

# Parks and Beyond

Welcome to **NORTHERN PARKLAND**

Did you know you can walk to Southern Country Park from here? Take a stroll, leave the car at home and explore Southern Country Park and beyond.

This is one of five parks in the south west corner of Bishop's Stortford that are linked together by 'Parks and Beyond' circular walks. Follow the waymarked (green and orange) traffic free routes along grassy footpaths, bridleways and tarmaced paths; and look out for similar interpretation panels at Southern Country Park, Bishop's Park, Thorley Wedge and The Firs.



**Key**

Green Route	Bridleway	Play Area	Dog Bin
Orange Route	Tarmaced Path	Bench	Interpretation Panel
Footpath	Surfaced Path	Litter Bin	



Northern Parkland is an 8.32 hectare (20.24 acre) open space, located to the north of St. Michaels Mead. The large grassed open space is dotted with small pockets of young plantation woodland. The plantations are managed by thinning out trees to give others a chance to reach maturity and retain their dense structure. There are two enclosed children's play areas and goals for informal kickabouts.



Part of St Michaels Mead is built on what was Thorley Common, which stretched to this area of the town. Across St James Way from the parkland is Thorley Houses: in the 19th century about 100 people lived here in agricultural cottages and made good use of the Green Man Pub on the corner of Thorley Lane.

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