

Ideas for Free Summer Activities for you and your family

During the summer holidays it can be a challenge finding great things to do with the family. We have listed by local authority some interesting parks and open spaces, museums and

If you would like to apply for funding for a community event, please complete the [form](#)

Barnet

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/parks-sport-and-leisure/parks-open-spaces-and-trees>

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/parks>

Outdoor sport sessions and facilities within Barnet Parks

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/parks-sport-and-leisure/sport-and-physical-activity/leisure-and-sports-facilities/outdoor-sport>

Parks and Open Spaces in the Barnet and District Area

<https://www.barnetgardeners.co.uk/parks.php>

Parks and Open Spaces // High Living Barnet

<http://www.highlivingbarnet.com/parks-and-open-spaces>

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/hampstead-heath/where-to-go-at-hampstead-heath/golders-hill-park>

Opening times: 7:30am to 9pm

Nearest tube: Golders Green/Northern Line (14min walk)

Buses 210 and 268 serve park

Tel: 020 7332 3322

Email: hampstead.heath@cityoflondon.gov.uk

‘...landscaped park with plenty to see and do all year round for all the family.

In the Park, you can find:

- a cafe
- tennis courts
- all weather table tennis tables
- a bandstand
- a croquet lawn
- a zoo
- a butterfly house
- a children's playground
- a beautiful walled garden
- the stumpery...’

Dollis Valley Green Walk

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/parks-sport-and-leisure/walks-and-trails/dollis-valley-greenwalk>

‘...10 mile walk linking green spaces along the Dollis Valley, starting in Moat Mount, Mill Hill through Barnet and into Hampstead Heath.

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The route can take up to 6 hours to walk and is mostly flat with hard surfaces making it suitable for walkers, runners and wheelchair users. The weather can make parts of the walk muddy or icy. Some sections of the walk can be cycled and there are signs to tell you where you can do this...'

Brent

[Brent Council - Find a local park](#)

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/culture-leisure-and-parks/parks-and-allotments/park-finder>

[Brent | Our Parks](#)

<https://ourparks.org.uk/borough/brent-0>

Open Spaces

Brent Youth Zone

<https://www.brentyouthzone.org.uk/things-to-do/open-spaces>

Camden

<https://www.hampsteadheath.net/getting-here-around>

Pdf Hampstead Heath Map

https://www.heathandhampstead.org.uk/wp-content/plugins/parasang-custom-map/pdf/Hampstead_Heath_Map.pdf

Interactive Hampstead Heath Map

<https://www.heathandhampstead.org.uk/heath/heath-map>

The Hill Garden and Pergola Hampstead Heath (West Heath)

Inverforth Close

NW3 7EX

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/hampstead-heath/where-to-go-at-hampstead-heath/hill-garden-and-pergola>

Opening times: 8:30am - 7pm/before dusk - **See gates for times**

Free entry

Nearest tube: Golders Green/Northern Line (20min walk)

Buses 210 and 268 stop nearby

Parking: Jack Straw's car park 5min walk

Tel: 020 7332 3322

Email: hampstead.heath@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Note: Dogs not allowed in the Hill Garden and Pergola, unless assistance dogs

Run-Down Terrace... • Hampstead Pergola

Secret London

<https://secretldn.com/hampstead-pergola-beautiful>

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Pdf

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/documents/20142/2205925/A+Guide+to+Camdens+Parks+and+Open+Spaces.pdf/3ffa459b-a132-3e26-1e8c-c57f14ecbfb8>

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/parks-in-camden>

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/wildlife-areas>

<https://lovecamden.org/top-10-green-spaces>

Parks and Open Spaces in the Camden and District Area

<https://www.camdenqardeners.co.uk/parks.php>

Kings Cross Parks

<https://www.arts.ac.uk/colleges/central-saint-martins/student-life-at-csm/kings-cross-guide/parks-and-open-spaces>

<https://www.goparks.london/boroughs/camden>

Regents Park

Little Venice

Primrose Hill

Camden Green Gym | TCV

<https://www.tcv.org.uk/london/green-gym-london/camden-green-gym>

Enfield

Enfield Green Space and other Parks

<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/leisure-and-culture/green-enfield>

Enfield Parks with Outdoor Gyms

<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/leisure-and-culture/parks>

Parks and Open Spaces in the Enfield and District Area

<https://www.enfieldqardeners.co.uk/parks.php>

THE 5 BEST Parks & Nature Attractions in Enfield

Tripadvisor

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-q580413-Activities-c57-Enfield_Greater_London_England.html

Palmers Green Community (PCG)

Community Directory Lists:

Parks and Open Spaces

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<https://www.pgweb.uk/directory?Parks-and-Open-Spaces&category=15>

[Aylands Open Space, Enfield](https://www.goparks.london/park/aylands-open-space)

<https://www.goparks.london/park/aylands-open-space>

Hammersmith and Fulham

Hammersmith and Fulham Council Parks and Open Spaces List

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/arts-and-parks/parks-and-open-spaces>

Hammersmith and Fulham Council Parks and Open Spaces Map

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/arts-and-parks/parks-and-open-spaces/map-parks-and-open-spaces>

Bishops Park

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/arts-and-parks/parks-and-open-spaces/bishops-park>

Ravenscourt Park

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/arts-and-parks/parks-and-open-spaces/ravenscourt-park>

