



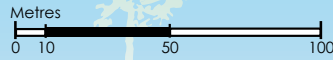


Welcome to Dudhope Park

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-  Parking / Disabled



Visitor Guidelines:

We wish your visit to this park to be as pleasant as possible. Please be responsible, follow these simple guidelines and show consideration for other visitors to this park. Please see main management rules for details.

1. Fires are not permitted. (Contained BBQs OK).
2. Cars are only permitted through the Barrack Road entrance.
3. Consumption of alcohol in the park is an offence. (The Dundee City Council Prohibition of Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Public Places Byelaw 1999)
4. Cyclists: please act responsibly to other park users
5. Golf / golf practice is not permitted in Dudhope Park.
6. Dogs must be under close control or on a short lead at all times.
7. **Dog Waste is a Health Hazard:** NOT cleaning up your dog's mess is an offence. (The Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003)
8. Littering and dog fouling are punishable by instant fines.

For more information:

Telephone 01382 434000

or see: www.dundee.gov.uk



Dudhope was the first publicly funded park in Dundee, created specifically 'for the people.'

Aided by subscriptions from local benefactors, £11,000 was raised to purchase this portion of estate land from the Earl of Home in 1893 by the town council.

The castle was originally built in the late 13th Century as the home of the Scrymgeour family who were appointed as hereditary constables of Dundee by William Wallace in 1298.

In 1683 the title and castle was conferred onto John 'Bonnie Dundee' Graham of Claverhouse, who went on to lead the Jacobites to victory at Killiecrankie in 1689.

In 1792 there was an unsuccessful attempt to turn the castle into a woolen mill. The Ordnance Office then had the lease of it for 95 years as a barracks and storehouse. A now demolished building to the east of the castle used to house **Dundee's first museum**, exhibiting items of technology and industry.



Other buildings to the west were a hospital for the 'deaf and dumb,' and an early form of leisure centre; teaching handicrafts and containing sports training facilities.

Although left as derelict for many years, the castle was restored by the city council in the late 1980's and has been used as offices and a conference venue.

The cannon overlooking Lochee Road was used for time keeping up until the 1930's. The 'One O'clock gun' was used by ships in the harbour and the many citizens who did not own a watch.

The original cannon sited here was presented to Dundee as a captured piece from the Siege of Sebastopol (1854-1855) but has been replaced at least twice due to wear.

The head matron of the nearby Dundee Royal Infirmary (building now converted to flats) eventually succeeded in having the practice of firing the gun stopped. Many fragile WW1 veterans were long-term patients and were tormented daily by the sound.

Dudhope park contains many fine mature tree specimens, including large elms which have escaped the beetle-borne plague which destroyed so many others around the UK.

The east lawn has a gloriously large swathe of daffodils in the spring and in autumn colourful foliage can be found throughout the park. The loose planting around the skatepark has created a fantastic refuge for insects and butterflies in particular.

The southern facing slope upon which the park sits provides a great view of the city and the river, and makes it a natural haven for summer sunbathers and picnickers.

Active facilities within the park include a very popular **skatepark**, a **Multi Use Games Area**, three **tennis courts** and an equipped **play area**.

