

Our ref: FOI 26/51

14 August 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 28 July 2026 in which you asked the following:

Please could I request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the recorded or estimated number of visitors to the Royal Parks on each day since 1st May 2026?

Please could I request this data broken down for each Royal Park?

Please find our response below

At present, we only have access to the May and June figures. This data is aggregated and anonymised, estimated to be around 70% accurate, and provides a snapshot in time only. Data was extracted from the GPS platform on 10/08/2026. We have provided monthly estimates.

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Monthly Visits		
	Total Monthly Visits	Total Monthly Visits
	May-26	Jun-26
Hyde Park	1,338,123	1,751,201
Regents Park	857,530	979,702
Primrose Hill	221,450	268,567
Kensington Gardens	885,800	1,041,049
The Green Park	904,647	1,017,728
St. James's Park	1,177,925	1,329,526
Richmond Park	643,114	716,179
Greenwich Park	604,408	678,485
Victoria Tower Gardens	89,523	98,946
Bushy Park	306,079	325,108
Brompton Cemetery	45,233	49,002

We are withholding the daily breakdown under sections 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 24 is a qualified exemption, which means we must consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Public interest in disclosure

We recognise that there is a public interest in openness and transparency about visitor numbers to the Royal Parks, particularly as the parks are public spaces managed for the benefit of the public. Disclosure of visitor information may help the public understand levels of use, inform public debate about park management, and provide insight into how public spaces are used across different locations and time periods.

Public interest in maintaining the exemption

However, we consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption is stronger in relation to the requested daily breakdown by individual park.

The requested information would provide a detailed pattern of visitor numbers across specific Royal Parks on a daily basis. While the information requested is statistical in nature, its granularity and site by site breakdown means it could still be operationally useful if combined with other publicly available information. It is therefore deemed a security risk as it identifies patterns of public attendance and potential vulnerabilities across different sites.

Releasing this level of detail could be a security risk, considering the current national security threat context, as it might be used as reconnaissance information to identify patterns of public attendance and potential vulnerabilities across different sites.

Balance of the public interest

We have sought to meet the public interest in transparency by providing an alternative to the requestor, which is the aggregated monthly visitor figures.

On balance, we consider that the public interest in safeguarding national security and protecting publicly accessible locations outweighs the public interest in disclosing the daily breakdown by individual park. We have therefore applied Section 24 FOIA to withhold that information.

I hope this information satisfies your request.



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Records Manager
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The Old Police House
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Email records@royalparks.org.uk

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Yours sincerely,

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