



The Saint-Symphorien military cemetery



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Pause for a moment of silence in one of the most beautiful military cemeteries in Belgium, 2 km from Mons, one of the most important sites in memorial tourism.

Set in a peaceful, quiet location, surrounded with fields and trees, the Saint-Symphorien cemetery is divided in 2 sections: **German graves on one side, British ones on the other**. This very moving place was given **2 stars** in the Michelin guide. It is well kept and managed by the C.W.G.C. (Commonwealth War Graves Commission). It presents itself as a small hilly park where to take a gentle stroll.

Its history

Over 500 men, most killed during the battle of Mons (August 23-24, 1914) are buried here: 283 German soldiers and 229 British ones. Others died during the liberation of Mons in 1918. The cemetery also is know for its graves of the **first and last British soldiers to have fallen during the first world war**: John Parrr, killed at the age

of 16 in August 1914 and George Edwin Ellison, shot on a reconnaissance mission an hours and a half before the Armistice.

The Saint-Symphorien cemetery is part of a memorial trail: ask the Tourist Office in Mons for a brochure or [download it here](#).

[find out more about the Great War](#)

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