

WALK 1

Gladstone Gardens

Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA

From all routes head to Barry Town Centre, then either on foot, bike or car head along Gladstone Road A4055, Buttrills Road or Holton Road towards the Memorial Hall – “The MEMO” on foot the Gardens are a 10-minute walk from the town centre.

- Gladstone Upper and Lower Gardens are directly opposite the MEMO and there is ample free on street parking and a large car park at the rear of the MEMO.
- By Train – the nearest stations are Barry Dock and Barry Town, both are around 10-15 minutes' walk away.
- By Bus – 94, 95, 96, 96A stops on Broad Street a 2-minute walk away.

Access to the park

- There are 6 wheelchair accessible entrances –
 - 2 in Lower Gladstone from Buttrills Road and Gladstone Road,
 - 4 in Upper Gladstone from Buttrills Road, Kendrick Road, Beryl Road, and the lane opposite Gladstone Primary School.
- There are also 6 stepped entrances alongside the seating areas on Gladstone Road.
- There is a separate single gate entrance with ramped access into the bowling green from the Southern boundary,
- There are no steps on the paths circuiting the park, all are level or gently sloping.
- There are no toilets in the park. There are toilets available at Golau Caredig adjacent to lower Gladstone Gardens and in the MEMO opposite.



You can start your walk around the gardens from any of the entrances. Take your time and enjoy the pretty scenery around the parks. You can either start in the lower gardens the smaller of the parks opposite the MEMO which offers flower borders, prairie plantings, and a wildlife pond and green space for you sit and have a rest or a picnic.



The upper and lower gardens cover an area of approximately 2 acres and is split into two halves separated by Buttrills Road.



Newly refurbished tennis courts are next to the bowling green.

There are several very large and impressive tree species including Scots Pine and other large conifers. These evergreen species form a large canopy providing structure, shade and shelter throughout the year.

There are flat paths that take you around the parks which you can enjoy at your leisure.

The upper Gardens contain several areas for active recreation. The upper gardens are home to the largest active outdoor zone in Britain so there is plenty to keep you occupied when you visit. Maybe try a few exercises on the equipment. There is also a large open lawn area, bowling green, large play area, tennis courts and a multi-use games court. Gladstone Gardens is home to Barry Central Bowling Club which is based within the gardens.

Once you have walked around these parks why not extend your walk to another one not too far away Central Park.



Gladstone Gardens to Central Park DIRECTIONS

From Upper Gladstone gardens leave the park through one of the exits onto Gladstone Road (opposite Gladstone Primary School). Turn right and follow the pavement slightly up hill towards the traffic lights approximately 400m.

The pavement is tree lined with some of the pavement being uneven due to the tree roots so please take care around these. Walking towards the traffic lights you will cross Regent Street, Hanover Street and Byron Street. Once you reach the traffic lights turn right and continue down hill on Tynywedd Road crossing Woodlands Road.



Again this pavement is tree lined with some areas slightly raised please take care around these areas. Once you reach the small roundabout you can either continue forward crossing the road at the pelican crossing and walking in front of the Library into Kings Square. From there you will see the main entrance to Central park in the left hand corner.

Or at the small roundabout you can cross the road and continue along Wyndham Street where the entrance to park is in the car park. There is a stepped entrance and also an accessible entrance.



From Lower Gladstone Gardens you can exit onto Buttrills Road which is flat exit or onto the A4055 which is a stepped exit opposite the

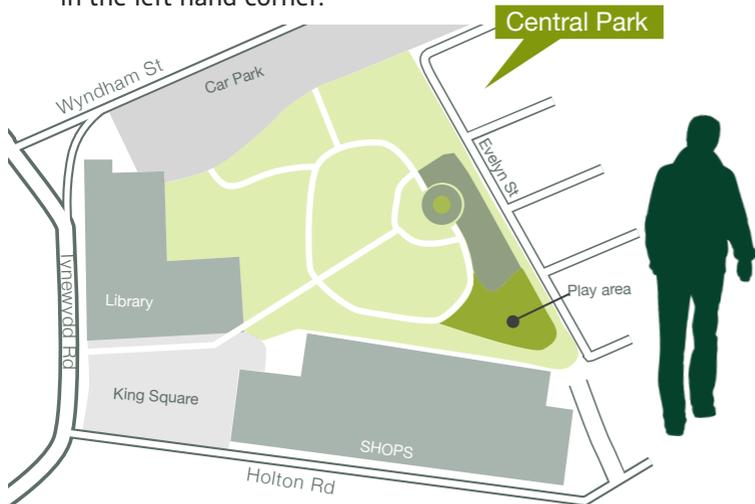
MEMO. From the exit on Buttrills Road turn right and follow the pavement along the road down the corner where the road meets Holton Road. The Council Civic Offices will be on your right.





Follow Holton Road slightly uphill passing many local shops and cafes. Continue forward until the road meets Tynywedd Road where you will see the Library in front of you. Cross over the road at the pelican crossing into Kings Square where you will see the main Central Park entrance in the left hand corner.

From the exit on the A4055 which is opposite the Memo turn left and follow the Road down towards the roundabout. Turn left at the roundabout with Golau Caredig on your left, follow the pavement along Broad Street where you will cross over Buttrills Road and the Council Civic Offices will be on your right. Follow Holton Road slightly uphill passing many local shops and cafes. Continue forward until the road meets Tynywedd Road where you will see the Library in front of you. Cross over the road at the pelican crossing into Kings Square where you will see the main Central Park entrance in the left hand corner.



WALK 2 Central Park,

Kings Square, Barry, CF63 4RW

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Public Transport

Kings Square is a main bus hub. There are numerous buses available from all areas of the town and the wider Vale area (e.g. 86, 88, 90, 95, 96, 97 & 97a). A very short walk across Kings Square leads to the Park.

The nearest rail link is from Barry Dock station, approximately 700m away.

There is free off-street parking for vehicles overlooking the park in the Wyndham Street car park. There is also a free multi story car park at Court Road 300m away

Access to the park

- There are public entrances from King Square (1), Evelyn St (1), and Wyndham Street (2).
- There are 2 wheelchair accessible entrances - King Square and the Library end of Wyndham Street
- There are no steps on the paths circuiting the park which are level or very gently sloping.

- As part of the renovation of the park, disabled access was improved with new wheelchair friendly routes and the removal of many small steps and changes in level. There are accessible toilet facilities at the library.
- There are 4 access points on to the site, the main entrances being off King Square and Wyndham St Car Park. Two of these are ramped/ flat for disabled access allowing for a safe wheelchair route between the square and shopping centre and the car park.
- All the steps and the access ramps have metal handrails.



The park covers an area of approximately 2 acres is roughly triangular and appears as a bowl or amphitheatre depending on which entrance you use.

There is a wide grassy space in the centre bounded by stone pathways. Separated from this by modern low iron railings is modern play area with arrange of equipment. There is a basketball court to the side of the play area and a play shelter of a contemporary design.

There are benches and seating areas around the park so plenty of places to sit and admire the view or have a picnic. There are many places in there nearby town for refreshments or even a bit of shopping after you have finished your park walk.

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