

Parks, Playgrounds & Outdoor Spaces

Places

Verulamium Park

Clarence Park, St Albans

Oakley Road Play Area (Harpenden, Southdown)

Nomansland Common

Harpenden – Rothamsted Park & Harpenden Common

What it offers / features

- Large parkland (~100 acres), children's play area, seasonal splash park, outdoor gym, lake, Roman ruins, café, sports facilities.
- Playground with many features (rope bridges, swings, slides, zip wires)
- Fenced play equipment, including slides, swings, climbing structures, toddler swings
- Wide open space, heathland, nature walks, a good spot for picnics, and wildlife
- Green open spaces, playgrounds, walking paths

Notes / location

The splash park (May–September) is a highlight for warm days. ([Wikipedia](#))

Recent renovation to upgrade equipment. ([St Albans City Council](#))

Good for local, smaller children's play needs. ([harpenden.gov.uk](#))

Situated between Wheathampstead & Sandridge, approx 2 miles north of St Albans.

([ParksHerts](#))

Rothamsted Park noted for modern playgrounds for varied ages. ([helpingherts.com](#))

Indoor / Educational / Structured Activities

St Albans Museums

- They provide family-friendly amenities such as accessible toilets with baby changing, buggy parking, and kid lunch box options in the café. ([St Albans Museums](#))

De Havilland Aircraft Museum

- A fun, educational outing for children interested in planes and aviation. (Listed under “Things to Do — Family Fun” in St Albans) ([Enjoy St Albans](#))

Willows Activity Farm

- Animal farm / children’s attraction in the region, often listed in local “family fun” guides. ([Enjoy St Albans](#))

Indoor soft play / play centres

- There are local soft play venues (e.g. “DJ Play Jungle” referred to by locals) in the vicinity toward Sandridge / between your areas. ([Reddit](#))

Horse Riding & Equestrian

Chiswell Green Riding School

Lessons (group & private), hacks, pony days, stable management for ages ~5+

Greenacres Equestrian (Harpenden)

Riding lessons, livery, show jumping etc.

The Grove Livery Stables (Harpenden)

Riding school, stables, lessons, dressage etc.

Sandridgebury Riding School

Based in Sandridge area; offers riding lessons

Redbourn Riding School

Group & private lessons, small scale, with arena, floodlit

Harpenden RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association)

Inclusive riding sessions for people with disabilities, led outdoors & hacking

Cricket

Sandridge Cricket Club

Adult teams, local league play; engages community

Wheathampstead Cricket Club

Junior & adult cricket; large participation (from age ~5 up)

St Albans Cricket Club

Junior coaching, multiple age groups (boys & girls), indoor nets, teams

Old Albanians Cricket Club (OACC)

Strong junior section (U5 to U16), many teams

Greenwood Park Cricket Club

Social / competitive cricket in St Albans

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Football, Multi-Sports & Leisure Centres

Clarence Park, St Albans

Football pitches, cricket, public park, children's play area

St Albans Sports & Social Club

Offers football, basketball, netball, squash, etc.

Batchwood Golf & Sports Centre

Gym, indoor & outdoor tennis courts, squash, bowls, golf

Hertfordshire Sports Village

Tennis, squash, badminton, indoor sports, racquets, etc.