

What's On 2024

Events and activities in your parks







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25 Mile Challenge Walk

The Charity Caring For Your Parks

Milton Keynes' pioneering founders believed that parkland and landscapes should be protected forever - never compromised, and never have to fight for funding.

That's why they created The Parks Trust, an independent and self-financing charity to care for the city's almost continuous linear parkland made up of river valleys, woodlands, lakesides, nature reserves, play areas and parks.

Our staff, volunteers, and trustees keep over 6,000 acres of beautiful and inspirational green spaces open year-round, for everyone to enjoy.

We sustainably landscape, clean and maintain the parks to benefit local people as well as wildlife. We also host and organise more than 500 leisure events and activities every year, to help residents find ways to explore, enjoy and understand the outdoors.

To learn more about our work, visit theparkstrust.com or follow us on social media.



Quick links

Welcome

Living in Milton Keynes means you have access to over 6,000 acres of beautiful outdoor space, with your nearest parkland no more than a 5-minute walk from vour home.

Whether you choose to head outside for wellbeing, leisure, or learning, our 2024 events and activities offer something for everyone.

Many fan-favourites return, including regular walking groups, community litter picks, and of course the **Big Doggie Do!** There'll be family fun at **Howe Park** Wood Open Days, Love Nature Day and Roman Day, plus endless adventures at Willen Lake

This year we're introducing a brand-new series of **Parks & Ride** cycling events, expanding the MK Health Walks schedule, and delivering several Accessible and BSL Guided Walks too.

The Parks Trust aims to be always inclusive. To ensure the city's parks are truly open to all, we're making transformative improvements - informed and guided by our Accessibility Ambassadors, who represent park users' mobility, sensory and neurodiversity needs.

Finally, a huge Thank You to our incredible team of over 240 volunteers, whose commitment enables us to do so much. The Parks Trust proudly earned Investing in Volunteers accreditation in September 2023, demonstrating how valuable our volunteers are

We look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Best wishes.

Victoria Miles MBE Chief Executive













Useful Information

Advance Booking

Events which are marked with the to must be booked in advance. Scan the QR code to book online or visit theparkstrust.com/events



Alternatively, you can call 01908 233600 or email events@theparkstrust.com

Event Locations



We use **What3Words** to help with parkland locations. Simply visit what3words.com and enter the unique 3 words for directions. (e.g. Milton Keynes Rose is identified by ///painting.codes.jammy)

Hearing Loops



We can provide a portable hearing loop at some of our guided walk activities. Please let us know at the time of booking if you require this service by emailing **events@theparkstrust.com**

Event T&Cs

Events are subject to change. The majority of our events take place outdoors so come dressed for the weather. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please visit our website for up-to-date information, and full terms and conditions.



Who's Out and About

You'll often see members of our team working in the parks, each with a different role in keeping the city's green spaces safe and clean. Give them a wave or say hello next time you see them.

Community Rangers know the land like the back of their hand. Through regular patrols and checks, they'll spot anything unusual or out of place and take action – whether a quick fix themselves or logging bigger tasks with our operations teams to schedule works.

Park Enforcement Officers are trained by Thames Valley Police as part of the community safety accreditation scheme (CSAS) and deal with anti-social behaviour including littering, dog fouling, and graffiti. Ultimately though, they're there to offer a reassuring presence and engage with park users in a positive way.

Parks Cleansing Operatives have a broad remit of general cleaning within parkland. It can extend from litter and waste removal to jet-washing signs and paths, and even repainting or maintaining park furniture and equipment.



Activity Key

Here's a key to our regular activities. Look out for the icons throughout the guide.



5 Ways Café: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at St. Andrew's Church, Great Linford with hot drinks, gentle guided walk and dementia friendly volunteers.



Accessible Guided Walks: Guided introductory walks along an accessible route with accessible facilities.



Bat Walks: A series of walks held from late spring through to autumn with our bat enthusiasts.



Community Litter Picks: A series of litter picks across Milton Keynes aimed to encourage local residents to care for their neighbourhood. Equipment and gloves will be provided. Come prepared for outdoor work with suitable clothing and footwear.



Discovery Strolls: Short strolls for anyone and everyone. These walks are at a gentle pace, accessible to all. We stick to hard paths and take regular breaks to enjoy and discuss points of interest. It's a fantastic way to get out and discover the parks with other people.



Great Linford Manor Park Guided Walks: Have you ever wondered about the history of Great Linford Manor Park? Join the Friends of Great Linford Manor Park on a regular guided walk to discover the historic features of this ancient site. Suitable for adults.



Milton Keynes Rose: A series of events and activities at the central space for commemoration and celebration in Campbell Park.



Parks & Run: Fun runs for all ages and abilities with a choice of routes from 2km to 10km



Parks & Ride: Starting in 2024 is our all new Parks & Ride cycle rides! Join the team for a leisurely family ride around the parks of Milton Keynes.



Talks: A series of talks about the wildlife and heritage in Milton Keynes.



Tree Tots: A weekly meet up at Howe Park Wood for pre-school children and their parents to take part in some outdoor nature play. See our website for further information and booking.



Walk & Talks: Regular guided walks with lots of information about natural or heritage features in the parks.



Women's Walking Network: Get to know your parks better and make some new friends. Walks are normally 4-5 miles and at a moderate pace.



