



Cycling in the Royal Parks Policy Statement

Thousands of journeys are made each day by cyclists in the Royal Parks.

There is extensive cycling infrastructure across the Royal Parks and a network of permitted cycle paths and roadways. This includes over 32 miles of road and 27 miles of 'off carriageway' cycle paths within the parks, where cycling is permitted.

Cycle parking is provided in key locations within all the parks, particularly close to entrances or facilities.

Additionally, companion cycling schemes are licensed through 'Companion Cycling' in Bushy Park and 'The Regent's Park Ability Bikes', which allow people with disabilities to enjoy the parks on specially modified bicycles. Cycle tour groups are licensed within the central parks for guided tours of the city. TfL cycle hire is available in or near the central Royal Parks and there is also a hire facility at Richmond Park at Roehampton Gate.

Safety for all our visitors and road users is our priority. While we welcome considerate cyclists, pedestrians have priority within the Royal Parks, as they make up the majority of park visitors. To ensure a harmonious balance between all our visitors, we ask cyclists to stick to designated cycle paths and roads. This also protects the parks' delicate terrain and biodiversity.

We do ask that cyclists observe the motor vehicle speed limit for the park, the road or path in question. This varies from 5mph to 20mph. This helps to maintain a safe environment for visitors of all ages, and protects road users, as well as wildlife - particularly as wild deer in Bushy or Richmond Parks may behave unpredictably and run across park roads.

Park visitors, whatever their mode of transport, must comply with the Park Regulations and by laws must not interfere with the safety, comfort and convenience of others. All road users must use the roads to the prevailing conditions, and with due care for themselves and for others.

E-scooters are not permitted in the parks. The speed and stealth of scooters presents an unacceptable risk to pedestrians, particularly those with mobility challenges, or with a visual or hearing impairment.

On park roads the Highway Code applies and is enforced under the Highways Act. Off carriageway the park is protected through Park Regulations.

The Royal Parks continues to explore how it can enhance the experience of cyclists in the park in a way that balances their needs and those of our many other visitors.