

# Meadows

The Meadows is a large public park adjacent to the University of Edinburgh's George Square campus. On sunny days, locals love to have picnics and barbeques on the grassy fields.

1. Vennel Alley: This alleyway between Grassmarket and George Square campus has lovely views of the castle and is flanked in part by the city's original walls - the Flodden wall.
2. Greyfriar's Kirkyard: An old church and cemetery grounds with a heart-warming history. This graveyard also inspired the names of several prominent characters in Harry Potter. Look for the McGonagall and Thomas Riddell gravestones.
3. Civiernos Slice: A pizza place that offers individual slices and vegan options. Perfect for an impromptu lunch on the meadows.
4. National Museum of Scotland: A beautiful museum with more exhibits than can be visited in a single outing. Check the top floor of the western wing for some particle physics and visit the rooftop terrace for city views! Entry is free but some exhibits require additional tickets.
5. Bristo Square: Home to many university buildings like the grand McEwan Hall and Teviot, one of the student unions. Visitors can look for small artworks around this area like the courtyard's droplets, a graffiti frog, and a rhino's head.



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6. Old College: A collection of buildings that form a picturesque courtyard, the Old College is home to the School of Law and the Talbot Rice Gallery. Directly across South Bridge street from here is Blackwell's Books, which has a section for local authors, an art shop, and a café.
7. Surgeons' Hall Museums: A teaching museum with various medical collections and artwork. Scotland's oldest museum.
8. Swedish Runestone: Dating from the 11th century, this gravestone was gifted in 1789 and is one of only three such stones in the UK. It's location can be a bit tricky to find as it is tucked away between 40 and 50 George Square.
9. George Square Gardens: This gated garden is open during most daylight hours and is a lovely place to enjoy a coffee or lunch. On weekdays, several small kiosks and food trucks sell food and drinks. One area of the garden contains a labyrinth that is an exact replica of one in the Chartres cathedral in France.
10. Sausage Roll Van & Uplands Roast: Two favorite food/drink locations situated directly on the meadows. Gourmet Sausage Rolls serves delicious meat and vegetable-filled pastries along with freshly fried chips. When in Scotland, haggis is always recommended. Uplands Roast, just next door, is a popular drinks stand offering coffee, matcha, and their "Proper" hot chocolate, which is served with a toasted marshmallow and chocolate shavings.
11. Summerhall: Home to a café, pub, and various other local businesses, Summerhall is also an arts venue that frequently hosts live performances during the Fringe festival.

