

London Borough of Southwark

BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

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Byelaws made under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 by the London Borough of Southwark with respect to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

PART 1 GENERAL

General Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means the London Borough of Southwark;

“the ground” means any of the grounds listed in Schedule 1;

“designated area” means an area in the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, that area and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

“invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not,

- (a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms,
- (b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and
- (c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.

Application

2. These byelaws apply to all of the grounds listed in Schedule 1 unless otherwise stated.

Opening times

3. (1) No person shall enter or remain in the ground except during opening hours.
- (2) “Opening hours” means the days and times during which the ground is open to the public and which are indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.
- (3) Byelaw 3(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 1 of Schedule 2.

PART 2

PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC

Protection of structures and plants

4. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace within the ground:
- (a) any barrier, post, seat or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or
 - (b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.
- (2) No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over:
- (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant;
 - (b) any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
 - (c) any part of the ground set aside by the Council for the renovation of turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.

Unauthorised erection of structures

5. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

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.

Grazing

7. No person shall without the consent of the Council turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze in the ground.

Protection of wildlife

8. No person shall kill, injure, take or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting or the setting of traps or the laying of snares.

Fires

9. (1) No person shall light a fire or place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire.
- (2) Byelaw 9 (1) shall not apply to:

- (a) the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit.

Missiles

- 10. No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person.

Interference with life-saving equipment

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

PART 3

HORSES AND CYCLES

Horses

- 12. (1) No person shall ride a horse except:
 - (a) in Dulwich Park; or
 - (b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
- (2) Where horse-riding is permitted in any ground by virtue of byelaw 12(1)(a) or a lawful right or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.

Cycling

- 13. No person shall without reasonable excuse ride a cycle on the Riverside Walk at Bankside between Bank End and Blackfriars Rail Bridge as indicated by black hatching on the plan attached to these byelaws.

PART 4

PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS

Interpretation of Part 4

- 14. In this Part:

“self-propelled vehicle” means a vehicle other than a cycle, invalid carriage or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more persons pulling or pushing the vehicle.

Children's play areas

15. (1) No person aged 14 years or over shall enter or remain in a designated area which is a children's play area unless in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.
- (2) Byelaw 15(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 1 of Schedule 2.

Children's play apparatus

16. No person aged 14 years or over shall use any apparatus stated to be for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years by a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the apparatus.

Skateboarding, etc

17. No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.

Cricket

18. No person shall throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat except in a designated area for playing cricket.

Archery

19. No person shall engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

Field sports

20. No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council or on land set aside by the Council for that purpose.

Golf

21. No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball

PART 5

WATERWAYS

Interpretation of Part 5

22. In this Part:

“boat” means any yacht, motor boat or similar craft but not a model or toy boat;

“power-driven” means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;

“waterway” means any river, lake, pool or other body of water and includes any fountain.

Bathing

23. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse bathe or swim in any waterway.

(2) Byelaw 23(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

Ice skating

24. (1) No person shall step onto or otherwise place their weight upon any frozen waterway.

(2) Byelaw 24(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

Boats

25. (1) No person shall sail or operate any boat, dinghy, canoe, sailboard or inflatable on any waterway without the consent of the Council except in a designated area for the sailing or operation of boats.

(2) Byelaw 25(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

Fishing

26. (1) No person shall in any waterway cast a net or line for the purpose of catching fish or other animals except in a designated area for fishing.

(2) Byelaw 26(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

Pollution

27. (1) No person shall foul or pollute any waterway.

(2) Byelaw 27(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

Blocking of watercourses

28. (1) No person shall cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed, diverted, open or shut or otherwise move or operate any sluice or similar apparatus.
- (2) Byelaw 28(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

PART 6

MODEL AIRCRAFT

Interpretation of Part 6

29. In this Part:

“model aircraft” means an aircraft which weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel;

“power-driven” means driven by:

- (a) the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;
- (b) jet propulsion or by means of a rocket, other than by means of a small reaction motor powered by a solid fuel pellet not exceeding 2.54 centimetres in length; or
- (c) one or more electric motors or by compressed gas.

“radio control” means control by a radio signal from a wireless transmitter or similar device.

General prohibition

30. No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to:
- (a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground; or
 - (b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse.