Hammersmith Park

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/arts-and-parks/parks-and-open-spaces/hammersmith-park>

Margravine Cemetery

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/arts-and-parks/parks-and-open-spaces/margravine-cemetery>

Wormwood Scrubs Open Space

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/arts-and-parks/parks-and-open-spaces/wormwood-scrubs-open-space>

Haringey

Parkland Walk Local Nature Reserve

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/parks-and-open-spaces/z-parks-and-open-spaces/parkland-walk-local-nature-reserve>

[Map/Directions/Transport Links - Parkland Walk](#)

[The Friends of the Parkland Walk](#)

<https://www.parkland-walk.org.uk/13-protection/20-parkland-walk-map>

[Access - Parkland Walk](#)

[The Friends of the Parkland Walk](#)

<https://www.parkland-walk.org.uk/access>

Parkland Walk Wildlife Trail

[The Friends of the Parkland Walk](#)

<https://www.parkland-walk.org.uk/nature-trail>

Open 9am-6:30pm every day (subject to availability of volunteers) **[COVID restrictions: One way system in place to help maintain social distancing (July '21)]**

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Railway Fields Nature Reserve

381 Green Lanes

N4 1ES

<https://www.tcv.org.uk/railwayfields/about-railway-fields>

<https://www.tcv.org.uk/railwayfields>

<https://www.tcv.org.uk/railwayfields/contact-railway-fields>

Railway Fields is open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm and 10am – 2pm on the last Saturday of the month. Please note the Saturday opening is run by volunteers so may change or be cancelled at short notice. Please feel free to get in touch about visiting the site, volunteering, venue hire or education sessions.

The Conservation Volunteers
Railway Fields Nature Reserve
381 Green Lanes
London
N4 1ES

Phone: 020 8348 6005

Email: haringey@tcv.org.uk

Getting to Railway Fields

By Bus: 29, 141, 341 W5 - By Train: Haringay/Green Lanes train station - By Tube: Manor House (Piccadilly Line)

Westbury Banks Nature Reserve

<https://grown22.com/westbury>

The Westbury Banks Nature Reserve is a wild wilderness of nature. Located on [Westbury Avenue N22](#), a short walk from Turnpike Lane tube station...

<https://grown22.com/about-grown22>

<https://grown22.com>

<https://grown22.com/seedlings-blog/f/city-nature-challenge---recording-wildlife-at-the-westbury-banks?blogcategory=The+Reserve>

Woodberry Wetlands

<https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/woodberry-wetlands-nature-reserve>

Woodberry Wetlands side entrance
Bethune Road
N16 5HQ

A-Z Parks and Open Spaces

Haringey Council

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<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/parks-and-open-spaces/a-z-parks-and-open-spaces>

A-Z Park Facilities Haringey

Haringey Council

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/parks-and-open-spaces/z-park-facilities>

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Map Haringey Parks and Open Spaces

https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/map_of_parks_and_open_spaces.pdf

Haringey Green Flag Parks and Open Spaces

Haringey Council

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/parks-and-open-spaces/green-flag>

Community Green Flag Gardens

Haringey Council

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/parks-and-open-spaces/green-flag/community-green-flag-gardens>

Tottenham Green Spaces

Selby Trust

<https://www.selbytrust.co.uk/local-green-spaces>

Hertsmere

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Parks-and-Leisure/Parks--Open-Spaces/Find-a-park-in-Hertsmere/Find-a-park-in-Hertsmere.aspx>

Islington

Gillespie Park Nature Reserve and Islington Ecology Centre

191 Drayton Park

N5 1PH

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/sports-parks-and-trees/nature-reserves/gillespie-park-and-ecology-centre>

Note: Ecology Centre currently closed due to COVID (July '21)

Gillespie Park open as normal

2.8 hectare nature reserve - home to wealth of wildlife, including 244 species of plants, 94 species of birds and 24 types of butterflies

Park open to public 8am to dusk daily, except for Arsenal home Matchdays and Events at Emirates Stadium when it is closed

Getting there

There are entrances on Drayton Park, Gillespie Road, Quill Street and Seven Sisters Road.

- Tube: Arsenal, Finsbury Park
- Train: Drayton Park
- Buses: 4, 19, 236

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Accessibility

There is a disabled parking space at Gillespie Park, with access from Drayton Park. The paths around the Ecology Centre are suitable for wheelchairs. Further access information can be found at [DisabledGo](#).

Dogs

Most of Gillespie Park is designated as dog-free. Dogs are allowed in the section of park accessed from the St Thomas Road entrance

Ecology Centre contact details:

- Tel: 020 7527 4374
- Email: ecologycentre@islington.gov.uk
- Text: 'Greenspace' + your message to 80800

Parkland Walk, Islington Section

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/sports-parks-and-trees/nature-reserves/parkland-walk>
(Islington Council Page)

<https://www.parkland-walk.org.uk/islington>
(The Friends of the Parkland Walk)

Map/Directions/Transport Links - Parkland Walk

[The Friends of the Parkland Walk](#)

<https://www.parkland-walk.org.uk/13-protection/20-parkland-walk-map>

Access - Parkland Walk

[The Friends of the Parkland Walk](#)

<https://www.parkland-walk.org.uk/access>

Barnsbury Wood

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/sports-parks-and-trees/nature-reserves/barnsbury-wood>

'Barnsbury Wood is a little hidden gem in Islington and the smallest local nature reserve in London...'

