

**BYE LAWS FOR HOUNSLOW HEATH NATURE RESERVE**  
**LONDON BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW**

The Mayor and Burgesses of the London Borough of Hounslow acting by the Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 20, 21(4) and 106 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 in accordance with Section 236 of the Local Government Act 1972 hereby make the following bye-laws for the protection of the Nature Reserve at Hounslow Heath at Staines Road in the London Borough of Hounslow.

1. In these bye-laws

(a) "The Reserve" shall mean the pieces or parcels of land containing in the whole 80.94 hectares or thereabouts and situate in the London Borough of Hounslow declared to be managed as a Nature Reserve by the declaration dated 21 March 1991 made by the Council of the London Borough of Hounslow in pursuance of Section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, and the Reserve is for the purposes of identification shown as heathland on the map annexed to these bye-laws and therein coloured pink.

(b) "The Council" shall mean the Mayor and Burgesses of the London Borough of Hounslow acting by the Council.

(c) "Firearms" shall have the same meaning as in Section 57 of the Firearms Act 1968.

2. Within the Reserve the following acts are hereby prohibited unless authorised by a permit issued by the Council in accordance with Bye-law 4, or are necessary to the proper execution of his duty by an officer of the Council or by any person, or servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council.

RESTRICTION OF ACCESS

(i) Entering at any time those parts of the Reserve where notice to keep out has been posted by Order of the Council.

DAMAGE TO OR DISTURBANCE OF THINGS IN THE RESERVE

(ii) Spreading or using any net, or setting or using any trap or other instruments, or any snare or lure, for the taking, injury or destruction of any living creature.

(iii) Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature, or using dogs, ferrets or birds of prey in pursuit of the taking, injury or destruction of any living creature.

(iv) Taking or intentionally disturbing or destroying the eggs, larvae, pupae or other immature stages, of the place used for the shelter or protection of any living creature including hibernation sites.

- (v) Intentionally removing or displacing any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part thereof, or any unfashioned mineral thing including water but excluding the picking of blackberries provided that this is not in pursuance of commercial gain and that due care is taken not to disturb surrounding vegetation.

- (vi) Climbing or ascending any tree or climbing or placing a ladder or steps against any tree.

#### BRINGING ANIMALS INTO THE RESERVE

- (vii) Intentionally bringing or permitting to be brought, into the Reserve any living creature, or the egg of any living creature, or any plant, or any seed or any other part of any plant, in circumstances that it is likely that such creature or plant will reproduce or propagate itself, or such egg will hatch, or such seed will germinate.

- (viii) Bringing into, or permitting to remain within, the Reserve any dog unless it is kept on a lead or any other animal unless it is kept under proper control and is prevented from worrying or disturbing any animal or bird. Horses shall be permitted only when ridden on the track provided for the purpose shown on the attached map.

- (ix) Turning out any animal or poultry to feed or graze.

#### AREAS OF WATER

- (x) Committing any act which pollutes or is likely to cause pollution of any water.

- (xi) Bathing or wading in any water in contravention of a notice exhibited beside that water by order of the Council.

- (xii) Ice skating.

- (xiii) Sailing model boats.

- (xiv) Propelling (by any means whatever) any boat on an area or stretch of water other than a public waterway in contravention of a notice exhibited beside that water by the Council.

- (xv) Mooring or leaving or launching any boat (elsewhere than on a beach or mooring site indicated by a notice exhibited by the Council as being available for this purpose).

- (xvi) Obstructing the flow of any drain or watercourse.

#### USE OF VEHICLES

- (xvii) Driving, riding, propelling or leaving any mechanically propelled vehicle (including hovercraft) elsewhere than on a highway or on a road, or in a place indicated by a notice as being available for the purpose.

- (xviii) Landing any aircraft except in case of emergency.

#### USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT

- (xix) Using any camera or apparatus for the transmission, reception, reproduction, or amplification of sound, speech or images by electrical or mechanical means, except apparatus designed and used as an aid to defective hearing and apparatus used in a vehicle so as not to produce sound audible by a person outside the vehicle.

- (xx) Using any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the Reserve.

#### USE OF FIREARMS ETC

- (xxi) Being in possession of a firearm (with ammunition suitable for use in that firearm) otherwise than on a public paved road, or discharging a firearm or lighting a firework.

- (xxii) Projecting any missile manually or by artificial means.

#### GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

- (xxiii) Erecting, occupying or using any tent, shed, caravan or other structure for the purpose of camping elsewhere than in an area indicated by a notice as being available for camping.

- (xxiv) Flying any model aircraft or flying any kite.

- (xxv) Erecting any post, rail, fence, pole, booth, stand, building or other structure.

- (xxvi) Neglecting to shut any gate or to fasten it if any means of doing so are provided.

- (xxvii) Posting or placing any notice or advertisement.

- (xxviii) Selling or offering or exposing for sale, or letting for hire or offering or exposing for letting for hire, any commodity or article, or selling or offering for sale any service.

- (xxix) (a) Engaging in any activity which is causing or likely to cause a disturbance.

- (b) Holding any show, performance, public meeting, exhibition or sports or the playing of any informal ball games or any other organised games.

- (xxx) Intentionally or recklessly removing or displacing, any noticeboard, notice exhibited by order of the Council, apparatus, wall boundary bank, fence, barrier, barrier, railing, post or hedge.

