

LONDON BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW

Byelaws relating to PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES



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Byelaws made by the London Borough of Hounslow under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 with respect to the pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:
"the Council" means the London Borough of Hounslow;
"the ground" means each of the pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces named in Schedule 1 to these byelaws.

Opening times

2. On any day on which the grounds listed in Schedule 3 to these byelaws is open to the public, no person shall enter it before the time, or enter or remain in it after the time, indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.

Vehicles

3. (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride or drive a motor cycle, motor vehicle or any other mechanically propelled vehicle in the ground, or bring or cause to be brought into the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle, trailer or any other mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a cycle), except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

(2) If the Council has set apart a space in the ground for use by vehicles of any class, this byelaw shall not prevent the riding or driving of those vehicles in the space so set apart, or on a route, indicated by signs placed in conspicuous positions, between it and the entrance to the ground.

(3) The byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.

(4) In this byelaw:

"cycle" means a bicycle, a tricycle, or a cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case a motor cycle or motor vehicle;

"invalid carriage" means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms, the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres and which has been constructed or adapted for use for the

carriage of one person, being a person suffering from some physical defect or disability and is used solely by such a person;

"motor cycle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which unladen does not exceed 410 kilograms;

"motor vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, intended or adapted for use on roads;

"trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, and includes a caravan.

Horses

4. No person shall in the ground intentionally or negligently ride a horse to the danger of any other person using the ground.
5. Where any part of the ground has, by notices placed in conspicuous positions in the ground, been set apart by the Council as an area where horse riding is permitted, no person shall, without the consent of the Council, ride a horse in any other part of the ground.

Climbing

6. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

Removal of structures

7. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, remove from or displace in the ground any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any structure or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground.

Erection of structures

8. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure.

Camping

9. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, erect a tent or use any vehicle, including a caravan, or any other structure for the purpose of camping, except in any area which may be set apart and indicated by notice as a place where camping is permitted.

Children's play areas

10. (1) No person who has attained the age of 14 years shall enter or remain in the children's play area in any of the grounds listed in Schedule 2 to these byelaws.
- (2) This byelaw shall not apply to any person who is bona fide in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.

Ball games

11. No person shall play or take part in any ball game in the grounds known as Bedfont Green, Chiswick Common and Feltham Green.

Trading

12. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article.

Grazing

13. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, turn out or permit any animal to graze in the ground.

Protection of flower beds, trees, grass, etc.

14. No person who brings or causes to be brought into the ground a vehicle shall wheel or park it over or upon:
 - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
 - (b) any part of the ground where the Council, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, prohibits its being wheeled or parked.
15. No person shall in the ground enter upon:
 - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
 - (b) any part of the ground set aside for the renovation of grass or turf, where adequate notice to keep off such grass or turf is exhibited.

Removal of substances

16. No person shall remove from or displace in the ground any stone, soil or turf, or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.

Games

17. Where the Council has, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, set apart an area in the ground for the playing of such games as may be specified in the notice, no person shall:
- (a) play in such an area any game other than the game for which it has been set apart;
 - (b) use any such area so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person already using that area for any purpose for which it has been set apart; or
 - (c) play any game so specified in any other part of the ground in such a manner as to exclude any person not playing the game from the use of that part.
 - (d) when the area is already occupied by other players ~~not~~ begin to play thereon without their permission; will
 - (e) where the exclusive use of the area has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match, play on that area later than a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the beginning of the match unless taking part therein; or
 - (f) except where the exclusive use of the area has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match in which he is taking part, use the area for a longer time than two hours continuously, if any other player or players make known to him a wish to use the area.
18. No person shall, in any area of the ground which may have been set apart by the Council for any game, play any game when the state of the ground or other cause makes it unfit for use and a notice is placed in a conspicuous position prohibiting play in that area of the ground.
19. (1) No person shall in the ground play any game:
- (a) so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or
 - (b) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.
- (2) This byelaw shall not extend to any area set apart by the Council for the playing of any game.

Golf

20. No person shall in the ground drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball, except on land set aside by the Council for use as a golf course, golf driving range, golf practice area or putting course.

Cricket

21. No person shall use any cricket ball, except in any part of the ground which, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, has been set aside as an area where a cricket ball may be used.

Skateboarding and roller skating

22. No person shall in the ground skate on rollers, skateboards, wheels or other mechanical contrivances, except on any part of the ground which has been set apart by the Council for that purpose and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.

Missiles

23. No person shall in the ground, to the danger or annoyance of any other person in the ground, throw or discharge any missile.

Waterways

24. No person shall:

Bathing

- (a) without reasonable excuse, bathe or swim in any waterway comprised in the ground;

Pollution of Waterways

- (b) intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any waterway comprised in the ground;

Watercourses

- (c) No person shall knowingly cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed or diverted, or open, shut or otherwise work or operate any sluice or similar apparatus in the ground.

