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Woodhouse Moor was the first place in Leeds to become a public park – and the site of Leeds’s first children’s playground.

The Moor was purchased by the Leeds Corporation in 1857 for the sum of £3000. Prior to this it was common land and was used by local people for a range of different purposes. These lyrics from a mid-19th century ballad give a flavour of the moor as it was:



21st September 1888. Glass photographic lantern slide captioned "Taken from top of tram car, camera in hand, Rockery & Swings, Woodhouse Moor Sept 1888 WT".
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*"Old bachelors they are strutting away,
Laughing and chaffing with maidens gay,
And sour old maids too there you'll find,
With their little pet dogs trotting behind
And soldiers in red coats so gay
With factory lasses are marching away,
Bragging of how they can sing and fight –
In Woodhouse Lane on a Sunday Night."*

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