PART 7

OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Provision of services

31. No person shall without the consent of the Council provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

Excessive noise

32. (1) No person shall, after being requested to desist by any other person in the ground, make 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 by:
- (a) shouting or singing;
 - (b) playing on a musical instrument; or
 - (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device.
- (2) Byelaw 32(1) does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Aircraft, hang gliders and hot air balloons

33. No person shall except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Council take off from or land in the ground in an aircraft, helicopter, hang glider or hot air balloon.

Kites

34. No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.

PART 8

MISCELLANEOUS

Obstruction

35. No person shall obstruct:
- (a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
 - (b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
 - (c) any other person in the proper use of the ground.

Savings

36. (1) It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council or any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his duty.
- (2) Nothing in or done under 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 lawfully by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part of the ground.

Removal of offenders

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

Penalty

38. 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

39. The byelaws made by the London Borough of Southwark on August 1 1996 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Office on November 8 1996 relating to pleasure grounds and open spaces are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

GROUNDNS TO WHICH BYELAWS APPLY GENERALLY

The grounds referred to in byelaw 2 are:

Addington Square Open Space
Alexis Street Open Space
All Hallows' Churchyard
Angel Public House – Adjacent Open Space
Bankside River Walk
Barnards Wharf Hard Standing Open Space
Belair Park
Bermondsey Spa Gardens
Bermondsey Square Open Space
Bird-in-Bush Park
Brenchley Gardens
Brimmington Park
Brunswick Park
Burgess Park
Camberwell Green
Catesby/Mason Street Open Space
Cherry Gardens
Christchurch Gardens
Consort Park
Cossall Park
Cox's Walk Open Space
David Copperfield Gardens
Dawson's Hill Open Space
Deal Porters Walk
Dickens Square Open Space
Dog Kennel Hill Open Space
Dr Harold Moody Park
Dulwich Library Garden
Dulwich Park
Dulwich Upper Wood
Durand's Wharf Park
Elephant Road Playground
Falmouth Road Park
Faraday Gardens
Flaxyard Open Space
Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park
Goose Green
Goose Green Playground
Greendale Playing Field
Grotto Open Space
Guy Street Park
Hankey Place Gardens
Highshore Road Open Space
Holly Grove Shrubbery
Holy Trinity Churchyard

Homestall Road Playing Field
Honor Oak Sports Ground
Hope Sufferance Wharf Hard Standing Area
Kennington Open Space
King Edward III Manor House, Cathay Street, Open Space
King George's Field
King's Stairs Gardens
Kirkwood Road Nature Garden
Lavender Pond
Leathermarket Gardens
Leyton Square Open Space
Little Dorrit Park
Long Lane Park
Long Meadow
Lucas Gardens
Lyndhurst Square Open Space
Marlborough Playground
Mary Datchelor Playing Field
Mint Street Park
Montague Close open space
Nelson Square Gardens
Neptune Street Park
Newington Gardens
Nunhead Green
Nursery Row Park
One Tree Hill Open Space
Paragon Gardens
Pasley Park
Paterson Park
Pearson's Park
Peckham Rye Park and Common
Peckham Square
Pelier Park
Piermont Green
Potter's Field Park
Pullens Gardens
Pynners Close Playing Field
Queen Elizabeth Gardens
Redcross Gardens
Rockingham Open Space
Russia Dock Woodland
Salisbury Row Extension open space
Salisbury Row Park
Shuttleworth Park
Southwark Park
Southwark Sports Ground
St Francis Park
St George's Churchyard and Gardens
St Giles' Churchyard
St James's Churchyard
St John's Churchyard
St Mary Magdalen Churchyard

St Mary's Churchyard, Newington
St Mary's Churchyard, Rotherhithe
St Mary's Frobisher park
St Mary's Gardens, Rotherhithe
St Pauls Sports Ground
St Peter's Churchyard
Stave Hill Open Space
Stave Hill Ecological Park
Sumner Park
Sunray Gardens
Surrey Canal Walk
Surrey Docks Sports Grounds
Surrey Square Open Space
Sutherland Square Open Space
Sydenham Hill Wood
Tabard Gardens
Tanner Street Park
Victory Community Park
Warwick Gardens
West Square Garden