Interference with life-saving equipment

25. No person shall, except in case of emergency, remove from or displace in the ground or otherwise tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the Council.

Power driven model aircraft

26. In byelaws 27, 28, 29 and 30 "model aircraft" means an aircraft which either weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel or is for the time being exempted (as a model aircraft) from the provisions of the Air Navigation Order;

"power-driven" means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible vapour or other combustible substances.

"radio-controlled" means controlled by a radio signal from a wireless transmitter or similar device.

27. (1) Where any part of the ground has, by a notice conspicuously exhibited in the ground, been set apart by the Council for the flying of power-driven model aircraft, no person in any other part of the ground shall release any such aircraft for flight, or control the flight of such an aircraft, and no person shall:
- a) cause such an aircraft to take off; or
 - b) without reasonable excuse, cause such an aircraft to land,
- in such other part of the ground.
- (2) Where an area within a part of the ground so set apart from the flying of power-driven model aircraft is designated by the Council as an area from which aircraft may be launched and is described in a notice placed in a conspicuous position on the ground, no person shall release such an aircraft for flight, or cause such an aircraft to take off, in any part of the ground other than that area.
28. No person shall:
- a) in the ground release any power-driven model aircraft for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft; or
 - b) cause any such aircraft to take off or land in the ground,
- unless it is radio-controlled and kept under effective control.
29. No person shall:
- a) in the ground release any power-driven model aircraft for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft; or

b) cause any such aircraft to take off or land in the ground.

except on the days and during the hours specified in the following table:

Name of Ground	Days	Hours	Area
(i) Hanworth Park, Hanworth	Every day, save in the event of there being a morning rugby fixture or other activities specifically let by the Council and this is indicated by a sign placed in a conspicuous position in the ground	10am to 1pm	Southern part of approx 20 acres of which only 4 acres marked out in the south east may be used for landing and take off.
	Every Saturday & Sunday from 1 October to 30 April	10am to 1.30pm	
	Every Tuesday and Thursday in Summer period ie 1 April to 30 September	4pm to 6.30pm	
(ii) Dukes Meadows, Chiswick W4	Monday to Friday inc. in Winter period ie 1 September to 30 April	10am to 4pm	The Plateau
	Every day in Summer period ie 1 May to 31 September	10am to 4pm	

30. (1) No person shall:

a) in the ground release any power-driven model aircraft for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft; or

b) cause any such aircraft to take off or land in the ground,

unless:

(i) the noise emitted by the aircraft gives a noise measurement of not more than 82dB(A) at a distance of 7 metres from the aircraft when measured by means of the equipment described, and by the method set out, in the Code of Practice issued in pursuance of the approval given by the Control of Noise (Code of Practice on Noise from Model Aircraft) Order 1981; and

- (ii) subject to paragraph (2) below, the aircraft is fitted with an effectual silencer or similar device.
- (2) Paragraph (1)(ii) above shall not have effect in relation to an aircraft to which the fitting of a silencer or similar device is not reasonably practicable.

Metal detectors

- 31. (i) No person shall on the land use any device designed or adopted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.
- (ii) This byelaw shall not apply to those grounds specified in Schedule 4 to these byelaws.

Fires

- 32. (1) No person shall in the ground intentionally light a fire, or place, throw or let fall a lighted match or any other thing so as to be likely to cause a fire.
- (2) This byelaw shall not apply to any event held with the consent of the Council.
- (3) This byelaw shall not prevent the lighting or use of a properly constructed camping stove or cooker or barbecue in any area set aside for the purpose, in such a manner as not to cause danger of or damage by fire.

Fishing and protection of wildlife

- 33. (1) No person shall in the ground intentionally kill, injure, take or disturb any animal or fish or engage in hunting, shooting or fishing, or the setting of traps or nets or the laying of snares.
- (2) This byelaw shall not prohibit any fishing which may be authorised by the Council.

Noise

- 34. (1) No person shall in the ground, after being requested to desist by an officer of the Council, or by any person annoyed or disturbed, or by any person acting on his behalf:
 - (a) by shouting or singing;
 - (b) by playing on a musical instrument; or
 - (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrumentcause or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

- (2) This byelaw shall not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Public shows, exhibitions and structures

35. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, place or take part in any show or exhibition, or set up any swing, roundabout or other like thing.

Obstruction

36. No person shall in the ground:
- (a) intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
 - (b) intentionally obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
 - (c) intentionally obstruct any other person in the proper use of the ground, or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

Savings

37. (1) An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the ground by an officer of the Council, or any act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council, shall not be an offence under these byelaws.
- (2) Nothing in or done under any of the provisions of these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the ground, or the rights of any person acting legally by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part thereof.