Open throughout year Tuesdays 2-4pm

Additionally from July to Sept open Saturdays 2-4pm (Saturday opening made possible by volunteers from local community)

Accessibility: No steps or slopes at site, however paths are not surfaced

No Dogs allowed

Entrance on Crescent Street, off Huntingdon Street.

Tube station: Caledonian Road

Train station: Caledonian Road & Barnsbury

Buses: 17, 91, 153, 259, 274

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General info

- London's smallest local nature reserve
- Hidden woodland with wildlife garden
- Originally garden belonging to George Thornhill who built surrounding houses in the 1840s. Area eventually abandoned to nature and then became woodland
- Home to a range of wildlife including long-tailed tit, lesser stag beetle, common toad and the sixteen-spot ladybird.
- Used by Islington's environmental education staff to run activities for school children

Any enquiries contact the Ecology Centre:

- Tel: 020 7527 4374
- Email ecologycentre@islington.gov.uk
- Text: 'Greenspace' + your message to 80800

Islington Ecology Centre
Gillespie Park Nature Reserve
191 Drayton Park
N5 1PH

Islington Nature Reserves

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/sports-parks-and-trees/nature-reserves>

'There are three nature reserves in Islington: Gillespie Park, Barnsbury Wood and Parkland Walk. Islington Ecology Centre is situated in Gillespie Park and is a visitor and education centre...'

Kensington and Chelsea

Kensington and Chelsea Council Local Parks and Open Spaces List/Info

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks/your-local-park>

Explore Kensington and Chelsea Series: Parks and Gardens

Kensington and Chelsea Council

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/explore-kensington-and-chelsea/parks-and-gardens>

[Kyoto Garden](#) (within Holland Park)

[Holland Park](#)

[Kensington Gardens](#)

[Chelsea Physic Garden](#) (entrance fee)

[Brompton Cemetery](#)

[Kensal Green Cemetery](#)

The Guide to Kensington and Chelsea - Parks and Open Spaces

Kensington and Chelsea Council

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<https://www.kensington-chelsea.com/index.php/things-to-see-do/sightseeing-in-kensington-chelsea/parks>

Meanwhile Gardens FREE

Elkstone Road
W10 5NY

Underground: Westbourne Park

Situated right at the north part of the borough, Meanwhile Gardens has a pretty fascinating history. Started as a temporary community garden in 1976 (and the name "Meanwhile" comes from its supposed non-permanent status at the time) the gardens were and are intended to provide an open space area for local residents. (The gardens were transformed from an area of derelict land). There's play areas for children, a well-used skate park for the older generation, and plenty of greenery and even a pond with an abundance of wildlife

Lambeth

Parks

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/parks>

Brockwell Park
Brockwell Meadow
Brockwell Walled Garden
Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses

50.8 hectare/125.53 acres

south of [Brixton](#): [Herne Hill](#)/[Tulse Hill](#)

bordered by roads Brixton Water Lane, Norwood Road, Tulse Hill and Dulwich Road

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1000794>

<https://love.lambeth.gov.uk/brockwell-biodiversity>

Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses

<https://www.growwilduk.com/community-projects/brockwell-park-community-greenhouses>

Hillside Gardens

situated between Streatham Hill and Tulse Hill

https://www.brixtonbuzz.com/2020/06/a-walk-through-hillside-gardens-a-small-but-popular-park-situated-between-streatham-hill-and-tulse-hill/?_gl=1*1b5hqbw*_ga*bGZZc2hfaWxJX2JqZGFEMHUyX29ZcmM4NEIDSsnNIXzl1LUV1eldNRGh6OVkwZ2VOVkZDUDhjdkpfZ2pUODVfyw..

Lewisham

Lewisham Council Parks List

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/openspaces/parks>

Lewisham Council Exercise and Fitness in Parks List

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/openspaces/activities>

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Lewisham Council Nature Reserves List

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/openspaces/nature-reserves>

Beckenham Place Park

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/openspaces/parks/beckenham-place-park>

Beckenham Place Park - Woodland

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/openspaces/parks/beckenham-place-park/features-of-beckenham-place-park/woodland-in-beckenham-place-park>

Newham

Community Parks and Leisure

[Newham Council](#)

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/community-parks-leisure>

Newham Council Park and Open Spaces List

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/homepage/126/find-your-local-park>

East Ham Nature Reserve (*within 9-acre graveyard*)

Norman Road

East Ham

E6 4HN

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/homepage/126/find-your-local-park>

Opening hours: Every day 8am-7.30pm*

[***official Newham Council site times** (<https://www.newham.gov.uk/homepage/126/find-your-local-park>)
other sites give different times:

'Tues-Fri 10am-5pm (summer), 4pm (winter)

Sat/Sun: 2pm-5pm (summer), 1pm-4pm (winter)

Church open by appointment'

'open daily from about 9am to sunset or 5pm']

Tube: East Ham (District, Hammersmith and City)

DLR: Beckton

Buses: 101, 104, 173, 300, 474

No dogs except guide dogs

Facilities: Shop, museum displays, toilets**, nature trails; schools programme

***building housing toilets only open when groups like Green Gym using site*

Accessibility:

Surfaced paths for wheelchairs and buggies around the woodland and meadows covering half the site

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Grass paths around the rest of the site can be wet and overgrown
Paid parking for 2 hours is available in Norman Road and a 3-hour disabled space.

