



# Picnics Policy

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## **Picnics in Highfield Park**

You are welcome to picnic in Highfield Park. The park is used by many people for different reasons; our aim is to ensure all visitors have an enjoyable time.

It is a good idea to check our website to see if there are any events happening in the area of the park you would like to visit.

There is a map which is downloadable from our website which can help you find a suitable area to meet. The maximum number of picnic guests is 20. If you are holding an organised event (for gatherings larger than the maximum number) please contact the park office to discuss locations, signage and fees.

## **Guidelines for picnicking in Highfield Park**

The park is home to a variety of wildlife. We therefore ask you to follow these simple guidelines when picnicking in the park.

To ensure everyone enjoys the park fully, we ask that you refrain from the following:

- Cooking or barbecuing - as well as being a fire hazard, abandoned barbecues can be a hazard to other visitors and to wildlife.
- Using glassware - we ask that you use plastic cups and bottles where possible. Broken glass is a hazard to other visitors and wildlife and very difficult to remove from parkland.
- Playing loud music - please be considerate to other park users and residents.
- Fixing anything to trees or driving anything into the ground.
- Erecting tents, marquees or other structures.
- Balloons and Sky Lanterns - please do not release balloons or sky lanterns in the park; they create litter and can be hazardous to wildlife, (mass balloon releases are not permitted for these reasons), sky lanterns can also cause fires. If you are bringing balloons into the park, please remember to be careful and attach them securely to prevent accidental release.
- Collecting or soliciting money - if you are holding a charity picnic, collection of money should take place in advance of the picnic.
- Corporate advertising and distribution of leaflets - if you are holding an informal staff picnic you will not be permitted to display any corporate banners or distribute promotional material.

### **Alcoholic drinks**

Alcoholic drinks must be available free of charge (i.e. not for sale), and for consumption by your guests only. As the park is a public place used by many we expect picnickers to drink responsibly, and in line with current legislation not to offer alcohol to under 18's. Please be considerate to other park users and residents. Drunkenness or disorderly behaviour will be referred to and dealt with by the police.

Remember, before you leave the park, to collect all your litter together and to take it away with you. Please do not leave any items unattended at any time.

We hope you enjoy your day in Highfield Park and above all please be considerate, so other people can enjoy the park too.