Learning at Lister Park

Everyday learning with your child • Ages 3–5

Talk, notice and try things together. A visit to Bradford’s park can build big skills.



Explore a little, notice a lot

Discover trees, gardens, the lake and Cartwright Hall. Choose a few stops and give your child time to look, talk and wonder.

Use Urdu, Punjabi or another home language. Follow your child’s interests: you do not need to see everything in one visit.

Find shapes in the gardens

In the Mughal Gardens, notice straight paths, water channels and garden beds. Look for squares, rectangles and repeating patterns.

“Can you see a shape like this one somewhere else?”

Count and watch by the lake

From a safe path, count a small group of birds if you spot them. Compare more and fewer. Describe ripples, reflections and movement.

“Two birds are swimming. One joins them. How many now?”

Investigate trees and plants

Explore the botanical gardens. Compare leaves, bark and plant shapes. Revisit a tree in another season to notice changes.

“How is this leaf different from that one?”

Look closely at Cartwright Hall

Notice the building’s shapes and details outside. If the gallery is open, choose one artwork to look at together and share ideas.

“What can you see? What do you think is happening?”

Move, listen and take turns

Enjoy the play area with support as needed. Practise taking turns. Pause on a park path to listen for birds, leaves and other sounds.

“What can you hear nearby? What sounds far away?”

Remember and draw your visit

Talk about your favourite place. Use first, next and last to recall the trip. At home, draw a park picture, make a map or tell a story.

“What shall we draw? Tell me about your favourite part.”

Make it right for your child

Start simple: name a colour, find a leaf shape or count 1–3 things.
Add a challenge: compare groups, explain a pattern or draw and label a simple map.

One short visit can spark lots of learning. Enjoy discovering together.

Stay close near the lake and water channels. Leave plants and wildlife undisturbed. Wash hands before eating. Check gallery opening times and facilities before visiting.

Visitor information: bradforddistrictparks.org/park/lister-park/

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