

There are 7 new themed cycle routes around Southport. Maps of these are available from both the station and the Eco Centre, or they can be downloaded in advance from www.southportcyclingtown.gov.uk. Copies of the Sefton Cycle Map can be downloaded from www.letsTravelWise.org/cycling, or tel: 0151 330 1253.

Welcome to your TravelWise guide to accessing the delights on offer at some of the parks and green spaces in the Southport area. It provides details of:

- the frequencies of bus and rail services
- the location of bus stops and rail stations in relation to each park
- recommended cycle routes to the parks
- secure cycle storage and cycle parking
- pedestrian access points to the parks

Contact with the natural world improves your physical and psychological health and wellbeing, providing relaxation and time for contemplation. Using public transport, walking or cycling not only improves your fitness but also contributes to reducing congestion and improving the air quality and environmental ambience in Southport.

Free events encompassing, music, sport, games and educational workshops for all the family are regularly held in the featured parks. For more information about specific events visit www.sefton.gov.uk or contact Sefton Council directly on 0151 934 2932.

Cycle hire is available at Southport Station and at the Eco Centre on the Esplanade. Both these locations are noted in this guide. For further information on hiring your bike or to pre book, please contact the centres on 01704 500996 (Southport Cycle Centre) / 0151 934 2713 (Eco Centre) or email cyclehire@southportcyclingtown.gov.uk



TravelWise guide to Southport Parks

Located in picturesque Churchtown, with a bus stop right outside the gates, the **Botanic Gardens** is nationally renowned for its floral displays. With its beautiful setting and range of facilities, including an aviary, children's play area, mini golf, bowling green, cafe, nursery shop and Ferrery, the park is a great day out for the family. Cycle parking is available on site. Pedestrian access is from Botanic Road, Bankfield Lane and Balmoral Drive.

Crossens Community Park is located on Rufford Road in Crossens, with additional pedestrian access from Preston New Road and Douglas Road. It offers an expansive playing field and children's play area. The park can be reached by bus or bicycle and cycle parking is available at the Rufford Road entrance.

Lord Street Gardens are ideal for taking in the ambience of historic Lord Street. Buses run every few minutes in both directions and cycle parking is available at 20 metre intervals.



Less than one mile, or about a 20 minute walk from the centre of Southport lies **Hesketh Park**. This 12 hectare Victorian Park lies within a semi-residential area, and can easily be reached by bus or bike from historic Lord Street. Pedestrian access is possible from several sites along Park Crescent and on the corner of Park Road and Albert Road. Amenities include public toilets, cycle parking, healthy walks trails, mini golf, children's play area, a cafe and several themed gardens.



Ainsdale Village Park is located less than a mile from the centre of Ainsdale Village there are bus stops within 100 metres of the main Liverpool Road entrance. Pedestrian access is also possible from a side gate on Bradshaws Lane. The park has a children's play area and a large open field for playing games or walking dogs.

Kings Gardens run along the Promenade next to the pier and are accessible to pedestrians from both the Promenade and from the Ocean Plaza Complex on the far side of the Marine Lake. The Gardens are a 5 minute walk from the Eco Centre Park and Ride, or a 1 minute journey on the Park and Ride bus. The park overlooks the Marine Lake and offers Crazy Golf, and access to the Model Railway Village, Miniature Railway and a bowling green.

Both **Victoria Park**, home to the Southport Flower Show, and the **Rotten Row Herbaceous Border**, which is believed to be the longest in the UK, are easily accessible on foot from the town centre. The nearest bus stop is a 5 minute walk away and Southport Rail Station a 10 minute walk away.

Bedford Park, is easily reached by bus from both Ainsdale and Birkdale. To cycle from Birkdale Station takes 5 minutes, and about 10-15 minutes from either Ainsdale or Southport Stations. Cycle parking is available. Pedestrian access is from Lyndhurst Road, Kew Road and Bedford Road. The park offers a bowling green, 5 aside football pitch, a children's play area and adult exercise facilities.

