

Park Bye-Laws

'Bye-laws' are laws set by a local authority to regulate its own affairs. They often relate a particular area - in this case, Philips Park.

All of Manchester's parks are governed by a series of bye-laws that are presently awaiting ratification following their recent review. These bye-laws broadly address entry to parks, displaying of information in parks, envirocrime, misuse of substances and weapons, waterways, events in parks and profiteering, transport in parks, dogs in parks, posts, public conveniences and enforcement. The purpose of their review is to modernise bye-laws to enable better addressing of contemporary social and environmental problems experienced in Manchester's urban green spaces.

A 'Plain English' version of the Philips Park Bye-Laws is currently awaiting approval. In the meantime, please read below for the existing park bye-laws:

Vehicles

1. An unauthorised person shall not at any time drive, wheel, or bring into the Park a vehicle of any description whatsoever.
This bye-law shall not be deemed to prohibit the following:
 - a. Any motor vehicle displaying a valid disabled badge, and which uses the allocated disabled parking area within the Park only.
 - b. Any bicycle (other than a motorcycle) or tricycle.
2. A person who shall wheel, or bring any wheeled chair, for the conveyance of children, or an invalid, any bicycle or tricycle shall not at any time be wheeled or stationed upon any part of a flower bed or over or upon any tree, sapling, shrub, underwood, gorse or other plant and shall not be wheeled on any of the following grass areas without prior permission: any ornamental grass areas; any grassed areas used for sporting leisure activities.

General

1. A person shall not use any indecent or bad obscene language to the annoyance of any person in the Park, or behave in a disorderly or indecent manner in the Park.
2. An unauthorised person shall not, in any part of the Park, sell or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting for hire, any commodity or article.

Reservoirs

1. A person may not bathe, wade, or wash in any lake.

2. A person shall at all times wear sufficient, suitable dress or covering to prevent indecent exposure of the person.
3. A person shall not go or remain upon the ice on any lake, pond or other water in the Park at any time.
4. A person shall not willfully break or otherwise damage the ice on any lake, pond or other water in the Park.
5. A person shall not sail a model boat upon any lake except upon a lake set apart by Manchester Leisure for that purpose.
6. A person shall not row or sail any pleasure boat of any description whatsoever on any lake except on a lake set apart by Manchester Leisure for that purpose.

Grounds

1. An unauthorised person shall not at any time in any **part of** the park cut or displace any turf, or uproot or displace any gorse or other plant.
2. An unauthorised person shall not at any time remove or disturb any part of the soil of any flower bed, or any other soil in any part of the Park.
3. An unauthorised person shall not at any time, in any part of the Park walk or run over, or stand, sit, or lie upon any part of any flowerbed or any shrub, underwood, gorse, ornamental grass areas, or other plant, for the reception or growth of any tree.
4. An unauthorised person shall not at any time, in any part of the Park, pluck any bud blossom, flower, or leaf of any tree, sapling, shrub, underwood, gorse or other plant.

Games

1. A person shall not play any game, or occupy any place set apart for the **paying** of a particular game for the purpose of which apparatus is provided by Manchester Leisure and a charge made for the use thereof, unless such person shall have paid to Manchester Leisure the proper charges for the use thereof.

Vandalism

1. A person shall not willfully, carelessly, or negligently soil or defile any **part of a wall** or fence in or enclosing the Park, or any part of any building, barrier, or railing, or of any fixed or movable seat, or of any monument, work of art, ornament, or decoration, or of any other structure or erection in the Park, or willfully, carelessly or negligently throw or deposit any filth, rubbish, or refuse to fall or to be thrown or deposited upon any part of the Park.

Playground Area

1. All ball games are prohibited within the Playground area.
2. All animals are **prohibited within the** Playground area.



Regulations and Safety



Wildlife

1. An unauthorised person shall not in any part of the Park, willfully displace, disturb, injure or **destroy any** birds nest, or willfully take, injure, or destroy any birds egg.
2. A person shall not willfully, carelessly, or negligently foul or pollute any lake or willfully disturb, worry or ill-treat any fowl in any lake or elsewhere in the Park.

Animals

1. Horse riding is not allowed within the Park at any time. Keep all horses off all fields and footpaths around **the lake**. Keep all horses on designated bridal pathways.
2. An unauthorised person shall not at any time ride, bring or cause or suffer to be ridden any animal whatsoever into the Park. This bye-law shall not be deemed to prohibit the following: a dog provided, that such dog be led by a chain, cord, or other sufficient leash, and is and continues to be under proper control, and is effectively restrained from causing annoyance.