38. **Urinating**

No person shall urinate or defecate in the ground.

Removal of offenders

39. Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a constable.

Penalty

40. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

Revocation

41. The byelaws made by the Mayor Alderman and Burgesses of the London Borough of Hounslow on 30 November 1973 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Home Department on the 9 May 1974 relating to the ground are hereby revoked.

Schedule 1

The grounds referred to in byelaw 1 are as follows:-

Aston Green Open Space, Cranford
Avenue Gardens, Cranford
Avenue Park, Cranford
Beaversfield Park, Hounslow
Bedfont Close, Bedfont
Bedfont Green, Bedfont (AKA Green, The, and land opposite (South of Staines Road, Bedfont))
Bedfont Lane Open Space, Feltham
Bedfont Recreation Ground, Bedfont
Blenheim Park, Feltham
Boston Manor Park, Brentford
Brabazon Road Open Space, Cranford
Brent Lea Recreation Ground, Brentford
Bridge Pond, Feltham
Burns Avenue Greens, Feltham
Carville Hall Park, Brentford
Chester Road Open Space, Hounslow, (AKA Green Lane/Great South West Road Open Space, Hounslow)
Chiswick Common, Chiswick
Chiswick House Grounds, Chiswick
Churchfields Avenue Open Space, (AKA Chertsey Road Open Space, Hanworth)
Clunbury Avenue Open Space, Heston
Colwyn Crescent, Hounslow
Crane Valley, Girling Way, Feltham
De Brome Open Space, Hanworth
Donkey Woods, Feltham
Dukes Hollow, Chiswick
Dukes Meadow Recreation Ground, Chiswick
Bedfont Road Recreation Ground, Feltham
Feltham Cross Open Space, Feltham
Feltham Green, Feltham (AKA Green, The, Feltham)
Feltham Park, Feltham
Firs Drive, Cranford (AKA Green, The, Firs Drive, Cranford)
Fruen Road Open Space, Feltham
Glebeland and Sports Arena, Feltham
Grantley Road Children's Playground, Cranford
Green Lane Recreation Ground, Hounslow
Grosvenor Park, Feltham (AKA Grosvenor Park Open Space, Feltham)
Hanworth Park, Hanworth (including area known as Footpath Meadow, Hanworth)
Harvard Hill Recreation Ground, Chiswick

Hawthorn Road Playground, Brentford (AKA Hawthorn Road Children's Playground and Open Space, Isleworth)
 Heston Green, Heston
 Heston Park, Heston
 Highland Close Open Space, Hounslow
 Homefields Recreation Ground, Chiswick
 Hounslow Urban Farm, Feltham
 Inwood Park, Hounslow
 Ivybridge Open Space, Isleworth
 Jersey Gardens, Osterley
 Kingsley Road Children's Playground, Hounslow
 Lampton Park, Hounslow
 Ludlow Road Recreation Ground, Hanworth, (AKA Feltham Hill Road Recreation Ground, Hanworth)
 Midsummer Avenue Open Space, Hounslow
 Myrtle Avenue Open Space, Bedfont
 Northcote Avenue Children's Playground, Isleworth
 Pevensey Road Open Space, Hanworth
 Poors Piece, Feltham
 Poplar Way Open Space, Feltham
 Rectory Meadow, Hanworth
 Redlees Park, Isleworth
 River Crane Regional Open Space, Hounslow & Feltham
 Riverside Promenade (including land west of Barnes Bridge), Chiswick
 Riverside Walk between River Gardens and Faggs Road, Bedfont
 Riverside Walk, Isleworth
 Robin Grove Open Space, Brentford
 Rochester Avenue Paddling Pool, Feltham
 Rose Gardens, London Road, Brentford
 Silverhall Park, Isleworth (AKA Silverhall, Mill Plat Open Space, Isleworth)
 South Road Open Space, Hanworth
 Southville Road Open Space, Feltham (AKA South Bedfont Open Space)
 Sparrow Farm Open Space, Feltham
 St. Dunstan's Park, Feltham
 St. John's Gardens, Isleworth
 St. Paul's Recreation Ground, Brentford
 Stamford Brook Common, Chiswick
 Stoneywall Open Space, Feltham, (AKA South Bedfont Open Space)
 Strand-on-the-Green Riverside Amenity, Chiswick
 Strand on the Green Recreation Ground, Chiswick
 Sutton Playing Fields, Heston
 Sutton Square, Heston (AKA Green, The, Sutton Square, Hounslow)
 Thornbury Playing Fields, Isleworth
 Turnham Green Common, Chiswick
 Watermans Park, Brentford
 Waye Avenue Recreation Ground, Cranford
 Wellesley Road Playground, Chiswick
 Wesley Avenue Children's Playground, Hounslow
 Winslow Recreation Ground, AKA Bear Road Recreation Ground, Hanworth
 Wyke Green, Osterley