<https://www.growwilduk.com/community-projects/east-ham-nature-reserve>

A 9-acre graveyard of one of London's oldest churches. A tranquil oasis of woodland, meadow and wilderness in a very urban area. Visit the bluebell wood in spring, find slow worms, even lizards, in summer. Norman Road gate (off East Ham High Street South)

<https://londongardentrust.org/conservation/inventory/site-record/?ID=NEW009>

<https://www.parksandgardens.org/places/east-ham-nature-reserve>

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East Ham Nature Reserve Map

[https://secure.toolkitfiles.co.uk/clients/25963/sitedata/files/ANH_0872%20Nature%20Reserve%20Plan%20OHR%20%20\(3\).pdf](https://secure.toolkitfiles.co.uk/clients/25963/sitedata/files/ANH_0872%20Nature%20Reserve%20Plan%20OHR%20%20(3).pdf)

Newham Green Gym Conservation Volunteers

East Ham Nature Reserve

<https://www.newhamgreengym.org>

<https://www.tcv.org.uk/london/green-gym-london/newham-green-gym>

Stratford Park (also known as West Ham Lane Recreation Ground)

West Ham Lane

Stratford

E15 4PY

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/homepage/126/find-your-local-park>

Opening hours: Normally dawn to dusk

Buses: 69, 104, 238, 241, 262, 276, 473

London Overground, Rail, Tube (Central and Jubilee lines), Docklands Light Railway (DLR): Stratford

Facilities and Features

- Bowling green
- Basketball
- Changing rooms
- Floodlit five-a-side football pitch (all weather surface with canopy)
- Floodlit multi-use games court
- Floodlit tennis court
- Netball court
- Play area
- Paddling pool
- Table tennis
- Tennis court
- Wheelchair access including some play equipment

<https://www.parksandgardens.org/places/stratford-park-newham>

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Stratford Park Map

<https://my.newham.gov.uk/Maps/MyNewham.aspx?x=539288&y=184057&sr=27700&addr=Stratford%20Park>

Canning Town Recreation Ground

Prince Regent Lane

Custom House

E16 3PB

Free Tickets: Summer 2021 - Multi Sports - Canning Town recreation Ground

[Free Canning Town Recreation Ground Event: Summer 2021 - Multi Sports](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-2021-multi-sports-canning-town-recreation-ground-tickets-163194323615)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-2021-multi-sports-canning-town-recreation-ground-tickets-163194323615>

Map showing Canning Town Recreation

Ground [<https://my.newham.gov.uk/Maps/MyNewham.aspx?x=540960&y=181584&sr=27700&addr=Canning%20Town%20Recreation%20Ground>]

- Opening hours: normally dawn to dusk
- Buses: 147, 325, 473, 241, 300
- Tube: Canning Town (half mile)
- Docklands Light Railway: Prince Regent, Custom House

Facilities and features

- Ashburton Wood (nature trail located nearby) [Freemasons Rd, Custom House, E16 3PH]
- [Cycle speedway \(External link\)](https://eastlondoncyclespeedway.webs.com) [<https://eastlondoncyclespeedway.webs.com> - East London Cycle Speedway Club - *Note: Site not updated since 2018 season*]
- Five-a-side football goal (one) on site for casual use
- Floodlit multi-use games court area
- Flower beds
- Mini orchard
- Multi-use games court
- Outdoors in the City
- Play area, including sand
- Sensory garden opposite Outdoors in the City
- Tennis courts
- Trim trail
- Wheelchair access, including paddling pool
- Wildflower meadow

Newham Council List of Parks and Green Spaces within Borough but not Looked After by Them

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/homepage/127/other-parks-and-green-spaces>

Arc in the Park [Ambition Aspire Achieve (AAA) project]

Hermit Road Recreation Ground

Bethell Avenue

Canning Town

E16 4JT

About Arc in the Park

<https://www.theaazone.com/arc-in-the-park.html>

About Ambition Aspire Achieve

<https://www.theaazone.com/about-us.html>

What's On - Ambition Aspire Achieve

<https://www.theaazone.com/whats-on.html>

Lea Valley Regional Park

London's biggest open space, stretching 26 miles from Hertfordshire, through Essex, north and east London to the Thames. The Park blends nature reserves and country parks with first rate sports venues, a number of which are very close to Newham

<https://www.visitleevalley.org.uk/nature-parks-gardens>

Thames Barrier Park

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/parks-and-green-spaces/thames-barrier-park>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/parks-and-green-spaces/thames-barrier-park/visit-thames-barrier-park>

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park is now open for visitors to explore its 560 acres of parkland, waterways, venues and attractions

<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk>

Wanstead Flats

A large open grassland in the south of Epping Forest that borders Forest Gate and Manor Park. The Flats are an ideal place for sports, picnics and enjoying nature

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/epping-forest/where-to-go-in-epping-forest/wanstead-flats>

Wanstead Park

Warren Road
E11 2LS

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/epping-forest/where-to-go-in-epping-orest/wanstead-park>

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<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/epping-forest/where-to-go-in-epping-forest/wanstead-flats>

