



THE
ROYAL
PARKS

DOGS IN THE ROYAL PARKS





Dogs accompanied by responsible owners* are welcome in The Royal Parks. However, there are specific areas where dogs are not permitted or must be kept on a lead (see reverse for details).

Some species – especially ground nesting birds – are sensitive to disturbance by dogs and people. Please pay attention to and observe the signs to protect our wildlife.

RESTRICTED AREAS WITHIN THE PARKS

There may be times when further temporary restrictions are enforced. Some examples where we ask for your co-operation are;

- > at certain times of the year, deer can become particularly intolerant to intrusion, at rutting or fawning, for example. For your own safety and that of your pet, please observe signage.
- > to control the spread of diseases such as foot and mouth. Such restrictions are only imposed after seeking expert advice from appropriate authorities. Signage will be displayed when these special circumstances apply and owners must ensure they comply with instructions.

*'Owner' means the person responsible for bringing the dog into the park. 'Your dog' means any dog which you have brought into a Royal Park.

Guide dogs are exempt.



DOG FOULING

Dog waste left in the park is unpleasant for other park users, unhygienic and causes serious ecological damage to plant and animal communities. It is an offence under The Royal Parks Regulations to fail to clean up after your dog. Dog waste should be placed in a tightly sealed bag and taken home or deposited in the bins marked for dog waste. Dog waste bins are provided in all Royal Parks. Anyone failing to clean up after their dog may face prosecution.

KEEPING DOGS UNDER CONTROL

Please consider that other park users may not be as fond of dogs, and that some people – especially small children – can find dogs intimidating. Your dog* should be kept in sight and under control at all times. Permitting your dog to chase, injure or kill any form of wildlife is an offence under The Royal Parks Regulations. Unruly and noisy dogs can cause disturbance to other park users.



WALKING MORE THAN ONE DOG

It can be difficult to control a large number of dogs, so as a rule of thumb no-one should be in charge of more than four dogs at any one time.

Advice for owners walking more than one dog:

- > Keep all dogs in sight.
- > Be in full control of your dogs at all times.
- > Keep any dog whose obedience cannot be guaranteed on a lead.
- > If your dogs are threatening or interfering with wildlife or the enjoyment of other park users, you may be asked by the police to leave the park or face prosecution.



The adjacent table gives details of the areas in each Royal Park where dogs are not allowed or need to be kept on leads.

This list is not exhaustive. There may be other areas that have restrictions – please look out for notices.



In all Royal Parks

Bushy Park

Greenwich Park

Hyde Park

Kensington Gardens

The Regent's Park & Primrose Hill

Richmond Park

St James's Park & The Green Park

Areas where dogs are not permitted

Areas where dogs need to be kept on leads

- Children's Playgrounds
- Inside all cafés & restaurants
- Toilets

- Near roadways
- Near water

- The Woodland Gardens

- Where deer are in close proximity
- The Water Gardens

- Flower and Rose Gardens
- The Wilderness Deer Park

- Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain
- Lido swimming area
- The Serpentine Lake
- Bowling green and tennis centre area

- The Rose Garden
- Edge of the Serpentine Lake

- Long Water
- Round Pond
- Peter Pan statue

- Edge of Round Pond & Long Water
- Around the Italian Fountains
- South Flower Walk
- North Flower Walk

- Avenue Gardens
- English Gardens
- Queen Mary's Gardens
- Wildlife Gardens
- St John's Lodge Gardens
- Boating Lake

- Edge of Boating Lake
- Heather Gardens

- Pembroke Lodge and Gardens

- Isabella Plantation
- Next to Pen Ponds, Bishop's Pond and Adam's Pond (when signs are displayed during the bird nesting season)
- Where deer are in close proximity

- Memorial Gardens (in front of Buckingham Palace)
- The fenced-off grass area around the perimeter of the lake

- The footpath around the perimeter of the lake
- Horse Guards Parade Ground

We hope you and your dog(s)
enjoy The Royal Parks.

Thank you for helping us protect our wildlife and
ensuring 'London's Personal Space' is a safe and
pleasant environment for all park users.

Please remember:

- > It is your responsibility to keep your dog under control and to clean up after it.
- > Always keep your dog(s) in sight.
- > Keep the lead handy, you will need it. Please be particularly cautious when walking your dog near cycleways.
- > Respect the areas where dogs are not allowed or need to be kept on leads.
- > It is an offence to allow your dog to chase or injure birds and other wildlife.

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