- (xxxi) Lighting any fire, stove, heater, barbecue or other appliance capable of causing fire, elsewhere than in any area indicated by a notice as being available for camping or barbecues.

- (xxxii) Letting fall, or throwing any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause a fire.

- (xxxiii) Intentionally leaving items, in a place other than a receptacle provided by the Council for deposit of litter or refuse.

(xxxiv) Intentionally obstructing any officer of the Council or any person, or the servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council in the execution of any works (including research or scientific work connected) with the laying out, maintenance or management of the Reserve.

3. The shooting of any bird is prohibited in such area adjoining the Reserve as is described in the Schedule to these byelaws as is the projecting of any missile or shooting into the Reserve from such adjoining areas.

4. (1) The Council may issue permits authorising any person to do any act or class of acts within the Reserve or any part thereof which would otherwise be unlawful under these byelaws.

(2) Any such permit shall be issued subject to the following conditions:

(a) That it must be carried whenever a visit is made to the Reserve and produced for inspection when required by a person duly authorised by the Council in that behalf; and

(b) that it may be revoked by the Council at any time.

5. These byelaws shall not operate so as to interfere with the exercise:

(a) by a person of:

(i) a right vested in him as owner, lessee or occupier of land in the Reserve.

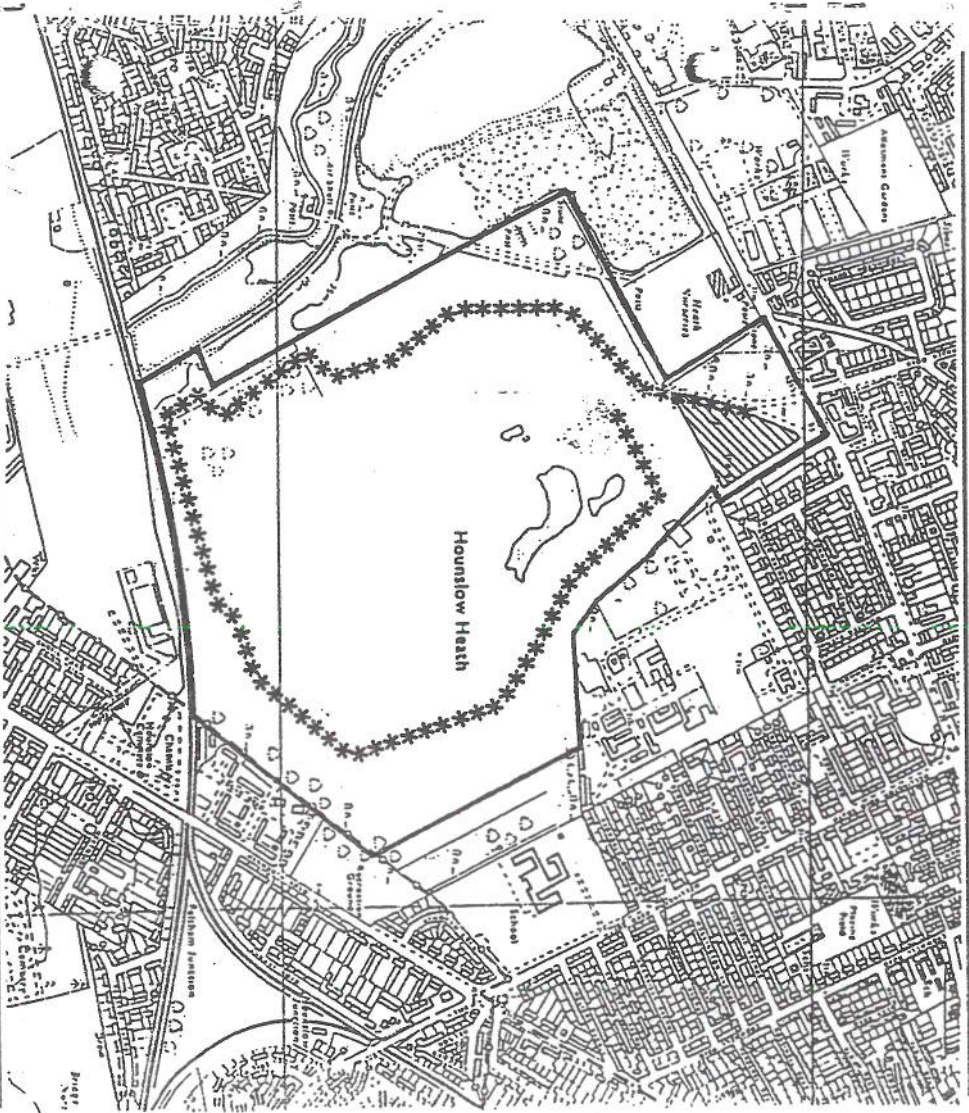
(ii) any easement or profit a prendre to which he is entitled.

(iii) any public right of way.

(b) of any functions of a local authority, statutory undertaking or of a water authority or other drainage authority;

(c) by a constable or a member of the armed forces or any fire brigade or ambulance service of the performance of his duty.

6. Any person who offends against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine on level 2 on the Standard scale and in the case of continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding £5 for each day during which the offence continues after the said conviction.



**Boundary of Hounslow Heath Local Nature Reserve**  
**Staines Road Hounslow**

— Site Boundary

▨ Fairground Excluded from Nature Reserve

\*\*\*\*\* Horse Ride

Scale 1 : 10,000  
Grid North  
Drawn by SB  
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