
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 1639

The Royal Parks and Other Open Spaces Regulations 1997

Acts prohibited in a Park

3. Subject to the provisions of regulation 6, no person using a Park shall—

(1) intentionally or recklessly interfere with the safety, comfort or convenience of any person using a Park in accordance with these Regulations;

(2) deposit waste, litter or any other article into, or do any act which pollutes or is likely to pollute water in, any fountain, lake, pond or river;

(3) drop or leave litter or refuse except in a receptacle provided for the purpose;

(4) [^{F1}unless he is a child of 10 years of age or under,] use—

(a) any pedal cycle, or

(b) any roller skate, roller blade, skate board or other foot-propelled device

except on a Park road or in an area designated and marked as being for that purpose by the Secretary of State;

(5) fail to keep any animal of which he is in charge under control or on a lead—

(a) after having been required by a constable to do so, or

(b) in contravention of a notice exhibited by order of the Secretary of State;

[^{F2}(6) unless the person is a registered blind person, without reasonable excuse, fail to remove immediately any faeces deposited by any animal [^{F3}(other than a horse)] of which he is in charge, provided always that it shall not be a reasonable excuse that a person in charge of an animal did not have with him any means of removal of the faeces;]

(7) permit any animal of which he is in charge to be tethered or to graze;

(8) fail to remove any animal of which he is in charge from a Park or place in that Park after having been required by a constable to do so;

(9) fail to comply with any direction for the regulation or control of—

(a) horses or pedal cycles, or

(b) roller skates, roller blades, skate boards or other foot-propelled devices

given by a constable or by a notice exhibited by order of the Secretary of State;

(a) (10) (a) ride any animal,

(b) drive or ride any vehicle, or

(c) use any pedal cycle, roller skate, roller blade, skate board or other foot-propelled device

in any manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any person;

(a) (11) (a) use a pedal cycle (other than when it is parked), or

(b) drive or ride a vehicle

between sunset and sunrise, or in seriously reduced visibility between sunrise and sunset, unless it is lit in accordance with the Road Vehicles (Lighting) Regulations 1989⁽¹⁾, and for the purposes of this regulation references in the Road Vehicles (Lighting) Regulations 1989 to a road shall be deemed to be references to a Park road or any other area designated and marked as being an area in which a pedal cycle may be used;

(12) drive or ride any vehicle off a Park road except—

- (a) for the purpose of parking that vehicle in a place reserved for that purpose by the Secretary of State,
- (b) an invalid carriage, or
- (c) a vehicle in use for the purpose of transacting business with any person either residing in a Palace or Park or using land therein under licence from the Secretary of State

provided in the case of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) above that the said vehicle is not driven at a speed exceeding 15 m.p.h.;

(13) in contravention of a notice exhibited by order of the Secretary of State, or after having been required by a constable not to do so—

- (a) play any game or engage in any form of sport or exercise,
- (b) use any kite or model aircraft or any mechanically propelled or operated model, or
- (c) skate or otherwise go on any ice;

(14) fail, when in the public speaking area in Hyde Park, to comply with a direction given by a constable to move from some place in that area or to leave the area;

(15) fail to move any chair, stand or platform in the public speaking area in Hyde Park in accordance with a direction given by a constable;

(16) fail to comply with a reasonable direction given by a constable to leave a Park or any part thereof.

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| <p>F1 Words in reg. 3(4) inserted (10.5.2004) by Royal Parks and Other Open Spaces (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1308), regs. 1, 2(2)(a)</p> <p>F2 Reg. 3(6) substituted (10.5.2004) by Royal Parks and Other Open Spaces (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1308), regs. 1, 2(2)(b)</p> <p>F3 Words in reg. 3(6) inserted (6.4.2010) by The Royal Parks and Other Open Spaces (Amendment) etc. Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1194), regs. 1(1), 2(3)</p> |
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Commencement Information

- I1** [Reg. 3](#) in force at 1.10.1997, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

(1) [S.I. 1989/1796](#).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Royal Parks and Other Open Spaces Regulations 1997, Section 3.