STATION	HUNTS CROSS - SOUTHPORT		SOUTHPORT - HUNTS CROSS	
	MON-SAT	SUN	MON-SAT	SUN
Southport	First service arrives at 06.37 with arrivals every 52, 07, 22 and 37 minutes past the hour until 00.22	First service arrives at 08.52 . Arrivals every 07 and 37 minutes past the hour until 23.37 . Last service arrives 00.22	First service at 05.43 and then every 58, 13, 28 and 43 minutes past the hour until 22.58 . Last service 23.16	First service at 7.58 and then every 28 and 58 minutes past the hour until 22.58 Last service 23.16
Birkdale	First service at 06.32 and then every 47, 02, 17 and 32 minutes past the hour until 00.17	First service at 08.47 and then every 02 and 32 minutes past the hour until 23.32 . Last service 00.17	First service at 05.47 and then every 02, 17, 32 and 47 minutes past the hour until 23.02 . Last service 23.20	First service at 08.02 and then every 32 and 02 minutes past the hour until 23.02 Last service 23.20
Hillside	First service at 06.30 and then every 45, 00, 15 and 30 minutes past the hour until 00.15	First service at 08.45 and then every 00 and 30 minutes past the hour until 23.30 . Last service 00.15	First service at 05.49 and then every 04, 19, 34 and 49 minutes past the hour until 23.04 . Last service 23.22	First service at 08.04 and then every 34 and 04 minutes past the hour until 23.04 Last service 23.22
Ainsdale	First service at 06.27 and then every 42, 57, 12 and 27 minutes past the hour until 00.12	First service at 08.42 and then every 57 and 27 minutes past the hour until 23.27 . Last service 00.12	First service at 05.52 and then every 07, 22, 37 and 52 minutes past the hour until 23.07 . Last service 23.25	First service at 08.07 and then every 37 and 07 minutes past the hour until 23.07 Last service 23.25

Trains between Southport and Hunts Cross run every 15 minutes in each direction Monday - Saturday, with a half hourly service on Sundays.

Please note that between mid-May and mid-September a 15 minute service operates on a Sunday for most of the day.

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STATION	MANCHESTER - SOUTHPORT		SOUTHPORT - MANCHESTER	
	MON-SAT	SUN	MON-SAT	SUN
Southport	First service from Manchester arrives at 07.56 , with subsequent arrivals approximately every 30 minutes until 23.48	First service from Manchester arrives 09.46 , with subsequent arrivals every 60 minutes until 21.46	First service at 06.23 and then approximately every 30 minutes until 22.18	First service at 09.10 and then approximately on the hour until 22.05

Trains between Southport and Manchester run approximately every 30 minutes in each direction Monday - Saturday, with an hourly service on Sundays.

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Key

- Rail Station
- Signed Cycle Path or Lane
- Recommended Cycle Route
- Signed Cycle Track
- Bus Stop
- Entrance
- Cycle Parking
- Secure Cycle Storage
- Cycle Hire

Scale:
 approx 5 minutes
 walk
 approx 1 minute
 to cycle

Bus routes serving Southport

This Guide shows all the routes that serve the parks of Southport and gives details of how often buses and trains run, and where the bus stops and stations are in relation to the with parks and gardens.

Route No(s)	Serving	Mon-Fri daytime (mins)	Saturday daytime (mins)	Mon-Sat evenings (mins)	Sundays (mins)
X2	Liverpool - Southport	every 30	every 30	every 30	every 30
2X	Southport - Preston	every 30	every 30	every 30	every 30
42	Wainut Street - Southport - Cambridge Road - Crossens	every 30	every 30	No Service	No Service
42A	Wainut Street - Southport - Radnor Drive - Crossens	No Service	No Service	every 60	every 60
43/43A	Carr Lane - Southport - Blowick - High Park	every 20	every 30	every 30/60	every 30/60
46/46A	Carr Lane - Southport - Russell Road	every 20	every 30	every 30/60	every 30/60
44	Formby - Southport - Crossens	every 30	every 30	every 60	every 60
47	Liverpool - Riverside Caravan Park	every 30	every 30	every 60	every 20/60
48/48A	Liverpool - Southport	every 30	every 30	No Service	No Service
49/49A	Woodvale - Southport - Crossens	every 10	every 12	every 30	every 20/30