

# Chances Park

walk **4**



Open and accessible to all



## **Time**

12 - 24 mins

## **Distance**

1.2km (0.8 miles)

## **Steps**

Approx 1,600

## **Route**

Tarmac and  
firm gravel

## **Start point**

Morton  
Community Centre  
car park  
CA2 6JP

## **Parking**

Free (car park)

## **Bus routes**

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## **Walk category**

Easy

This circular walk is on a mixture of gravel and tarmac paths with some gentle gradients. The paths are accessible to wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Within the grounds of Chances Park lies the impressive old manor house, Morton Manor. It was once the home of the Ferguson family, owners of the Holmehead textile mill at Denton Holme. The Manor was inherited by the Chance family, who later bequeathed their family home to the city.

The striking gardens are landscaped with beautiful and unusual trees such as the walnut, weeping beech, red oak, tulip trees and turkey oak. Still visible is the Ha-Ha, a vertical ditch surrounding the garden. This formed an effective barrier to sheep and cattle but did not obscure the view of the Pennine Hills.

Today, the Manor is one of Carlisle's most popular community centres.

Depending on your level of fitness it will take:



Under 24 mins  
(2 miles per hour)



Under 16 mins  
(3 miles per hour)



Under 12 mins  
(4 miles per hour)

### Calories used

Women: 91 kcal

Men: 109 kcal

### Route description

Leave the car park via a gate in the fence and proceed along the tree-lined path which keeps close to the edge of the park before turning right down a tarmac path close to the rear of Dunmail Drive. Near the bottom of the slope, turn right and follow a path diagonally across the park, climbing gently.

As you reach the top of the slope, at the intersection, head towards the back of the community centre. Pass through a gate in the fence, skirt around the centre to the right and return to the car park.



Daffodils