

The Royal Parks Code of Conduct for Outdoor Fitness Training



The purpose of the code of conduct is:

- To avoid conflict between those undertaking licensed fitness activities in the park and other park users.
- To protect the park.
- To ensure access to and use of public open space is preserved for all visitors.
- To provide the opportunity for visitors to benefit from, enjoy and engage in fitness training in a variety of outdoor environments.
- To work alongside a licence agreement to ensure that fitness operators are complying with current health & safety regulation and best industry practice for the safety and enjoyment of all participants.
- To ensure that all Fitness Licensed operators are fully insured and hold liability for participant's safety, The Royal Parks accept no liability for any activity related to outdoor fitness training as part of the licence.

THE CODE:

The Fitness operator / licensee shall not have exclusive rights over any area of the Authority's Premises and shall ensure that right of way is given to members of the general public visiting the Authority's Premises.

No large items of keep fit equipment shall be used on the Authority's Premises other than hand held equipment e.g. Jogging weights, Kettle bells and resistance bands.

Fitness operators / Licensee's shall leave the Authority's Premises in a clean and tidy condition and be liable for any loss of or damage to any Authority's property through their direct improper use.

The Fitness Licensee shall abide by the Park Regulations.

The Licensee shall ensure that the Authority's Property is not used for the purpose of fitness training i.e. benches, tables, trees, lamp posts, bandstands etc. To keep all pathways clear and accessible to all users.

The Fitness operator / Licensee shall not display, produce or distribute any sign or advertisement. The restriction of advertising applies to all boards, hoardings, flags, posters etc. displaying any organisation or company or brand name of any goods, including those of the Licensee / Fitness Operator.

The Fitness Operator / Licensee must ensure that no particular area of the Authority's Premises is overused to the extent that it causes unreasonable wear and tear to the fabric of the park e.g. waterlogged, obviously worn & muddy areas. A Map depicting the formal garden areas of the park and other unsuitable locations for training is available and the Licensee must avoid training in these areas.

Park 'No Go' Zones:

You are not permitted to use:

- Areas within the park where training activities have a negative impact on other park users, residents and Licensee's; e.g. intrusive noise, aggressive language etc.
- Areas of high pedestrian activity such as pathways, monuments & bandstands.
- Areas clearly marked as sports fields, any formal garden areas & other Park sensitive locations such as; waterside areas, picnic areas, deck chair areas, long grass, meadow land, conservation areas etc.
- Areas closed for renovation or upgrading.
- Any Park structures, including trees, and furniture must not be used for training purposes.

Park 'No Go' Activities:

The following activities are not to be conducted by personal trainers / Group Licensee's:

- Amplified music or audio equipment, whistles and loud shouting or other intrusive noise-generating activities.
- Aggressive, intimidating or unreasonably noisy training activities that interferes with the comfort of other visitors.
- Use of objects that mark out an area to imply exclusive use.

As a licence holder you agree to abide by these guidelines at all times. Non compliance to the above Code of Conduct and park Regulations means you are at risk of losing your Fitness licence and being asked to leave the park with immediate effect.