

## Information

**Admission: free**

## Opening times

Week days and Saturdays 9.00am  
Sundays 10.00am

## Closing times

24 Oct - 6 March - 4.30pm  
7 March - 13 March - 5.30pm  
14 March - 24 March - 6.00pm  
25 March - 23 Oct - 7.00pm

NOTE: The Play Area closes 45 mins before the main Park.

## Getting there

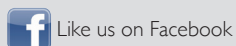
The Homestead Park  
40 Water End  
York YO30 6WP

Buses run frequently from York city centre. There is pedestrian access from Water End and Shipton Road, and a car park at the Shipton Road entrance. Park & Ride bus 2 stops at Clifton Green for access via Water End.

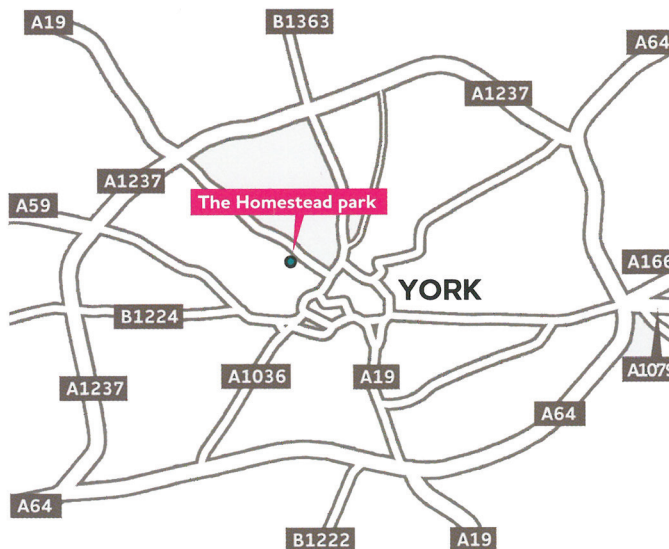
## Contact

The Gardens Office  
Tel 01904 406251

You can also leave us feedback and suggestions by email: [parkfeedback@jrf.org.uk](mailto:parkfeedback@jrf.org.uk) or speak to a member of the Landscapes team.



## Map



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# THE HOMESTEAD PARK

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# WELCOME TO THE HOMESTEAD PARK

## A brief history of the park

The Homestead Park has been open to the people of York for over a century. On 16 July 1904, Seebohm Rowntree (son of successful businessman and philanthropist Joseph Rowntree) placed an 'Important Notice' in the Yorkshire Gazette.

He announced that from 18 July to 18 August "the fields behind his house [would] be available for children attending the York Elementary Schools ... Donkey rides, swings, see-saws, sand heaps and games [would] be provided."

The Homestead Park remains open to the public to this day. Seebohm Rowntree's house, The Homestead, is now the head office of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, which manages, maintains and develops the park, as Seebohm wanted.

In 2004, JRF celebrated the park's centenary with special events reminiscent of the park's earlier days.



**The Homestead Park is open all year round and is well worth a visit by all the family for some fresh air and exercise. Known for its glorious floral displays, the park also has grassed areas, a play area, walkways, picnic areas, plenty of benches and a pond.**

Cycling is permitted through the park (except Backhouse Pond footpath). Pedestrians have priority at all times. Fires are not permitted in the park but bbqs can be used by prior arrangement. Please ring the Garden's office or speak to a member of staff. Children under 12 can enjoy the play area, which has an excellent range of outdoor play equipment. There are several climbing frames, swings and a large helter-skelter slide. The equipment in the play area has protective wood-chip flooring, and a section is reserved for the under-sevens. For everyone's health and safety, dogs must be kept on leads. No dogs allowed in the play area except assistance dogs.

The Homestead Park features planting that provides colour and interest throughout the year, using herbaceous borders, formal beds and, more recently, wildflowers. There is a wildlife guide and a tree trail in the park - pick up a leaflet for more details.

Park facilities include car parking at the Shipton Road entrance, public toilets by the play area and a special area for ball games. The park is managed by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's dedicated Landscapes team.



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