

Introduction of Parking Charges

What's Happening?

After considerable planning and an 8-week consultation on proposals to introduce car parking charges in Richmond and Bushy Parks, The Royal Parks has decided to move forward with this decision and will look to implement charges.

Why is this happening?

Over the last few years as the parks have increased in popularity, we've seen an ever-increasing demand for parking in our limited supply of car parks. To manage this, we're intending to introduce parking charges.

Charges will work to encourage many people to use more sustainable ways to travel to the parks, both of which are Sites of Special Scientific Interest, while ensuring that those who need to visit the parks by car can still do so.

The move will discourage the use of the car parks by commuters who aren't visiting the parks and will raise money which will be spent on the maintenance and upkeep of travel-related infrastructure in the park, freeing valuable park resources for investment in other areas, such as conservation.

In response to concerns raised in the consultation, we'll charge on weekdays between 9am to 4pm, during park opening times, rather than 9am to 6pm as originally outlined.



	Rate charge (per hour)	Hours (up to maximum of 6 hours)
Mon – Fri	£1.40	9am-4pm
Weekends	£2.00	9am-6pm
Blue badge holders	free	Up to 6 hours

What could we spend the money on?

1. Car park resurfacing
2. Maintaining park roads
3. Improved pedestrian crossings
4. Upgraded pedestrian gates
5. Investing in mobility schemes
6. Better wayfinding signage
7. Installing traffic calming measures



When is this happening?

The introduction of parking charges requires the approval of Parliament. The proposal can only be tabled when the Parliamentary timetable allows, which is unlikely to be in the near future.

For information and consultation results click here www.royalparks.org.uk/parkingcharges