Schedule 2

The grounds referred to in byelaw 10 are as follows:-

Avenue Park, Cranford
Beaversfield Park, Hounslow
Bedfont Recreation Ground, Bedfont
Boston Manor Park, Brentford
Brabazon Road Open Space, Cranford
Brent Lea Recreation Ground, Brentford
Burns Avenue Greens, Feltham
Carville Hall Park, Brentford
Chiswick Common, Chiswick
Chiswick House Grounds, Chiswick
Dukes Meadow Recreation Ground, Chiswick
Feltham Park, Feltham
Grantley Road Children's Playground, Cranford
Grosvenor Park, Feltham (AKA Grosvenor Park Open Space, Feltham)
Hanworth Park, Hanworth
Harvard Hill Recreation Ground, Chiswick
Hawthorn Road Playground, Hounslow (AKA Hawthorn Road Children's Playground and Open Space, Isleworth)
Heston Park, Heston
Homefields Recreation Ground, Chiswick
Hounslow Urban Farm, Feltham
Inwood Park, Hounslow
Jersey Gardens, Osterley
Kingsley Road Children's Playground, Hounslow
Lampton Park, Hounslow
Midsummer Avenue Open Space, Hounslow
Redlees Park, Isleworth
Robin Grove Open Space, Brentford
Silverhall Park, Isleworth (AKA Silverhall, Mill Plat Open Space, Isleworth)
South Road Open Space, Hanworth
Sparrow Farm Open Space, Feltham
St. Dunstan's Park, Feltham
St. John's Gardens, Isleworth
St. Paul's Recreation Ground, Brentford
Stanford Brook Common, Chiswick
Strand-on-the-Green Recreation Ground, Chiswick
Sutton Playing Fields, Heston
Watermans Park, Brentford
Waye Avenue Recreation Ground, Cranford
Wellesley Road Playground, Chiswick
Wesley Avenue Children's Playground, Hounslow
Winslow Recreation Ground, Hounslow (AKA Bear Road Recreation Ground, Hanworth)

Schedule 3

The grounds referred to in byelaw 2 are as follows:

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Schedule 4

Byelaw 31(i) will not apply to the following grounds:

Aston Green Open Space, Cranford
Avenue Gardens (except the War Memorial area), Cranford
Bedfont Green, Bedfont
Bedfont Lane Open Space, Feltham
Brabazon Road Open Space, Cranford
Burns Avenue Greens, Feltham
Chester Road Open Space, Hounslow (AKA Green Lane/Great South West Road Open Space, Hounslow)
Clunbury Avenue Open Space, Heston
Colwyn Crescent, Hounslow
Crane Valley, Girling Way, Feltham
Donkey Woods, Feltham
Feltham Cross Open Space, Feltham
Firs Drive, Cranford (AKA Green, The, Firs Drive, Cranford)
Fruen Road Open Space, Feltham
Green Lane Recreation Ground, Hounslow
Harvard Hill Recreation Ground, Chiswick
Heston Green, Heston
Highland Close Open Space, Hounslow
Kingsley Road Children's Playground, Hounslow
Midsummer Avenue Open Space, Hounslow
Myrtle Avenue Open Space, Bedfont
Northcote Avenue Children's Playground, Isleworth
Pevensey Road Open Space, Hanworth
Poplar Way Open Space, Feltham
Riverside Promenade (including land west of Barnes Bridge), Chiswick
Riverside Walk, Isleworth
Robin Grove Open Space, Brentford
Silverhall Park, Isleworth (AKA Silverhall, Mill Plat Open Space, Isleworth)
South Road Open Space, Hanworth
Southville Road Open Space, Feltham (AKA South Bedfont Open Space)
Sparrow Farm Open Space, Feltham
St. Dunstan's Park, Feltham
St. John's Gardens, Isleworth
St. Paul's Recreation Ground, Brentford
Strand-on-the-Green Riverside Amenity, Chiswick
Strand-on-the-Green Recreation Ground, Chiswick
Sutton Square, Heston (AKA Green, The, Sutton Square, Hounslow)
Way Avenue Recreation Ground, Cranford
Winslow Recreation Ground (AKA Bear Road Recreation Ground) Hanworth
Wyke Green, Osterley

THE COMMON SEAL of the MAYOR
AND BURGESSES of the LONDON
BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW
was hereunto affixed the 28th day
9 January 1999.

in the presence of:


MAYOR


BOROUGH SOLICITOR

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come
into operation on the eighth day of May 1999

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State



R. G. EVANS
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28 APR 1999

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