

Sydney Gardens

Set into the lower level of hills surrounding Bath. The walk crosses the Kennet and Avon canal and a railway line. It is on a slight incline.

Steeped in history, this is the oldest park in the city, planned and laid out by the architect Harcourt Masters in 1795. The picturesque 12 acre grounds were very popular at the end of the 18th and early 19th century when breakfasts, promenades and concerts were held there. They were visited by many members of the royal family, and Jane Austen, who lived at number 4 Sydney Place, was a regular visitor. The gardens were purchased in 1909 by the city and in the same year a replica of the Roman Temple of Minerva was built to commemorate the Bath Historical Pageant.

Today the park contains fine trees, shrubberies, lawns and flower beds, tennis courts and a children's play area. There is an additional entrance from Holburne Museum of Art which also has tea rooms.



-  Public conveniences
-  Entrance
-  Cafe (closed Mondays)
-  Railway
-  Refreshment kiosk
-  Champion trees

★ Canal towpath can be joined inside garden