

What to see at CHESHUNT PARK



Timeline Amphitheatre



Model Aircraft Runways



Pill Box



Ridge and Furrow



The Park's Past



Pond Restoration



Key	
	Easy Access Route
	Information Panel
	Toilets/Refreshments
	Football
	Basketball Facilities

Farmers ploughed these fields with oxen creating 'ridge and furrow'. Look out for rippled patterns in the fields around the pond, evidence that these fields have been grassland for around 200 years.

Deer were kept here by the gentry and hunted for sport. The Cheshunt Park of today is just a small part of what was once a huge deer park during the medieval period.

King Harold used Ermine Street in 1066 to march his army to York, before returning south to be defeated by William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings.

The Romans rested here from journeys along Ermine Street (the Roman road from London to York). With London within a day's march and springs providing fresh water, a small settlement began - the origin of modern Cheshunt.

Cheshunt Park became a public open space following the death of Phillis Debenham family, in 1968.

Fruit trees were once planted extensively across the estate. Now, an area of orchard has been replanted with local varieties of apples, pears, plums and gages. The grassland around the trees is managed with periodic visits from Longhorn cattle, a traditional British breed.

Brantynghesay was the Debenham family home from 1865 - 1968. The new amphitheatre has been built on the site of the old house which was demolished in 1970.

Charles I was the last king to live at the nearby Royal estate, Theobalds Palace (now Cedars Park), which included Cheshunt Park. However, following his victory in the Civil War **Oliver Cromwell** paid his army by dismantling the Royal estates. Around 200 hundred years later Cromwell's great grandson built a house, *Brantynghesay*, here.



Welcome to Cheshunt Park

Located approximately five minutes' drive from the centre of Cheshunt, the park is easily accessible with plenty of parking, refreshment facilities and a play area.

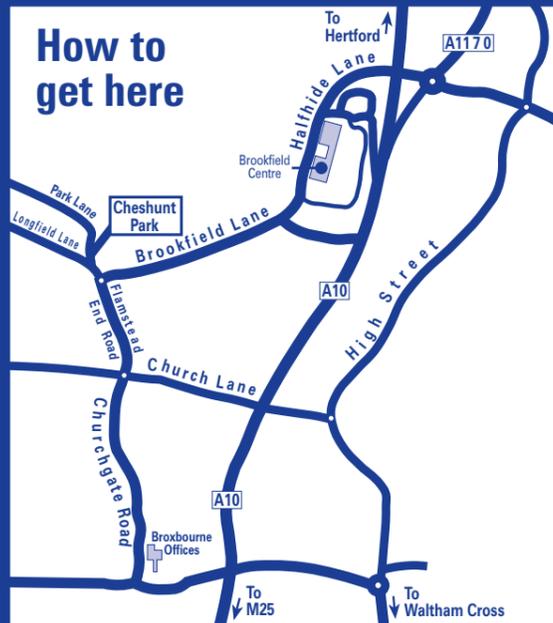
The **easy access trail** provides a lovely route around the park with benches placed at regular intervals. Bring a picnic or simply go for a stroll and enjoy the views. Follow the **story of the park** and its inhabitants (both two-legged and four) from Roman Britain to the present day. An **abundance of wildlife** can be seen, attracted by a wide range of habitats including **wildflower meadows**, an **orchard** which hosts traditional **cattle breeds**, a newly restored **pond** and WWII pillboxes which have been converted into homes for hibernating **bats**.

Why not extend your walk to include Roundcroft Wood, a semi-natural oak and hornbeam woodland currently under restoration.

Adjacent to the park is **Cheshunt Park Golf Course**, a par 71, 18-hole course.



The Friends of Cheshunt Park get involved with conservation projects here. If you would like to join the group please call Broxbourne Council Leisure Services on 01992 785508.



By Road: Cheshunt Park is located just off the A10 (postcode EN7 6DQ).

From the **south** follow the A10 from the M25 to the second set of traffic lights. Turn left at Church Lane, then right towards Flamstead End.

From the **north** follow the signs for the Brookfield Centre to bring you to Brookfield Lane and Longfield Lane.

By Public Transport: For details on public transport contact the Hertfordshire Traveline on 0870 608 2608.

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2000 Years of History Beneath Your Feet

