Welcome to Cheshunt Park
Located approximately 5 minutes drive from the centre of Cheshunt, park is easily accessible with plenty of parking, refreshment facilities and a play area. There are also facilities for basketball and football.

Our easy access trail provides a lovely route around the park, with benches placed at regular intervals. Bring a picnic or simply go for a leisurely stroll and enjoy the views. Follow the story of the park and its inhabitants (both two-legged and four) from Roman Britain to today. An abundance of wildlife can be seen, attracted by a wide range of habitats including wildflower meadows, an orchard which hosts traditional cattle breeds, a newly restored pond and a WWII pill box which has been converted into a home for hibernating bats.

Why not extend your walk to include Roundcroft wood, a semi-natural oak and hornbeam woodland currently under restoration.

Adjacent to the park is Cheshunt Park Golf Course, a par 71, 18-hole course.

The Friends of Cheshunt Park was established in 2001. Since then the group has been involved in a number of conservation projects. If you would like to get involved, please call Broxbourne Council Leisure Services on 01992 785555.

Cheshunt Park became a public open space following the death of Philip de Bechem, the last of the Debenham family, in 1968.

Fruit trees were once planted extensively across the estate. Now, an area of orchard has been replanted with local varieties of apples, pears, plums and gages. The grassland around the trees is naturally managed with periodic visits from Longhorn cattle, traditional British breeds.

Brantyngham was the Debenham family home from 1665-1968. The new amphitheatre has been built on the site of the old house which was demolished in 1970.

The Romans rested here from journeys along Ermine Street (the Roman road from London to York). With London within a day's march, and springs providing fresh water, a small settlement began - the origin of modern Cheshunt.

King Harold used Ermine Street in 1066 to march his army to victory against the Vikings near York, before returning south to be defeated by William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings.

Deer were kept here by the gentry and hunted for sport. The Cheshunt Park of today is just a small part of what was once a huge deer park during the medieval period.

Farmers ploughed these fields with oxen, creating 'ridge and furrow'. Look out for rippled patterns in the fields around the pond, evidence that these fields have been grassland for around 200 years.

How to get here

By Road: Cheshunt Park is located off the A10, just minutes from Junction 25 of the M25. (Postcode EN7 6QQ)
From the south, follow the A10 from the M25 to the second set of traffic lights and turn left at Church Lane, then right towards Flamstead End. From the north, follow the signs for Brodkfield Centre to bring you to Brofield Lane and Longfield Lane.

By Public Transport: Nearest bus stops are on Longfield Lane and Brofield Lane. The nearest train station is Cheshunt.

For more details on public transport contact the Hertfordshire Traveline on 0870 608 2608.

Cheshunt Park is owned and managed by the Borough of Broxbourne Council. The Council seeks to balance the need for sustainable development with the protection of the environment.

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