Bush Wood

<https://www.wansteadwildlife.org.uk/index.php/en/bush-wood72>

West Ham Park

Largest park in the borough, has been owned and maintained by the City of London Corporation since 1874

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/west-ham-park>

Community Gardens

<https://www.activenewham.org.uk/newham-community-gardens-network>

Community Gardens Search

Capital Growth

<https://www.capitalgrowth.org/spaces>

Southwark

Southwark Council Parks List

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces/parks>

Southwark Council Other Parks and Gardens List

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces/parks/other-parks-and-gardens>

Southwark Council Park Trails List

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces/parks-information/park-trails>

Southwark Council Parks Info

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces/parks-information>

Tower Hamlets

[Find a park or open space by name](#)

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lqnl/leisure_and_culture/parks_and_open_spaces/a_-_z_of_parks.aspx

[Visit our parks](#)

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lqnl/leisure_and_culture/parks_and_open_spaces/visit_our_parks.aspx

[Parks and open spaces](#)

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lqnl/leisure_and_culture/parks_and_open_spaces/parks_and_open_spaces.aspx

Westminster

LB Westminster Parks and Open Spaces Interactive Map

<https://active.westminster.gov.uk/active-places/parks-and-open-spaces>

Best Trails in Westminster - Top 14

Alltrails

<https://www.alltrails.com/england/london/>

St John's Wood Church Grounds Nature Reserve

Park Road/Wellington Road
St John's Wood
NW8 7PF

<https://www.parksandgardens.org/places/st-johns-wood-church-grounds>

The former burial ground was converted into a public garden in 1886, opening as St John's Wood Church Grounds. There are thought to be 50,000 graves here. Among the many monuments is that of water colourist John Sell Cotman. The garden has fine trees, formal displays and now a wildlife area. In front of the church is a Neo-baroque war memorial with bronze sculpture of St George and the Dragon

Access

Garden open 8am-dusk

Directions

Tube: St John's Wood (Jubilee)
Bus: 13, 82, 113

<https://londongardenstrust.org/conservation/inventory/site-record/?ID=WST109>

Other London Boroughs

Bromley

Crystal Place Park Map Pdf

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/1199/crystal_palace_park_leaflet.pdf

City of London

St Dunstan in the East Church Garden

St Dunstan's Hill
EC3R 5DD

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/city-gardens/find-a-garden/st-dunstan-in-the-east-church-garden>

'St Dunstan in the East Church Garden is a truly unique space set within the ruins of a Wren church. This green oasis has benches and a fountain with greenery draping the historic walls...'

Nearest tube:

Monument 3mins

Tower Hill 5mins

Cannon Street 7mins

Mainline Stations

Fenchurch Street 4mins

Cannon Street 7mins

Liverpool Street 7mins

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Dockland Light Railway (DLR)

Tower Gateway 7mins

Bank 7mins

Shadwell 22mins

Tel: 020 7374 4127

Email: parks.gardens@cityoflondon.gov.uk

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The Ruined Church that's Now a Beautiful City Park • St Dunstan in the East Church Garden

Secret London

11 July 2021

<https://secretldn.com/> The Church of St Dunstan originally built around 1100

*Grade I listed building

*Severely damaged in 1666 by the Great Fire of London and during Blitz of 1941

*Wren's tower and steeple survived the bombing

*After World war II was decided not to rebuild St Dunstan's

*In 1967 the City of London decided to turn the remains into a public garden, which opened in 1970

[st-dunstan-ruin-church-garden](#)

St Dunstan in the East Church Garden: The Gorgeous London Park in an Abandoned Church

London x London Things to Do

Last Updated 10 June 2020

<https://www.londonxlondon.com/st-dunstan-in-the-east>

City of London Historic Parks and Gardens

Updated 13 Nov 2020

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/planning/historic-environment/historic-open-spaces>

'The City of London has four historic parks or gardens on Historic England's National Heritage List for England: Inner and Middle Temple, Finsbury Circus and the Barbican'

Hackney

Hackney Council Parks List

<https://hackney.gov.uk/menu/#parks-list>

Hackney Council Parks and Green Spaces List

<https://hackney.gov.uk/parks-list>

Clissold Park and House

Clissold Park

Green Lanes
Stoke Newington
Hackney
N16 9HJ

Clissold House* (within Clissold Park)

Church Street Gate
Stoke Newington Church Street, off Green Lanes
Stoke Newington
Hackney
N16 9HJ

Clissold Park Map

<https://clissoldpark.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/clissold-park-map-web.jpg>

Clissold Park Facilities

Clissold Park User Group
<https://clissoldpark.com/facilities>

Pdf

Clissold Park and House History

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qOA5bqqked3DOoEX9EfOr72-M5zBstci/view>

Clissold Park Animal Info Pack

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pwLYFDgV7z6JvWbJOPIO3K6yjCLqI-Ch/view>

<https://hackney.gov.uk/clissold-park>

***Clissod House**

Following guidelines regarding coronavirus (Covid 19), the House at Clissold Park is closed to the public until further notice. We're expecting an update in September
[last checked 27/07/21]

Café

The cafe is now operating as normal with both takeaway service and table service for the indoor and outdoor seating

Café operated by DeepBeat Entertainment

One of Hackney's best loved traditional parks, Clissold Park was opened in 1889 and has held a Green Flag award since 2006. [Green Flags](#) are awarded annually to the best green spaces in the country.

