



London
The Royal Parks

London is lucky to boast large expanses of green open space, right in the heart of the city. For this, we must thank Henry VIII who acquired the land for the Crown. Thanks to the Sovereign's grace and favour, the public has free access to the parks, each with its own character, history and offering a wide range of amenities and activities.

Before you Way2Go

Royal Parks - General enquiries

Telephone: +44 (0)20 7298 2000
royalparks.org.uk

To plan your journey

Why not use the Transport for London website: tfl.gov.uk or call the 24 hour TFL Travel Information Line on: +44 (0)20 7222 1234.

Oyster Cards are available at most Tube and railway stations as well as some newsagents – just look for the blue Oyster sign. They can also be purchased before you arrive, through the Visit London website: visitlondon.com/travel/oyster

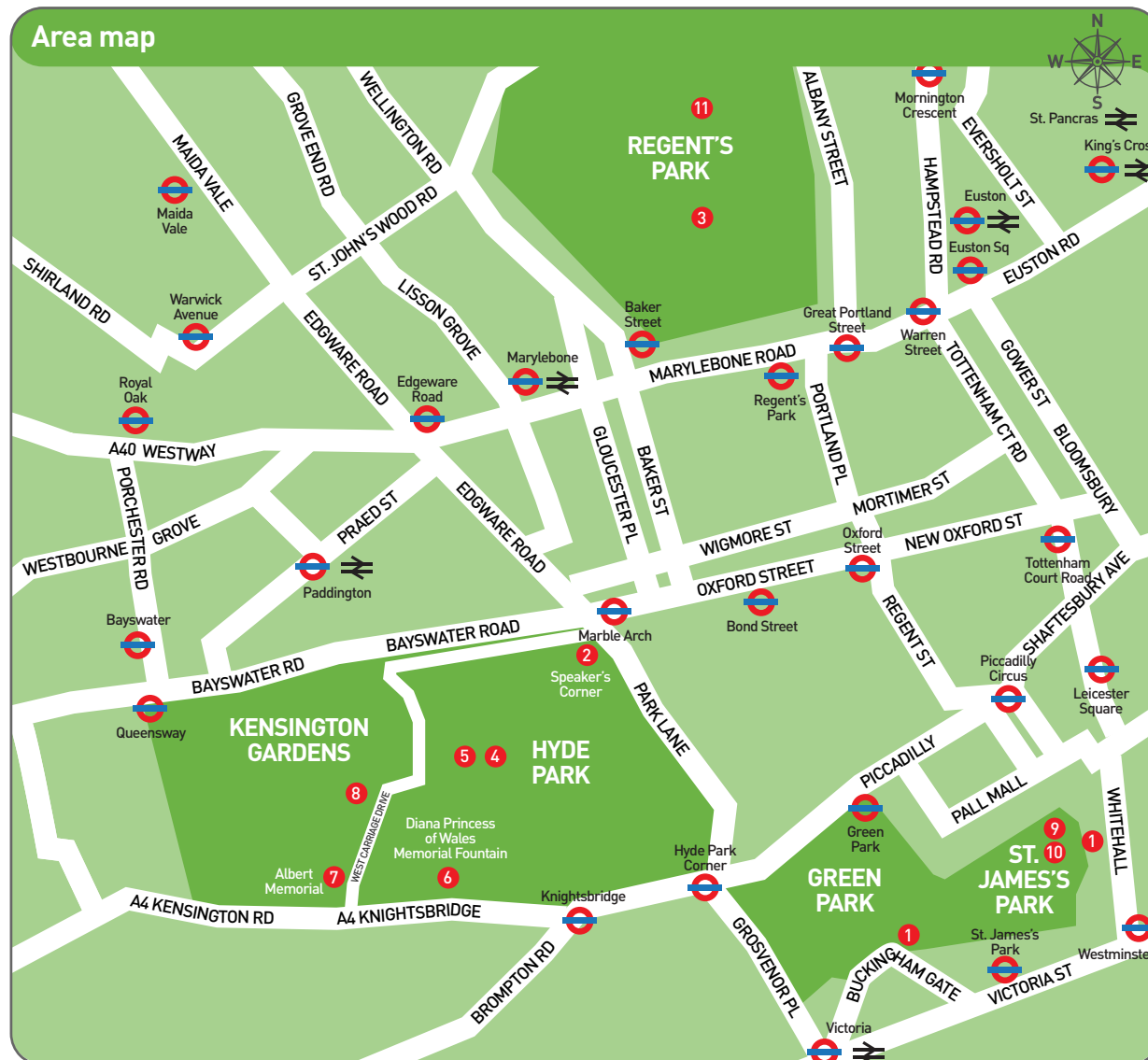
Entrance prices & opening times

All parks are free to enter. Most planned activities are also free although there may be a charge for certain events. Most Royal Parks close at night. For latest information please refer to the Royal Parks website or call their information line.

