

On The Road in Richmond Park



Richmond Park has been a deer park since 1637. It's London's largest Royal Park; a National Nature Reserve; a Special Area of Conservation and a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Richmond Park's roads allow unparalleled access to a unique environment. They are subject to road traffic law.

Richmond Park is also covered by Royal Park regulations. These ensure the safety, comfort and convenience of all park users and protect wildlife within the park

This guidance is for **all** who use the roads in Richmond Park. (Because deer don't look when they cross the road)



**Pedestrians:
Take care, stay aware.**

Crossing the road - Take Care

- Find a place with the best view in both directions and wait for a **safe** gap.
- Crossing points in Richmond Park rely on courtesy as they don't have conventional "Zebra" markings.
- When a road user gives way, please thank them. They'll be much more likely to do so again.

Pathways - Stay Aware

- Pedestrians have priority on **all** pathways.
- Some pathways are shared with cyclists, who can approach quickly with very little noise.

Walking a dog? - Keep it under control

- Wherever you are in the park, keep your dog under control. Uncontrolled dogs have chased deer into the road.



**Fauna:
Doh! (A Deer)**

- **Stop** for deer crossing the road
- Be ready to **stop** if you see them near the side of the road.

(If being chased, deer will stop for nothing)



**Horses:
Pass wide and slow**

- Give horses and riders **priority** when they cross park roads.

- When overtaking horses, slow down and allow **at least** as much room as you would for a car.
- Allow riders time, some are from riding schools and may vary in experience.
- **Riders:** Make your intentions clear to help other road users.



**Cyclists* and Motorists:
Rules for Car and Bike Alike**

*Includes hand-cyclists and sporting wheelchair users

Speed Limit: It's 20 For Car and Bike Alike

- Road Traffic law and Royal Parks Regulations mean the **20mph** limit applies to **both drivers and cyclists***.
- **20 mph: It's a limit, not a target.** So adjust your speed for the conditions.
- Lower speeds mean safer roads and a more tranquil environment for all.
- Since the 20mph Speed Limit was re-introduced in 2003, deer fatalities from road collisions have fallen dramatically.

Road Markings:

- **Double Solid White Lines** apply to **both** drivers and cyclists.
- You **must not cross** them, except to pass a stationary vehicle, overtake a cyclist, horse or maintenance vehicle, moving at **10mph** or less.

Roundabouts:

- Signal your intentions. Take the best approach. Give way to the right.

Consideration for Pedestrians:

- **Pedestrians have priority**, so let people cross if you see them waiting.
- There are no marked “Zebra” crossings, but there are several crossing points, mostly near car parks.



Cyclists: Slow the Pace, Leave Some Space

Cycle only on roads and specified paths.

On the road:

- Ride no more than 2 abreast.
- Leave lots of space when overtaking other cyclists.
- Overtake cars in single file and only when it's safe.
- Don't “tailgate”, If you can't overtake, hang back.
- Keep groups tight and to 8 riders or less.
- Warn of hazards with hand signals if possible. (Avoid shouting)
- Take conditions into account; you can't expect speeds to be the same at busy times, so slow down.
- Use lights in hours of darkness

Away from the road:

- Pedestrians have priority on **ALL** pathways, **so be ready to stop for them.**
- The **maximum** speed on the Tamsin Trail and other paths is **10mph.**
- If you need to alert pedestrians, no more than two “tings” on the bell please.



Motorists: Overtake? Don't cut in and brake!

- No stopping, except in car parks.
- Varying road width and bends limit opportunities to overtake.
- Look well ahead; overtaking at 20mph takes more road than at 30mph.
- **If you have to overtake, leave plenty of space and don't cut in!**
- Low speed means fewer accidents, but don't let your attention wander.

(All other road users are more vulnerable than you are)



Consideration for all:

- If another road user extends you a courtesy, please thank them. They'll be much more likely to do so again.
- Adjust your driving/ riding style to the conditions. If it's busy, slow down and leave some space.
- Try to be patient with others who may not be familiar with driving/ riding in the park environment.
- Don't allow yourself to get agitated if someone else is driving/ riding badly.

Richmond Park is here for all to enjoy. Please show courtesy to other road users. Respect that they're here to enjoy themselves too.

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