

Sally Hirst
Remember Nature Walk
Monday 13th October 2025

I just did the remember nature walk on Monday 13th October 2025 in my wheelchair, technically I did it but only just about. some wheelchair users will find this walk more accessible than others. it depends on the following:

- the size of your wheelchair: I don't think a bariatric wheelchair or large mobility scooter would be able to do some of the walk. however, a standard sized wheelchair like mine or a smaller wheelchair should be able to access the narrower parts of this route ok.
- if you have a manual or powered wheelchair: some of the ramps are very steep for self-propelled wheelchairs users particularly if self-propelled wheelchair user, get fatigued easily and my power chair almost ran out of charge too
- how able is your wheelchair on different terrains: my wheelchair can handle most terrains, but not all wheelchairs can go on things like grass or uneven pavements like cobbles etc. there were times I had to go a little off road.
- can your wheelchair go up and down curbs? and are you confident going up and down curbs. some wheelchairs can do wheelies to get over curbs, and some have curb climbers installed but mine cannot get up on to curbs so I need dropped curbs. I struggled to find enough dropped curbs on this route
- does the wheelchair user struggle on cobbles? as I had to go over a few cobbles on this route which was fine for me but can be quite uncomfortable and even painful for some wheelchair users
- other people's behaviour on the day: a lot of issues i faced were due to inconsiderate parking such as pavement parking and parking on dropped curbs plus building works
- I found out bin day in Hulme is on Monday and Friday, but bin access should be better on Tuesday

Personally, even though I could technically access this walk in my wheelchair it was tricky to enjoy the walk and be with nature as I had to really problem solve and focus on where I was going.

Please see below for a video of Sally's Walk...

<https://youtu.be/CBH9DjFdTzs>