Clissold Park and House were renovated in 2011 as part of an £8.9 million Heritage Lottery Fund restoration project

Amenities

- aviary and animal enclosures
- children's play area
- Clissold House (café and function rooms) [*house currently closed due to COVID restrictions - review expected Sept 2021; café fully reopened]
- dog free areas
- fountains
- multi-use games area
- organic food growing area
- paddling pool (closed)
- park office
- pond dipping platform
- table tennis table
- refreshment kiosk
- river
- [tennis courts](#)
- toilets and accessible toilets
- wheels park

Clissold House

Clissold House is a Grade II listed building in the middle of Clissold Park that hosts weddings, meetings and parties

Animals

Our collection of animals is one of the most popular features of Clissold Park. There are birds, goats and a small herd of fallow deer...

...Deer have lived in the park since 1890, just one year after the Park was opened...

Barbecues

Barbecues are not allowed in Clissold Park

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed in the play area or sports facilities...

Abney Park

215 Stoke Newington Church Street
Stoke Newington
Hackney
N16 0LH

<https://abneypark.org>

<https://abneypark.org/ecology-of-abney-park>

<https://abneypark.org/visiting-information>

Visiting Abney Park

ABNEY PARK CONTINUES TO BE OPEN, BUT PEOPLE WALKING THROUGH MUST RESPECT SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES, STAY TWO METRES APART AND NOT GATHER IN GROUPS. VISIT [HACKNEY COUNCIL'S WEBSITE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION

[last checked 27/07/21]

Contact details

Tel: 0207 275 7557

Email: info@abneypark.org

The Visitor's' Centre now open.

Our opening times are:

Monday: closed

Tuesday: 10am - 5pm

Wednesday: 1.30 pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 5pm

Friday: 10am - 5pm

Saturday: 12 - 4pm

Sunday: 12 - 4pm We are closed on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month...

...Park opening times

The park is open as usual at 8am and closes at dusk - see park closing times for 2021.

Abney Park is open on Christmas Day.

Closure due to inclement weather

Abney Park will be closed for public safety when there is a yellow wind warning in place over London. The park will reopen once the wind has abated and on-site safety checks have been made.

Parking

There is very limited parking at Abney Park which we may allow visitors to use by prior arrangement ONLY. Call or email to arrange access before your visit.

Public transport

- **By bus**

Buses 73, 393 and 476 stop near the Park's Stoke Newington Church Street entrance.

Buses 67, 76, 106, 149, 243, 276, 393 and 476 stop near the Stoke Newington High St entrance.

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- **By rail**

Stoke Newington Railway station is 200 metres from the Stoke Newington High St entrance.

Abney Park access information

There is level access via the main entrance on Stoke Newington High Street. The entrance at Church Street has 5 steps and small uneven paths into site. The internal drive from the main entrance is cobbled and the major paths within the park are solid, but uneven in places and can be slippery and slightly muddy when wet. Smaller paths can be narrow, uneven and slippery.

Please contact us on info@abneypark.org with any access queries.

Park closing times for 2021

05 Apr - 18 Apr 19:30
19 Apr - 09 May 20:00
10 May - 08 Aug 20:30
09 Aug - 22 Aug 20:00
23 Aug - 05 Sep 19:30
06 Sep - 19 Sep 19:00
20 Sep - 03 Oct 18:30
04 Oct - 17 Oct 18:00
18 Oct - 30 Oct 17:30
31 Oct - 28 Nov 16:00
29 Nov - 31 Dec 15:30

General Links

<https://www.goparks.london>

<https://www.goparks.london>

[GoParksLondon - Borough Search](#)

<https://www.goparks.london/boroughs>

[111 London Parks and Gardens](#)

Secret London

04 June 2021

<https://secretldn.com/london-parks-gardens-list>

[17 London Major Parks](#)

Time Out London Things to Do

26 Feb 2021

<https://www.timeout.com/london/things-to-do/londons-major-parks>

[A Guide to London's Parks and Green Spaces](#)

Londonist

Last Updated 07 April 2021

<https://londonist.com/london/great-outdoors/a-guide-to-london-s-parks-and-green-spaces>

[25 Gorgeous Parks in London You Need to Explore](#)

London x London

Last Updated 04 June 2021

<https://www.londonxlondon.com/parks-in-london>

Pdf

[Best Walks in London](#)

London x London Guide

https://usercontent.flodesk.com/a8637493-c772-4c5c-bcc1-dfeefe7093db/upload/walks-in-london-guide-_72c913b5-26b0-42c0-b10c-b6d53e80283a.pdf

[Complete Guide to London's Parks and Green Spaces](#)

The Points Guy Uk

11 Sept 2020

<https://thepointsguy.co.uk/guide/london-parks-green-spaces>

[Best Parks in London Right Now](#)

Condé Nast Traveller

12 Feb 2020

<https://www.cntraveller.com/gallery/parks-in-london>

[Green Spaces London](#)

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces>

London Walks

Secret London

10 Aug 2020

<https://secretldn.com/best-london-walks>

Evening Standard Parks/Green Spaces Guide

14 June 2021

<https://www.standard.co.uk/reveller/attractions/londons-best-parks-near-me-guide-outdoor-activities-greenery-a3512556.html>