SCHEDULE 2

GROUND'S REFERRED TO IN CERTAIN BYELAWS

PART 1

OPENING TIMES (BYELAW 3(1))

Addington Square
All Hallows' Churchyard
Belair Park
Bermondsey Spa Gardens
Bermondsey Square Open Space
Bird-in-Bush Park
Brenchley Gardens
Brunswick Park
Burgess Park
Camberwell Green
Christchurch Gardens
Cox's Walk Open Space
Dickens Square open Space
Dr Harold Moody Park
Dulwich Library Garden
Dulwich Park
Dulwich Upper Wood
Durand's Wharf Park
Elephant Road Playground
Falmouth Road Park
Faraday Gardens
Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park
Goose Green
Goose Green Playground

Grotto Open Space
Guy Street Park
Hankey Place Gardens
Highshore Road Open Space
Holly Grove Shrubbery
Holy Trinity Churchyard
Homestall Road Playing Field
Honor Oak Sports Ground
King George's Field
Kirkwood Road Nature Garden
Leathermarket Gardens
Leyton Square Open Space
Little Dorrit Park
Long Lane Park
Long Meadow
Lucas Gardens
Lyndhurst Square
Marlborough Playground
Mary Datchelor Playing Field
Nelson Square Gardens
Neptune Street Park
Newington Gardens
Nunhead Green
One Tree Hill Open Space
Paragon Gardens
Pasley Park
Paterson Park
Pearson's Park
Peckham Rye Park and Common
Pelier Park
Pullens Gardens
Pynners Close Playing Field
Redcross Gardens
Shuttleworth Park
Southwark Park
Southwark Sports Ground
St Francis Park
St George's Churchyard and Gardens
St Giles' Churchyard
St James's Churchyard
St John's Churchyard
St Mary Magdalen Churchyard
St Mary's Churchyard, Newington
St Mary's Churchyard, Rotherhithe
St Mary's Frobisher
St Mary's Gardens, Rotherhithe
St Pauls Sports Ground
St Peter's Churchyard
Sumner Park
Sunray Gardens
Surrey Docks Sports Grounds
Surrey Square
Sutherland Square Open Space
Sydenham Hill Wood
Tabard Gardens

Tanner Street Park
Victory Community Park
Warwick Gardens
West Square Garden

PART 2

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS (BYELAW 15(1))

Alexis Street
Belair Park
Bermondsey Spa Gardens
Bird-in-Bush Park
Brimmington Park
Brunswick Park
Burgess Park
Camberwell Green
Consort Park
Cossall Park
Dr Harold Moody Park
Dulwich Park
Elephant Road Playground
Falmouth Road
Faraday Gardens
Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park
Goose Green Playground
Guy Street Park
Holly Grove Shrubbery
Honor Oak Sports Ground
King George's Field
King's Stairs Gardens
Leathermarket Gardens
Leyton Square
Little Dorrit Park
Long Lane Park
Lucas Gardens
Mint Street Park
Nelson Square
Newington Gardens
Nunhead Green
Nursery Row Park
Pasley Park
Paterson Park
Pearson's Park
Peckham Rye Park and Common
Pelier Park
Pullens Gardens
Salisbury Row Park
Shuttleworth Park
Southwark Park
St Francis Park
St James's Churchyard
St John's Churchyard
St Mary's Churchyard, Newington
St Mary's Churchyard, Rotherhithe
St Mary's Frobisher

Sumner Park
Sunray Gardens
Surrey Canal Walk
Surrey Square
Tabard Gardens
Tanner Street Park
Victory Community Park
Warwick Gardens

PART 3

WATERWAYS (BYELAWS 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28)

Albion Channel
Belair Park
Burgess Park
Canada Water
Dulwich Park
Greenland Dock
Kirkwood Road Nature Garden
Lavender Pond
Peckham Rye Park and Common
Russia Dock Woodland
Salisbury Row Park
Southwark Park
Stave Hill Ecological Park
Sunray Gardens
Surrey Water
Sydenham Hill Wood

Area of Bankside River Walk Where Cycling is Prohibited

Date 30/10/2007



The COMMON SEAL OF THE
LONDON BOROUGH OF
SOUTHWARK was hereto affixed
in the presence of

Authorised Signatory

On the day of 2007