

History of Trafford Ecology Park

Trafford Park is often described as an oasis in the midst of the largest industrial estate in Europe.

The site was originally part of the 'De Trafford' family estate but was enveloped by encroaching industry in the early 1900s.



In the following years the area was used as a tipping site by industry and partly filled with construction rubble and slag from the steel works.

Esso acquired the site in 1973, intending to safeguard its future. In 1988 the Trafford Park Development Corporation bought the site and provided funding for it to be transformed into the Ecology Park you see today.

Groundwork Manchester, Salford & Trafford now own the site and Trafford Council manage it. Today the park boasts a variety of habitats and has an abundance of wild life waiting to be explored.

What is Groundwork?

Groundwork is a leading environmental regeneration charity, putting the theory behind sustainable development into practise. Groundwork Manchester, Salford and Trafford is working with its partners in business and the community to make a real difference to quality of life. The environment is used as a tool to engage and motivate people into improving the places where they live, work and play.

If you would like to find out more about the Ecology Park please phone or write to us.

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Park opening times

Monday to Friday 9am–5pm
(Not open weekends or bank holidays)

Groups of 5 or more visiting the park should notify Groundwork beforehand.

Trafford Ecology Park



Trafford Ecology Park is

A workplace* for Groundwork staff working towards a society made up of sustainable communities which are vibrant, healthy and safe, which respect the local and global environment and where individuals and enterprise prosper.

A training place offering opportunities for volunteers, including school pupils and those with special educational needs, to work in the park. University students and graduates can get experience of the management of environmental projects.

An education centre*

Groundwork offer an innovative service to schools which consist of activities at the Ecology Park. These are led by characters from present day and history and include a trip to a neighbouring organisation in Trafford Park. The programme addresses environmental issues such as waste minimisation, energy saving and think local act global

A training/conference facility*

The Trafford Ecology Park offers a unique setting for your business meetings, seminars and training events.

*Separate information is available

A walk around the park

Some things to look out for:

- A.** Bee observation hive (operational from May to September)
- B.** Bird and bat boxes
- C.** Bird feeding area
- D.** Bird hide
- E.** Butterfly area (plants selected to attract butterflies)
- F.&G.** Habitat mounds (including newt hibernation mounds)
- H.** Sensory garden (plants with unusual scents and texture)
- I.** Sculpture
- J.** Tree tunnel
- K.** Weather station (equipment to monitor local weather conditions)



Remember:

Keep dogs on leads

Do not let your children go out of sight, especially near the water.

Do not leave litter, use the bins provided

Please **do not** pick flowers or handle wildlife.

Location Map

