



RG - Recreation Ground NR - Nature Reserve Walking Kayaking Bird watching Campsite City Farm Play Area Friends Group
 OS - Open Space LNR - Local Nature Reserve Cycling Swimming Viewpoint Bouldering/Climbing Fees Pool Sensory Walk

Birmingham **Tame Valley** **Stratford Avon** **Tame** **City** **North Worcester** **Heritage** **Outer Circle**
Grand Union **Cole** **Rea** **South** **North** **Monarch's Way** **Grow**

A City of Nature - Greenground Map

It may surprise you to hear that Birmingham is home to over 600 green spaces - ranging from small playing fields to expansive nature reserves, connected by our unique canal networks, rivers and walkways. Each and every one of these spaces are vital to our wellbeing, acting as spaces for us to play, socialise and make memories. We wanted a way to showcase these areas without relying on the road dominated maps we're so used to - something that is increasingly important in the face of a changing climate.

The aim of the Naturally Birmingham: Future Parks Accelerator (NBFA) programme goes beyond simply funding and maintaining parks. The programme seeks to embed the value of green spaces across all areas of the Council and ensure that Birmingham's substantial green infrastructure is well utilised, sustainable, and valued in the face of austerity. By testing a range of proposals across key themes, including finance; governance; volunteering; children's; health and wellbeing; employment; and housing/development, we aim to generate valuable networks and learning that can be taken forward by the wider Council in the future to fundamentally shift the way we work to a more sustainable, inclusive model.

The 'Greenground Map' is a design project by Helen Illus in collaboration with Birmingham City Council and the Naturally Birmingham Project to map Birmingham's green spaces into a creative schematic walking network. The map includes parks, open spaces, nature reserves and woods - connected by waterways, canals and walking/cycling routes to promote the use of active travel. Naturally there was no way to include all 600+ green spaces on the map, but we have tried to showcase a broad range of spaces across all of Birmingham and its surrounding areas. As well as the parks themselves, the map also includes information on a range of outdoor activities located nearby, including bouldering, bird watching, kayaking and much more!

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15 INSPIRING GREEN LINES

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