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# **Parks and Gardens of London.**

Royal Parks.

# Regent's Park.

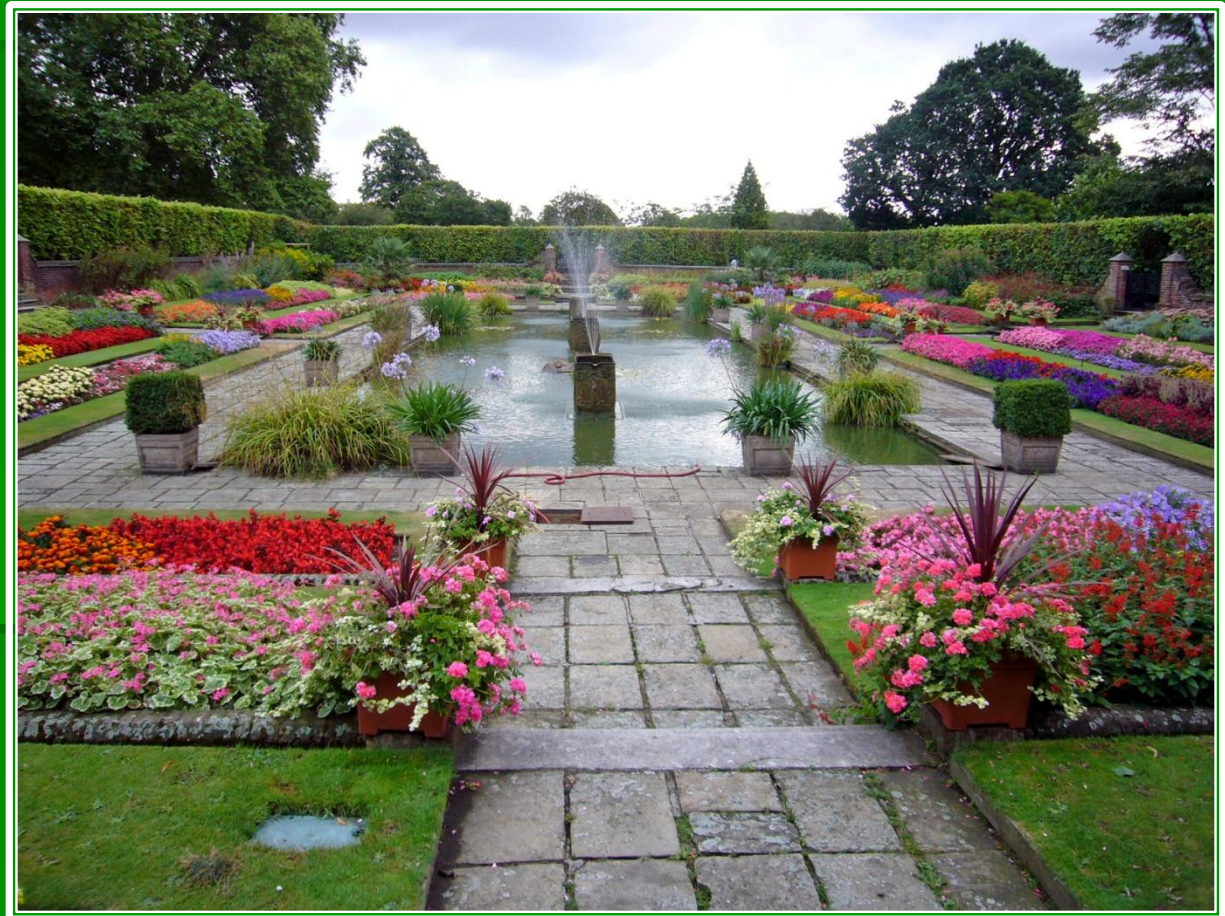


Regent's Park is one of the Royal Parks of London. It is in the northern central London. The Regent's Park is the largest grass area for sports in Central London and offers different activities, as well as an Open Air Theatre, the London Zoo and many cafes and restaurants.

The Open Air Theatre in The Regent's Park is the only professional, outdoor theatre in Britain. It is in the heart of the park. You can enjoy performances from May to September.

# Kensington Gardens.

Kensington Gardens were the private gardens of Kensington Palace. And now it is one of the Royal Parks of London. The history of Kensington Gardens started in 1689, when King William III and Mary II bought the Nottingham house in Kensington. The house was turned into a palace.



