

Fairhaven Lake Easy Walk (2.55miles) – Circuit of Fairhaven Lake and Lytham Promenade

Starting from Granny's Bay, walk along the path to Fairhaven Lake, go through the gate and walk along the side of the lake keeping the lake on your left. Fairhaven Lake is **one of the borough's most popular attractions**. Situated between Lytham and St Anne's, the salt water lake is positioned directly on the coast next to Granny's Bay and Stanner Bank. The site covers an area of 19.5 hectares (including the lake) and was created in the 1890's by Fairhaven Estates Company who had very grand ideas. The original intention was to extend the sea wall and the gardens as far as St Anne's, however this was abandoned after heavy seas flooded the lake in 1896. The next twenty years were years of gradual progress. A landing stage and the Pagoda shaped boathouse were constructed. This was designed to contain living quarters for the Manager and an area where boats could be built. In 1926 at a cost of £34,000.00 the lake and surrounding park were bought from the Fairhaven Estates Company and presented to the Corporation of Lytham St Anne's by Lord Ashton of Lancaster. Pass the Café on your right and continue to the Spitfire. Pretend you are a World War 2 Fighter pilot and then continue around the lake, keeping the lake on your left. Admire the recently unearthed Japanese Gardens on route. Designed and built in 1925 by Thomas Mawson, a leading landscape architect from the northwest, the Japanese gardens and lagoon were lost in the early 1980s, and their excavation and renovation were designated as a priority in the plan to restore heritage features of the lake and gardens. The iconic stepping stones were raised and re-set in September 2021, and planting has now taken place to let the garden bloom in colour once again. When you get to the gate where you originally entered the Lake, head towards the sea front and walk along the promenade towards Lytham until you get to the start of Lytham Green. Turn left here and walk towards the small car park, but before you get to the wall on your left, turn left onto a grassy path which leads you all the way back to Granny's Bay. Enjoy a tippie at the Fairhaven Pub. They do lunch too.

If you prefer café to pub, then you could start this walk at the Fairhaven Lake Café.

