



The Peasholm Glen and Park Trail

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This trail is like a trip back in time, like walking in old pictures. It is for anyone who loves trees and nature, walking and picnics, tradition and food. Peasholm Park is where you can see English and Chinese mixed together - it is the only place like it in the world. This classic, magical trail begins near our school and ends with a bacon butty feast by the sea. Just be careful not to go near the geese or harass their chicks, or step in goose poo. And keep your eye open for the world's biggest swan (Mrs Richards says it is - and so does her mum)!

Mrs Richard's class, Woodlands School

Start the trail at...

Manor Road Play Area: [Grid Ref. K3]

The swings make me feel like laughing. This is a good place to meet: you can play while you wait for others to come. We come clumping along to play on the seesaw. There is a long silver slide and roundabout. But we love the swings: they give you a nice breeze in the face; they're like a dare-devil stunt; they make a squeaking noise.

Pass under Manor Road bridge, pause to read and enjoy the 'Everybody's always somewhere' art work, and go on through the gates into the cemetery. Walk past the gravestones of doom. At night you might hear owls. There are lots of interesting names on the stones. Remember to exorcise the dead - give them twenty push-ups! Follow the path downhill

towards the top of Peasholm Glen. Walk through the gates and onto the zigzag path until you pass beneath...

Newlands Park Drive Road Bridge: [Grid Ref. M3]

You feel all weird under this big concrete bridge. It is heavier than our classroom, but not as heavy as the whole school. We listen for the traffic, but you can only just hear it. We look up at the sky and the clouds. It is a good place to be quiet and peaceful. Until we shout! It echoes. You can hear your voice coming back to you all strange. It is a good place for singing if you have a good voice. The bridge is as heavy as a crane. It is a good place to smell the wild garlic. The trees reach up all around us to the bridge. This is a great place for trees.

Follow the path downhill. You will be joined by a stream. The path crosses over a humpbacked bridge where we play pooh sticks, but you have to be quick as it's a small bridge. Follow the path by the stream downhill until you come to...

The Lake with a Fountain: [Grid Ref. P5]

My auntie Jane remembered this as a boating lake. Then it became all muddy and slimy. Now they've done it up and you could sale a boat on it again. The Chinese lights look lovely around here. It takes you back to what it was like in the old times. You can hear water dripping. It is beautiful here in the snow. It is beautiful any time of year and especially in the evening.

Cross over a small bridge to the...

Wishing-Well: [Grid Ref. P5]

First it was a wishing-well, then it was a plant pot, and now it is a wishing-well again. If you put your head down the well it stinks like a jumble sale or an old treasure chest from a pirate ship. The wishing-well makes your eyes sparkle. At the bottom, the money looks like a fish, or a tortoise's shell or a wobbly jellyfish. We like to listen to the money tinging as we drop it in. We recommend dropping 10p, 1ps and £1 but not £5 and mainly 1ps. It would be great to get all the money out. Make a wish and don't tell (we'd like to get in it!).

Cross back over the bridge. Look out for the sculpture – close your eyes as you touch it and you can imagine the dragon is real. The faces on the totem pole are rough and cut into the wood. Walk round the main lake towards the tearooms and ice-cream kiosk. Before you get there, stop on one of the many...

Benches: [Grid Ref. P6]

Sit on these benches, facing the island, for your lunch. You can hear a lot of quacking, random people chatting, water sounds coming at you from the island with the pagoda on it. It feels like tranquillity. There are dragon boats and swan boats and rowing boats with names on them. It is a classic place, relaxing and traditional – like back in the old days. The pigeons come for our crumbs and the squirrels come looking for nuts. Sometimes we give the squirrels nuts they have already opened, just to watch them take them from our hands, hold the shells and then throw them away. It is like a squirrel sanctuary. On the lake they have concerts and sometimes small battleships (with men in them you can't see) shoot fireworks at each other. The men get out of the boats at the end.

Continue around the lake past the jetty where you can hire rowing boats or peddle-o boats in the shape of a swan or a dragon. Turn left and walk over the bridge to the island and up the steps to...

The Pagoda: [Grid Ref. Q6]

It makes you feel tall, like a Chinese King proud of his castle – like *I'm the king of the castle and you're the dirty rascal!* Lights shine on the waterfall. They keep it nice up there. Sometimes you can go into the pagoda. There are lots of exotic plants.

Come back down the steps and cross back over the bridge. Head through the gate: on your left and across the road you will be able to see the miniature railway to Scalby Mills, which runs by the Open Air Theatre. Don't turn left. Instead, go straight over the road and head towards the sea. Stay on this side of the road as it curves round onto North Bay until you come to...

Oasis: [Grid Ref. P9]

It is best when the tide is out and the beach is in front of you and not the sea. By now you will be hungry if you did not bring a picnic. We recommend you try a floury white buttered bap with crispy bacon in it. Or fish and chips with scraps that melt in your mouth and mushy peas. You could even have fried onions in your bacon butty – but maybe the onions are better in a hotdog. To drink, have a hot chocolate or coke. And if it's hot, try a mint choc chip ice cream or a raspberry ripple with two toppings.

End of trail.