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What's on in the Royal Parks

To find out the very latest on what's happening in the Royal Parks, go to: royalparks.org.uk/events

1 See the Changing of the Guard

The Queen's Guard changes in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace at 11.30 am every day in the summer and every other day in the winter.

At Horse Guard's Parade (at the other end of St James's Park), the Household Cavalry change every day at 11.00 am (10.00 am on Sundays). Further details can be found at: army.mod.uk/events/ceremonial/1068.aspx

2 Speaker's Corner (Hyde Park)

Located in the north east corner of Hyde Park near Marble Arch, Speaker's Corner is one of London's unique attractions. Orators can be heard on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Expect to hear vigorous debate, controversial views, but also much laughter. urban75.org/london/speakers-corner

3 Combine a visit to Regent's Park with a play at the Open Air Theatre

Productions take place in both afternoons and evenings. openairtheatre.org

4 Boating on the Serpentine (Hyde Park)

Rowing boats, pedal boats and the Solar Shuttle are available for hire between March and October.

5 Fancy a swim?

At the Lido in Hyde Park you can swim in the Serpentine. If the lake is frozen, the early morning swimmers kindly break the ice. Paddling pool provided for children.

6 Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain (Hyde Park)

Open from 10am each day – variable closing times according to time of year.

For further information, telephone: +44 (0)20 7298 2000 or visit: royalparks.org.uk/parks/hyde_park/diana_memorial.cfm

7 A guided tour of the Albert Memorial (Kensington Gardens)

At 14.00 and 15.00 every first Sunday of the month from March to December. royalparks.org.uk/parks/kensington_gardens/tours

8 Serpentine Gallery (Kensington Gardens)

One of London's most popular galleries for modern and contemporary art. Admission free.

Telephone: +44 (0)20 7402 6075 serpentinegallery.org

9 Enjoy a gourmet meal (St James's Park)

Inn the Park is a contemporary café and restaurant in St James's Park. Picnic hampers are also available. innthepark.com

10 Watch the pelicans being fed (St James's Park)

This takes place at 2.30pm every day. The birds are to be found around Duck Island, often sitting on one of the benches.

Find out about Royal Gun Salutes and when they occur

royalparks.org.uk/tourists/gun_salutes.cfm

11 Visit the ZSL London Zoo (Regent's Park)

Set at the north end of Regents Park, the historic zoo offers a perfect day out for all ages.

Outer Circle, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4RY
General enquiries +44 (0)20 7722 3333 zsl.org

Need2Go?

Public toilets are available in all the Royal Parks.

(Please note that Green Park does not have disabled access toilets).

For more information including maps please visit: royalparks.org.uk

Other Royal Parks

Greenwich

Greenwich Park has had deer roaming in it ever since King Henry VIII put them there to hunt. The 180 acres are part of the World Heritage Site known as Maritime Greenwich, which includes the historic Royal Observatory through which the Greenwich Meridian passes. From the top of the hill in the park there is a sweeping view of the River Thames, the skyscrapers of Docklands, the City of London and St Paul's Cathedral. royalparks.org.uk/parks/greenwich_park

Richmond

At nearly 2,500 acres, Richmond Park is by far the largest of the Royal Parks and also has deer roaming freely. It too has a stunning view of St Paul's (weather

permitting!) because despite being over 10 miles away, there is a viewing corridor from King Henry's Mount (near Richmond Gate). Cycling and horse riding are particularly popular. royalparks.org.uk/parks/richmond_park

Bushy Park

Lying adjacent to Hampton Court Park (also open to the public), Bushy Park is the second largest Royal Park. From Teddington Gate there is a mile long avenue of trees giving a spectacular view of the famous Diana Fountain with Hampton Court Palace beyond. There are extensive sports facilities in the park including fishing and a heated outdoor swimming pool. royalparks.org.uk/parks/bushy_park

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