

Program Details

Introduction of Wirral and Arrowe Country Park

Welcome to wonderful Wirral! Wirral has a population of about 326,000 in an area of

sixty miles and is the eighth largest Metropolitan District in the United Kingdom.

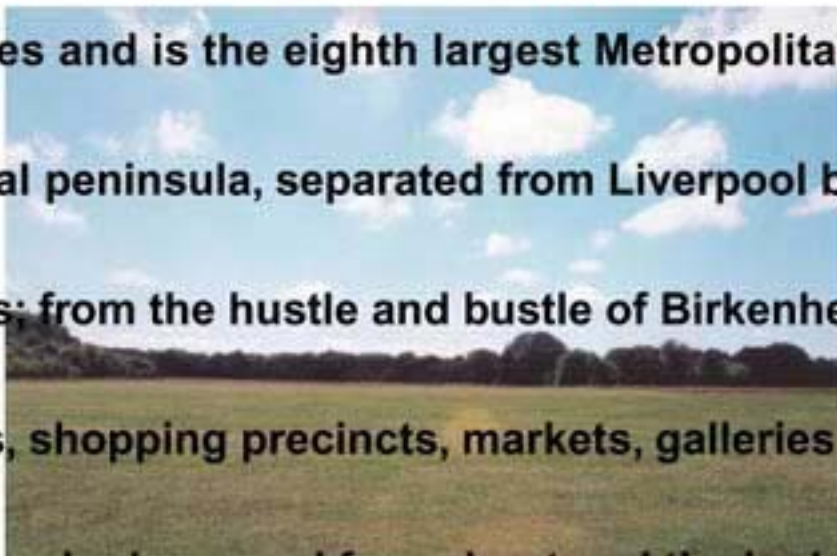
The Wirral peninsula, separated from Liverpool by the River Mersey, is a place of

contrasts; from the hustle and bustle of Birkenhead with its ferries and historic

warships, shopping precincts, markets, galleries and museums to Wirral Country

Park where badgers and foxes hunt and the hedgerows alive with butterflies in the

summer.



Arrowe Country Park is the largest park in Wirral, comprising some 400 acres.

Nearly two thirds (about 250 acres) are devoted to open parkland and deciduous

woodland, while the remaining area is taken up by a Municipal 18 hole Golf Course and

formal areas. The park woodland contains many fine examples of Oak, Ash and Beech

as well as conifers such as Scots Pine and Cedar. Some of its more unusual trees

include Redwood, Cedar of Lebanon, Maidenhair and Indian Bean tree. The woodland

birds include Rooks, Magpies, Jays, Nuthatches, Tree Creepers and Great and Lesser

Spotted Woodpeckers. Areas of grassland and woodland edges are now being cared for





as wildflower meadows, which attract butterflies such as Small Heath, Skipper and Speckled Wood at the woodland edge. The lake and brook provides a habitat for various species of birds, those prepared to wait long

enough may catch sight of a kingfisher as it darts along the brook. Ponds scattered throughout the park are breeding grounds for a variety of pond life including frogs, newts, damsel and dragonflies. Arrowe Country Park is situated in the centre of the Wirral Peninsula between the Rural and Urban Areas, which is easily reached by public transport and is the gateway to Wirral's Countryside.

