

Dogs in The Royal Parks

Policy Statement

Dogs are welcome in all the Royal Parks although there are some places where they are not allowed or must be kept on a lead. These are clearly indicated within each park and are usually ecologically sensitive sites, deer parks, children's play areas, restaurants, cafes and some sports areas.

When walking your dog in the Royal Parks please respect the wildlife as well as the other park users by keeping your dog under control. Ground nesting birds are particularly sensitive to disturbance by dogs and people. Please observe the warning signs displayed during the nesting season. In Bushy Park and Richmond Park you must keep your dogs on leads and away from the deer at all times during the birthing season (1 May - 31 July).

The Royal Parks are for everyone to enjoy. Please make sure you don't spoil someone else's day and pick 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 or general bins. Dog fouling alters the nutrient levels of soils and can affect the survival of rare flora and fauna.

The Royal Parks licenses commercial dog walkers to operate in the parks.

Please consider the following:

- It is your responsibility to keep your dog under control and to clean up after it: you are breaking the law if you do not do so.
- Keep your dog in sight.
- Keep the lead handy, you may need it.
- Respect the dog-free and dogs-on-leads areas.
- Respect other users and the wildlife.
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Dog-free and dogs-on-leads areas

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| | Areas where dogs are not permitted | Areas where dogs need to be kept on leads |
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| In all Royal Parks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Playgrounds Toilets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near roadways Near water |
| Bushy Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Woodlands Gardens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the deer birthing season (May to July) dogs must be kept on leads throughout the park. Dogs to be kept on a short lead in skylark protection zones (The Grassland to the south of Oval Plantation and west of Hampton Wick Cricket Ground) during their breeding season of March - September. |
| Greenwich Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flower Garden The Wilderness Deer Park The Royal Observatory Garden | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Rose Garden |
| Hyde Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain Lido swimming area The Serpentine Lake Bowling green and tennis centre area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Rose Garden Edge of the Serpentine Lake |

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| Kensington Gardens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Water • Round Pond • Peter Pan Statue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edge of Round Pond & Long Water • Around the Italian Fountains • South Flower Walk • North Flower Walk • Serpentine South Gallery (and its environs). |
| The Regent's Park & Primrose Hill | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avenue Gardens • English Gardens • Queen Mary's Gardens • Wildlife Enclosures • St John's Lodge Gardens • Boating Lake | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas adjacent to the Boating Lake • The Winter Gardens • The Community Wildlife Garden |
| Richmond Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pembroke Lodge and Gardens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the deer birthing season (1 May to 31 July) dogs must be kept on leads throughout the park. • Dogs to be kept on a short lead in skylark protection zones (Lawn Field by Pen Ponds, Crown Field between the sports pitches and Bone Copse and the Bog between Bog Gate and Sheen Gate) all year around. |

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| St James's Park & The Green Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Gardens (in front of Buckingham Palace) • The fenced-off grass area around the perimeter of the lake | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The footpath around the perimeter of the lake • Horse Guards Parade Ground |
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We hope you and your dog(s) enjoy the Royal Parks. Thank you for your help in protecting our wildlife and ensuring London's Royal Parks are safe and pleasant for all park users.