connections.



Ice House -

A feature of many grand houses in the 1700's and used to store ice for many months before the advent of refrigerators.

The Walled Garden

This area once supplied the Hills House with fresh fruit and vegetables and for many years was the plant nursery for the Borough Council. The site has now been laid out as a formal garden featuring a human sun dial and the Holocaust Memorial Statue.



Holocaust Memorial Statue -

This is the centrepiece of the Holocaust Memorial Garden which was officially opened on 27 January 2001. The statue is a copy of a striking work called 'The Refugee' created by artist Naomi Blake.



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The Bigger Picture

The park is a great base to explore a range of trails and attractions which lie nearby. The Robin Hood Way and the Erewash Valley Trail both pass through the site and the Nottingham Canal Local Nature Reserve is close by. The Bramcote Leisure Centre is on the edge of the park and the village of Bramcote and the town of Stapleford are within easy walking distance.



Further afield there are footpath links to Wollaton Park to the East and the village of Cossall with its D. H. Lawrence connections to the North.

Although the park is owned and managed by Broxtowe Borough Council its success as a Green Flag park is down to an active partnership with organisations and individuals. The council would like to thank all those involved and particularly the following partners for their help and support:

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, BTCV, Friends of Bramcote Ridge, the White Hills Park Federation of Schools and the Bramcote and Stapleford Hills Public Open Space Forum.







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