

WOODHOUSE MOOR PARK

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5. SITE DESCRIPTION

5.1 General

Woodhouse Moor Park is a multi recreational facility covering an area of 27.22 hectares. The site is split into six sections with one large site occurring to the Southwest of Woodhouse Lane and five smaller sites to the Northeast of the aforementioned road (Map 4).

- Woodhouse Moor (Hyde Park) represents the largest site (21.39ha) and is bounded in the Northeast by Woodhouse Lane and the other parts of the Park, whilst Clarendon Road and the University of Leeds provide the Southeast boundary. The Southwest border comprises Moorland Road with residential units and the former Leeds Grammar School beyond, while Hyde Park Road delineates the Northwest edge with residential areas of Burley and Headingley farther out.
- The "Feast Ground" site encompasses the two hardstanding areas, Cinder Moor and Monument Moor, which are used for major events such as the famous Woodhouse Feasts (Fairs). Both sites have Woodhouse Lane for their Southeast border. The more Northerly site (Cinder Moor, 2.3ha) has Cliff Road, Woodhouse Street and Rampart Road for its westerly, northerly and easterly boundaries respectively. In contrast the southerly site (Monument Moor, 2.05ha) is bounded by Rampart Road to the west whilst the Southeast sees Cathcart Street and Raglan Road providing the border. Further to the North and Northeast are the Cliff Road Playground sites and residential areas of Woodhouse respectively.
- Cliff Road Playground area represents two sites directly north of the westerly "Feast Ground" site. The larger of the two sites (0.94ha) has the playground along with Cliff Terrace, Delph Manor and Delph lane for its Northerly, Northeasterly and Easterly boundaries respectively. The smaller more westerly site (0.25ha) that is triangular in shape has Woodhouse Cliff along its Northern edge and similarly Cliff Road to the West. The residential area of Woodhouse occurs further beyond the aforementioned sites.
- The "Bird Cage" refers to a small site (0.29ha) that backs onto the Crescent (a U shaped row of terraced retail outlets facing Hyde Park Corner). A metal hoop fence encloses most of this site. Whilst the Crescent provides the Westerly boundary, Cliff Road and Woodhouse Lane in turn delineate the East and Southwest borders for this site.

A unique combination of multifarious recreational facilities, large open areas suitable for either winter or summer events, located close to the City Centre and surrounded by dense residential areas ensures that Woodhouse Moor Park remains a popular green space site for both community and visitor usage. Open space provision for recreational purposes is at a premium in any area close to the City Centre. Thus sites such as Woodhouse Moor Park, Burley Park, Rosebank Millennium Green and Woodhouse Ridge represent important recreational centres for local communities of Woodhouse, Burley and Headingley in the west section of the City.

Photo. 49 – Nature Area with newly planted native standards



5.8 Allotments

Woodhouse Moor has two large allotments in the southwest corner of the Park (Map 4, 7). The more northerly allotment covers an area of 11448m² and comprises 47 plots (Photo. 50). In contrast the southerly allotment is much larger and within its 11746.5m² area there are 45 plots. The arrangement and size of plots is shown in Appendices 41 and 42.

Both allotments are surrounded by a green plastic coated wire mesh (50mm mesh) fence held by concrete posts. The fence is in a reasonable state of repair with few sagging sections. Along much of the fence line the security element is reinforced by a privet hedge planted just inside the fence. Throughout, the privet hedge has grown through and above the fence. In regard to the southern allotment the privet hedge is missing along the southeast sections and can be attributed mainly to the effects of tree shading. In these areas rank weeds and brambles contribute to the security element of the fence line. With the northern allotment, gaps in the privet hedge are few and have either been filled deliberately with Hawthorn whips (north side) or naturally regenerated elderberry (southwest corner). Along the southern edge a gap in the fence line has been filled with 72m of 170cm high, green coated metal paling security fencing with privet whips planted on the inside

The southern allotment has four entrances: -

- Directly opposite the tennis courts. Double wooden gate system topped with barbed wire, approximately 146cm high and 3m wide. Each gate consists of 11 vertical slats. Slat dimensions vary due to remedial works.
- At the west corner of the allotment. Double wooden gate system, approximately 150cm high and 3.3m wide. Each gate consists of 11 vertical slats. Slat dimensions vary due to remedial works.