

Right to the Streets
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Why? Because research shows that everyday sexual harassment and fear of gender-based violence makes it more difficult for women to lead active lives. We want to change that by reclaiming these spaces. Join us!

They were developed as part of Right to the Streets which, with local people, has been exploring how we can make our streets and public spaces safer, more welcoming and joyful for women and girls.

Gorse Hill was one of the Royal Horticultural and Botanical Gardens chosen for its clean, unpolluted air. Since then, it has been closely associated with the environment, sport and physical activity. Take a walk on one of the three new routes developed to embrace the green open spaces and accessible local parks that Gorse Hill offers.



Route B -----

Gorgeous Gorse Hill Parks

A flat, circular route that includes three local parks and plenty of opportunities to rest and enjoy refreshments.

Suitable for: All fitness levels
Time needed: Approx 45 minutes
Distance: 2.0 miles/3.2 km
Start and end point: Tesco Stretford, Chester Road, Gorse Hill, M32 0QW
Environment: Easy and accessible paths. Short stretches on main roads. There is a safe traffic light crossing on Talbot Street, and a safe crossing at Great Stone Road.

Pause to...

- Admire the beautiful local parks.
- Take refreshment opportunities along the way.
- Enjoy quiet roads and traffic free paths.

The local parks and green spaces on this walk – including Nansen Park, Gorse Hill Park and Marje Kelly Park – offer a chance to enjoy open spaces along mostly quiet paths and traffic free roads. This route includes plenty of resting and refreshment places.

To help you on your way...

1. Start at Tesco, cross Chester Rd at the traffic lights, continue past Lidl. At the Gorgeous Gorse Hill pocket park, turn right onto Avondale Rd.
2. Turn left on Thornbury Rd, then to the alleyway behind the allotments to enter Nansen Park.
3. Leave Nansen Park on Nansen Close (which becomes Nansen St), take the second left on Cavendish Rd; enter Gorse Hill Park across the road.
4. Leave Gorse Hill Park onto Talbot Rd, turn right, crossing Talbot Rd enter Gorse Lane, walk to the end and enter Marje Kelly Park.
5. Leave Marje Kelly Park, turn around and walk back along Gorse Lane and turn right on Talbot Rd.
6. To end the walk, walk on Talbot Rd until Town Hall gardens, turn left onto the pedestrian walkthrough to Tesco.



Route A>

A Short Burst of Culture

This route has a mixture of quiet paths and main roads. There are plenty of places for rest and refreshment.

Suitable for: All fitness levels
Time needed: Approx 20 minutes
Distance: 1.0 mile/1.5 km
Start point: Trafford House, Chester Road, M32 ORS
End Point: Gorse Hill Studios, Chester Road, M32 OPS
Environment: Easy and accessible paths. Two busy roads, there is a safe crossing at Great Stone Road.

Pause to...

- Enjoy the many resting and refreshment places.
- Experience a variety of sights and sounds.

In the 19th century, Gorse Hill was part of the Royal Horticultural and Botanical Gardens, chosen for its clean, unpolluted air. Since then the area's remained closely associated with sports and recreation. This walk reflects that tradition by taking in the local parks and modern art work, sporting and physical activity and educational spaces in the area.

To help you on your way...

1. Start at Kwik Fit on Chester Rd, facing the Sylvia Pankhurst mural on Trafford House.
2. Walk towards Tesco, turn left and walk on the pedestrian path through the Town Hall gardens towards the Emirates Old Trafford Cricket Ground.
3. Turn right onto Talbot Rd, cross Great Stone Rd at the traffic lights after passing Trafford College.
4. Continue walking on Talbot Rd past Stretford Sports Village, Talbot Centre and enter Gorse Hill Park on the right.
5. Walk through the park and take the perimeter path straight ahead to leave through the park gate on Chester Rd.
6. Turn left on Chester Rd, you will see Gorse Hill Studios, your end to the walk.



Route C -----

Gorse Hill Greenway

A flat, circular route that includes three local parks. It can easily be divided into two shorter routes.

Suitable for: All fitness levels
Time needed: Approx 1 hour 45 minutes
Distance: 3.3 miles/5.4 km
Start and end point: Gorse Hill Park, M32 OYA
Environment: Easy, accessible paths through open green spaces. Mostly quiet roads and some traffic free areas.

Pause to...

- Look for wildlife along the Bridgewater Canal.
- Spot the Victorian boot scrapers at Gorse Hill Gate Lodge.
- Admire pollinator friendly plants at Stretford Public Hall pocket park.

This walk offers a mix of greenery and waterside views along two sections of the Bridgewater Canal. The route provides opportunities for refreshments at Stretford Mall and in Victoria Park. Toilet facilities are available at Victoria Park and Stretford Mall.

To help you on your way...

1. Start at Chester Rd entrance to Gorse Hill Park, follow path, exit onto Canute Rd. Use crossing on Chester Rd, continue to Taylor's Rd, take 2nd left onto Harcourt St, left onto Thomas St, right onto Ashover St then left onto Longford Rd.
2. At the end turn right onto Chester Rd, cross over the Bridgewater Canal.
3. Join the canal via the ramp off Chester Rd signed Bridgewater Way.
4. At the end of the houses overlooking Stretford Marina, turn left onto Marland Way which joins Grasmere Rd, turn left onto Ponsonby Rd.
5. Cross Davyhulme Rd East, walk to end of Woodlands Ave, turn right then left onto Moss Rd. Cross Derbyshire Lane into Victoria Rd. After Victoria Court enter Victoria park, follow the path past garden and cafe.
6. Leave park, cross School Rd, go to end of Pinnington Lane and join Kingsway opposite Stretford Mall, turn left. Cross Kingsway and Chester Rd using crossings onto Edge Lane.
7. Take the path on right signed Bridgewater Way, turn left onto canal and walk under bridge. Use steps at the sign for Talbot Rd to leave canal.
8. Turn right onto Chester Rd, cross canal and take the first right onto Christie Rd. At the junction turn left onto Renton Rd.
9. Turn right onto School Ave, and enter Marje Kelly Park.
10. Walk through the park and leave onto Gorse Lane, crossing Talbot Rd where the walk ends in Gorse Hill Park.

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Walking in and around Gorse Hill

See along the way...

Route A

A Short Burst of Culture



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| 1. Pankhurst Mural on Trafford House | 5. Trafford College |
| 2. Sculpture on the path between Tesco and Town Hall | 6. Stretford Sports Village, Talbot Centre |
| 3. Trafford Town Hall and gardens | 7. Gorse Hill Studios |
| 4. Lancashire Cricket Club | |

Route B

Gorgeous Gorse Hill Parks



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| 1. Gorse Hill Studios | 3. Lancashire Cricket Club |
| 2. Stretford Sports Village, Chester Centre | 4. Trafford Town Hall and Gardens |

Route C

Gorse Hill Greenway



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| 1. Great Stone (possibly a 10th to 11th century boundary cross base) | 4. Garden of Tranquillity |
| 2. Gorse Hill Park Gate Lodge, Victorian boot scrapers | 5. Friends of Stretford Public Hall Pocket Park |
| 3. Gorse Hill pocket paradise | 6. Bridgewater Canal views |

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