

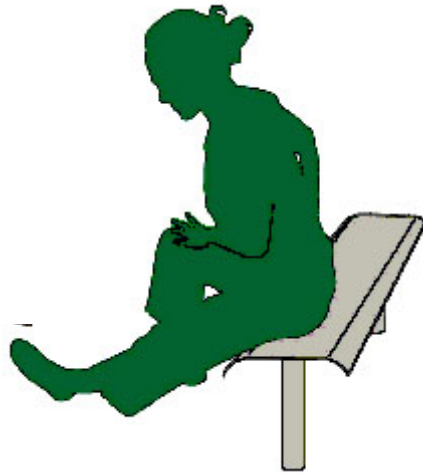
phase 3 the Warm Down (5-10mins)

3a. Warming Down

Do 1 lap of the walking path at a relaxed strolling pace to warm down. Easy peasy pace!

3b. Stretching Out

Use one of the wooden seats to do the stretching exercises outlined below.



leg stretchers!

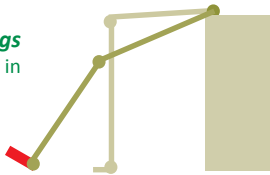
Place one foot forward and place your hands on *opposite* thigh.

Slowly lean forward keeping back straight and head up.

Stretch to point of mild tension and hold for 10secs plus.

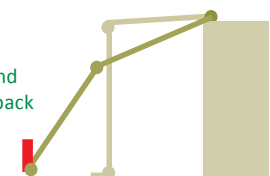
hamstrings

leave toes in 'normal' position



calves

slide heel forward and pull toes back

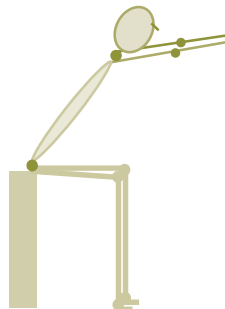


upper body stretchers!

upper back / arms

Place the back of one hand in the palm of the other. Slowly extend arms fully - pushing palms forward.

Lean forward slowly - keep your back straight and head up.

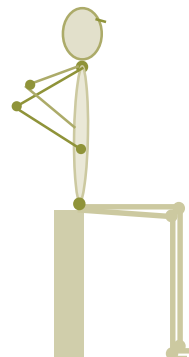


chest/shoulders

Place hands on or behind thighs.

Slowly open arms to side and behind - trying to tip your elbows together.

Slowly push your chest through your arms.



Glendown Green

fitWALK circuit



Three key components of *functional fitness* for older people are

- aerobic fitness (of the heart and lungs)
- strength (of the muscles)
- mobility (of the joints)

Over the following pages we outline a *circuit* that uses the suite of outdoor exercise machines and the walking path in Glendown Green and which will improve all three components of functional fitness. It will take you approximately 45mins and comprises three phases as follows

- phase 1** the **Warm Up** (10-15mins)
- phase 2** the **Workout** (20-30mins)
- phase 3** the **Warm Down** (5-10mins)



These notes are designed to complement information and demonstrations given by the Trainer at the FitWALK workshop.



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Phase 1 the Warm Up (10-15mins)

1a. Warm Up

Do 2 laps of the walking path at a comfortable strolling pace to get your body warmed up. No need for speed or intensity at this early stage.

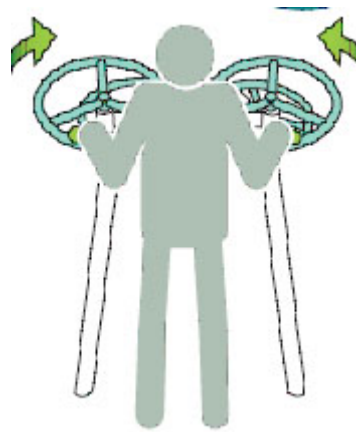


1b. Joint Mobilising

Spend 1-2mins on each of the exercise machines pictured below.

On each machine

- keep your head up and back straight;
- maintain a relaxed, easy pace – these are simply ‘loosening’ exercises - there’s no need for exertion;



Phase 2 the Workout (20-30mins)



2a. Aerobic Workout

Do 2-3 laps of the walking path at a more challenging (WHEW!) pace.

2b. Resistance Exercises

Spend 2mins on each of the exercise machines pictured below. Push yourself a little – but don’t overstrain.



2c. Aerobic Workout

Spend 2mins on the exercise machine pictured on the left. Challenge yourself a little - WHEW!

AND / OR

Do 2-3 laps of the walking path at a more challenging (WHEW!) pace.