The most famous attraction in the Kensington Gardens is a bronze statue of Peter Pan. This statue was placed in Kensington Gardens in 1912. In this bronze statue, Peter Pan is standing on a tree trunk watched by animals of the English countryside: rabbits, mice and squirrels. As the Peter Pan statue is not too high, and there are no barriers, children love to climb up the statue and have their photo taken.



# Hyde Park.



Hyde Park is one of the largest parks in central London, United Kingdom, and one of the Royal Parks of London.



Hyde Park in London has something for everyone. You can enjoy swimming, boating, cycling and skating. There are pitches for team games, tennis courts, tracks for horse riding and a children's playground.

Hyde Park is famous for its Speaker's Corner. It is an area where public speaking is allowed. Everybody can speak on any theme. The police control the speakers.





# Green Park.

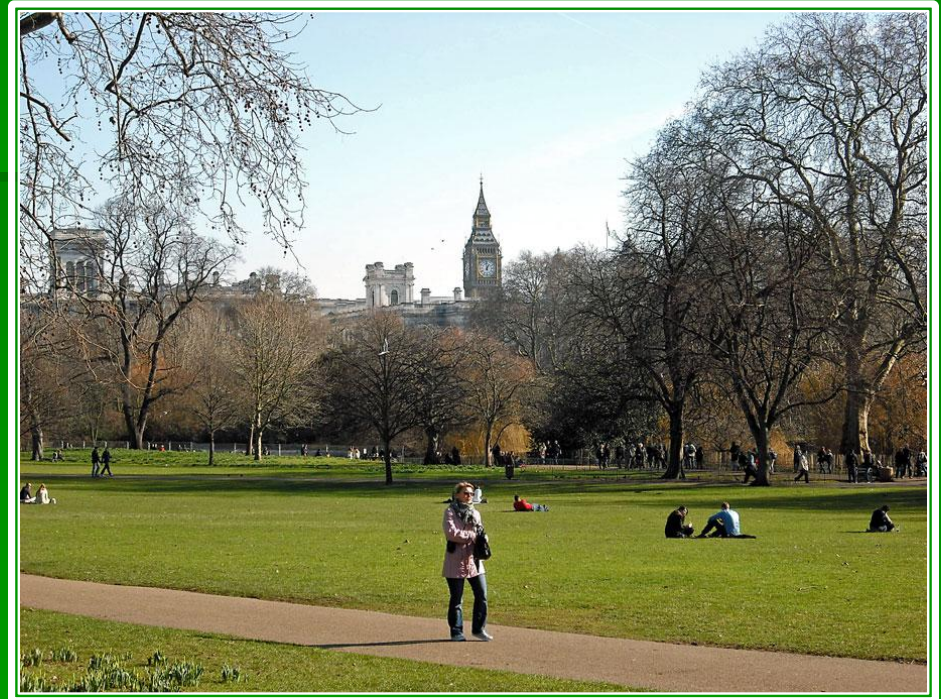
Green Park is one of the Royal Parks in London. The Green Park is the smallest of the eight Royal Parks and is one of the busiest. It is peaceful, with trees and grassland. It was a popular place for ballooning attempts and public firework during the 18th and 19th centuries.



The Green Park is now an attractive place and all year round visitors can enjoy seeing common birds such as blackbird, starling, and tits. In the winter migrant birds are often seen there. The park is popular for sunbathing and picnics in fine weather. It is also popular as a healthy walking route. The paths are used by joggers and runners.

# St. James's Park.

St. James's park is the oldest of Royal Parks. It appeared in the XVI century. It was a place for hunting of king Henry 8. Today St James's Park is one of the favourite places of Londoners and visitors of the city. It is open for visitors from 5 a.m. until midnight. Here you can rent a chair and listen to the orchestra, rest with the children on one of the playgrounds or have a picnic. Even members of the Royal family often come here.



The Park is famous for its collection of birds living here. You can find more than 30 species of them here. There is even a colony of pelicans - the first such bird was given to St. James's Park by the Russian Ambassador in 1664.



St James' Park is the oldest football ground in the north-east of England, having hosted a football match as early as 1880, and is among the largest football stadium in the UK





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There are eight Royal Parks in London. All of them belonged to the Royal Family. And now they are open and free. Every park has its own character and features. You can enjoy different activities and attractions in any one.