Top London Picnic Spots

London Cheapo

31 May 2021

<https://londoncheapo.com/entertainment/picnic-spots-in-london>

Community Gardens Search

Capital Growth

<https://www.capitalgrowth.org/spaces>

Green Gyms In London - Exercise To Make A Difference | TCV

<https://www.tcv.org.uk/london/green-gym-london>

Green Gym - Outdoor Exercise To Make A Difference With TCV

<https://www.tcv.org.uk/greengym>

Find a Green Gym | TCV

<https://www.tcv.org.uk/greengym/find-green-gym>

Free/Low Cost Things to Do in London

Free Things to Do in London

30 Free Things to do in London

London x London

Ideas for Free Summer Activities for you and your family

<https://www.londonxlondon.com/free-things-to-do-in-london>

[London x London 'Free' Search Results](https://www.londonxlondon.com/?s=Free)

<https://www.londonxlondon.com/?s=Free>

[Shoreditch Street Art Guide - Self-Guided Tour and Map](https://www.londonxlondon.com/street-art-in-shoreditch-free-tour)

London x London

<https://www.londonxlondon.com/street-art-in-shoreditch-free-tour>

[200 Free Things to do in London](https://secretldn.com/free-things-to-do-london)

Secret London

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<https://secretldn.com/free-things-to-do-london>

[London Bridge City's Free Three Month Riverside Festival 'Summer by the River' - London Bridge Pier to City Hall](https://londonbridgecity.co.uk/events/2021/june/summer-by-the-river-2021)

10 June 2021 - 30 Sept 2021 12pm-10pm (full events from 21 June, depending on COVID restrictions)

<https://londonbridgecity.co.uk/events/2021/june/summer-by-the-river-2021>

[Secret London Article/Info on 'Summer by the River' Festival](https://secretldn.com/summer-by-the-river-festival)

08 June 2021

<https://secretldn.com/summer-by-the-river-festival>

[Visit London Search Results 'Free' \[Places/Events London\]](https://www.visitlondon.com/search?from=30-6-2021&to=&from.date=30%2F06%2F2021&to.date=&free=true&keywords=Free)

[https://www.visitlondon.com/search?from=30-6-](https://www.visitlondon.com/search?from=30-6-2021&to=&from.date=30%2F06%2F2021&to.date=&free=true&keywords=Free)

[2021&to=&from.date=30%2F06%2F2021&to.date=&free=true&keywords=Free](https://www.visitlondon.com/search?from=30-6-2021&to=&from.date=30%2F06%2F2021&to.date=&free=true&keywords=Free)

[Secret London Search Results 'Free' \[Places/Events London\]](https://secretldn.com/?s=Free&post_type=post)

https://secretldn.com/?s=Free&post_type=post

[31 London Museums \[1 to 18 in list free, rest entry fee\]](https://secretldn.com/fab-free-museums-london)

Secret London

21 May 2021

<https://secretldn.com/fab-free-museums-london>

London Pride 2021

Ideas for Free Summer Activities for you and your family

<https://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/25685785-pride-in-london>

<https://londoncheapo.com/events/pride-london-parade>

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/zone-1-news/pride-month-2021-events-not-20896193>

Explore Kensington and Chelsea: K&C Summer of Love 2021//What's On/What to See and Do in Kensington and Chelsea

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/explore-kensington-and-chelsea>

Explore Kensington and Chelsea: What to See and Do in Kensington and Chelsea

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/explore-kensington-and-chelsea/see-and-do>

Explore Kensington and Chelsea: Hidden Gems

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/explore-kensington-and-chelsea/hidden-gems>

Explore Kensington and Chelsea: K&C Summer of Love 2021

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/explore-kensington-and-chelsea/summer-love>

Kensington and Chelsea Summer of Love Event 2021 Map

https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/explore-kensington-and-chelsea/sites/explore/files/2021-06/rbkc_walking_map.pdf

Things to Do London

Cheapo

19 May 2021

<https://londoncheapo.com/entertainment>

Exploring Hidden London: Hideaways, Secret Spots and Local Favourites

Cheapo

30 April 2021

<https://londoncheapo.com/entertainment/exploring-hidden-london-secret-spots>

Sky Garden

<https://skygarden.london/what-is-sky-garden>

<https://skygarden.london/visit/how-to-visit-2>

Meanwhile Gardens Skate Park (LB Kensington and Chelsea)

Meanwhile Gardens
Elkstone Road
London
W10 5XD

<https://www.skateparks.co.uk/london/meanwhile-gardens-skatepark>

Opening Times: Always open

- Concrete
- Free
- Outdoors

Amenities

No on-site toilets, however toilets nearby

Westbourne Park train station: Exit Westbourne Park station onto Great Western Road and head north until you see Meanwhile Gardens on your left and the park is in there

Great Western Road bus stop: Exit the bus and the skatepark will be in sight

'...Claiming to be one of the oldest skateparks in London, this series of three bowls has been here since the 70s and is a classic example of what skateboarding was really like when it was all kicking off in the UK back then. Considering its age it is in good condition however there are a few cracks and bumps that are to be expected with a park of this age.

At the top of the park is a 3 foot mini ramp featuring a bowled corner on one side which leads into a larger and more rounded bowl lying at 5 foot deep with a small pump bump in the centre to gain speed. This section leads into a deeper and even larger 6 foot bowl with 8 foot extensions. The infamous bridge of death gap, as its affectionately know as by the locals, is across the transition between the middle and deep bowl and is not for the faint of heart.

This is a piece of UK skate history and if bowls are your thing then you should definitely make the trip down here for a session...'

Low Cost Things to Do in London

Meanwhile Gardens Playhut - Stay and Play

(LB Kensington and Chelsea)

https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/kb5/rbkc/fis/service.page?id=ioUQ9bYDP9k&localofferchannel=10_4

[page last updated 14/05/2021]

Meanwhile Gardens Playhut is a purpose-built, eco-friendly play centre for young children. The playhut has a large secure garden complete with a paddling pool, sandpit, slide and a wide range of indoor and outdoor play equipment for children under the age of six. It is open weekdays between 2pm and 5pm

Costs

£10.00 per family for a one year membership - giving you unlimited access to the sessions

Where to go

Meanwhile Gardens Playhut
Elkstone Road
W10 5NT

Notes

Set within the gardens opposite the skate park [*see free things to do - Meanwhile Gardens Skate Park*]

Who to contact

Meanwhile Gardens

020 8960 7894

info@meanwhilegardens.com

<https://meanwhile-gardens.org.uk/playhut/20>

[website currently down (07/21)]

Transport for London (TFL) Journey Planner

<https://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey>

London Museums that are free

British Museum An amazing collection of artefacts from all over the world. Access to the permanent collection is free.

Entrance to the museum is **free**, but entry to the museum's galleries and exhibitions and exhibitions currently requires a **prebooked timed ticket**.

National Gallery More than 2,000 paintings from the Middle Ages to the 20th century.

Entrance for gallery is **free**, charges for events/special exhibitions

Museum of London The history of the city. Enjoy the interactive displays and follow the evolution of London from prehistoric times up to the present day.

Entrance to museum is **free**.

Royal Academy of Arts Paintings by Michelangelo, Constable and Gainsborough, Greek and Roman statues and sculptures.

Ticket prices variable depending on exhibition

Natural History Museum Fascinating exhibits from the natural world.

Entry to museum is **free**. There are admissions charges for some of the special exhibitions and events.

Science Museum Experience the wonders of science first-hand with interactive displays.

Entry is **free**, but charges apply for the IMAX 3D Cinema, simulators and some special exhibitions.

Imperial War Museum Interesting displays guide you through the stories of modern conflicts, from the First World War to present day.

Free Entry. Special exhibitions may charge admission fee.

National Maritime Museum Set in historic Maritime Greenwich it showcases Britain's naval history. Ancient maps and ship models and the iconic uniform Nelson wore the day of the Battle of Trafalgar.
Admission **free** except to events and special exhibitions.

Victoria and Albert Museum Great collections of art and design objects. History of creativity through fashion, furniture, sculpture, photography, jewellery and more.
Free entry. Charges for some of the special exhibitions and events.

Tate Modern A power station that has been transformed into London's centre for modern and contemporary art.
Free entrance for the Gallery. Charges for events special exhibitions.

Tate Britain Some of the best of British art from 1500 to today.
Free admission. Charges for special exhibitions

Guildhall Art Gallery and Roman Amphitheatre
Did you know London has a Roman amphitheatre? It was found 1988 by archaeologists working on the site of the Guildhall Art Gallery.
Free entry to gallery. Special exhibitions are charged

Wellcome Collection Discover what it means to be human. Displays of science, medicine, life and art objects.
Free admission

Sir John Soane's Museum The former home to the architect of the Bank of England. The historic house contains a wide collection of paintings, architectural drawings and antiquities, plus the original sarcophagus of Set I.
Entry is **Free**. Timed ticket essential.

Horniman Museum and Gardens Hed to Forest Hill to encounter an eclectic collection of musical instruments, anthropology and natural history.
Entry **Free** to Museum and Gardens. Charge for temporary exhibitions and the aquarium.

London Mithraeum Ancient Roman Temple of Mithras, which was originally built in AD 240 but only rediscovered in 1954 after centuries under the city of London's Streets.
Admission **Free**

British Library UK's national library. Historic manuscripts, rare examples of Magna Carta and Shakespeare's First Folio.

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Permanent exhibitions **Free**.

National Army Museum

History of the armed forces from the British Civil Wars to modern day.

Free admission. Some exhibitions and events maybe ticketed.

Royal Air Force Museum

History of aviation with a huge amount of aircraft memorabilia.

Free - under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

The Wallace Collection

Precious collection of 18th century French Paintings, with works by Titian, Canaletto and Rembrandt.

Free admission

Museum of London Docklands

London's history as a port with exhibits. Interactive displays recreating life at LONDON'S 19 century naval supremacy.

Entry **Free**

Bank of England Museum

Learn about the history of British currency. it is open Mondays to Fridays

Entry **Free**

Whitechapel Gallery

Cutting-edge contemporary art by emerging and renowned artists.

Entry **Free**

Serpentine Galleries

In the middle of Hyde Park. Two exhibition spaces devoted to displaying international contemporary art.

Entry **Free**

Important information

**COVID 19: You will find social distancing and other safety measure in place at these attractions.
For more information check direct with the venue ahead of your visit.**