Woof Walks: Dog walks led by The Parks Trust Rangers through our parks. Normally 1 hour in length, a great way to socialise your dog and learn a new dog walking route.



Workshops: Active sessions for adults that will involve you creating, identifying or developing a skill.

January

Women's Walking Network

THU 4 JAN | 10am

Meet in Memorial Hall car park, Marsh Drive, Great Linford

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Great Linford Manor Park | FREE



Parks & Run

SUN 7 JAN | 10am

Meet in Bradwell Abbey car park, Alston Drive.

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Loughton Valley Park | FREE



Community Litter Pick

MON 8 JAN | 10am

Meet in car park on Enfield Chase off V7 Saxon Street.

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Linford Wood | FREE



Great Linford Manor Park Guided Walks

FRI 12 JAN | 10.30am SUN 28 JAN | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5DZ.

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Discovery Stroll

TUE 16 JAN | 2pm

Meet in car park off Newport Road, Oakridge Park.

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Stanton Low Park | FRFF



Walk & Talk: Day in the Life of a Ranger o

FRI 19 JAN | 10am - 11.45am

Ever wondered what The Parks Trust Rangers get up to? Come along to find out more at this walk and talk at Lodge Lake. Meet in Lodge Lake car park, Bradwell Road, Loughton.

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Lodge Lake | £4 per person

Talk: Birdlife in Milton Keynes -Changes During the Last 25 Years O

TUE 23 JAN | 7pm - 8.30pm

Find out how the emergence of the city of Milton Keynes has changed the birds that live and visit here, at this informative talk. Park in Howe Park Wood car park, H7 Chaffron Way, MK4 3GG.

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Howe Park Wood Education Centre | £3 per person

Woof Walk 0

SAT 27 JAN | 10am

Meet in Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard, MK9 4AD.

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Campbell Park | £1 per dog

Holocaust Memorial Day

SAT 27 JAN | 2pm

Annual event when we remember the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in many parts of the world. Park in centre:mk car parks and follow the Redway into Campbell Park.

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February

Women's Walking Network

THU 1 FEB | 10am

Meet in Triple Star car park, V4 Watling Street.

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Furzton Lake | FREE



World Wetlands Day

SAT 3 FEB | 10am - 1.30pm

Join us to celebrate the wonderful wetland habitat at the Floodplain Forest. Park at Manor Farm Court, Old Wolverton Road, MK12 5NN.

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Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve | FREE

Parks & Run

SUN 4 FEB | 10am

Meet in Memorial Hall car park, Marsh Drive, Great Linford, MK14 5AX.

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Great Linford Manor Park | FREE



Community Litter Pick

TUE 6 FEB | 10am

Meet in car park off Timbold Drive, Kents Hill.

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Kents Hill Park | FREE



Great Linford Manor Park Guided Walks

FRI 9 FEB | 10.30am SUN 25 FEB | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands. Great Linford MK14 5DZ.

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Great Linford Manor Park | FREE



Corporate Pancake Race O

TUE 13 FEB | 11am

Calling local organisations to take part in the annual Pancake Race at Campbell Park. Park in centre:mk car parks and follow the Redway into the park.

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Walk & Talk: Romans in Your Parks O

TUE 13 FEB | 2pm - 3.15pm

Find out more about the Bancroft Roman Villa and what other discoveries were made on site. Park in Roman Villa car park, Constantine Way, Bancroft.

///blissful.bonfires.tube





Walk & Talk: Campbell Park and its Design O

SAT 17 FEB | 12.30pm - 2.15pm

Explore MK's central park and find out why this is a Grade II listed landscape. Meet at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard, MK9 4AD.



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Campbell Park | £4 per person

Discovery Stroll

TUE 20 FEB | 2pm

Meet at Broughton Pavilion, Tanfield Lane, Broughton.



Atterbury Park | FREE



Family Litter Pick

WED 21 FEB | 10am

Meet in car park at Broughton Fields School, Shackerstone Close.

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Broughton Brook | FREE

Woof Walk 0

SAT 24 FEB | 10am

Meet in car park off Timbold Drive, Kents Hill.

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Learn Outdoors With Us

There are so many opportunities for young people to learn more about the parks and wildlife of Milton Keynes and make a real difference on their doorstep.

Youth Rangers Group

For ages 14-17, this monthly group is perfect for those with a passion for the environment or students studying related topics. Attendance every month isn't required so it can work around other commitments.

Cost: FREE

Youth Explorer Courses

A structured, five-week course for ages 11-14, Youth Explorers will get stuck into lots of outdoor activities with experts including tree and wildlife identification, bushcraft and conservation. New courses start in April, June and September 2024.

Cost: £25

Open Days At Howe Park Wood

During school holidays, The Parks Trust hosts Open Days at this Site of Special Scientific Interest. With special access to the on-site Education Centre, visitors can interact with artefacts, take part in activities like pond-dipping, learn from experts and follow trails.

Cost: FREE

For full details, visit theparkstrust.com/outdoorlearning or email outdoorlearning@theparkstrust.com

March

Parks & Run

SUN 3 MAR | 10am

Meet at Milton Kevnes Museum, McConnell Drive, Wolverton.

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Ouse Valley Park | FREE

Community Litter Pick

WFD 6 MAR | 10am

Meet in car park off Davy Avenue, Knowhill.

///oils.penned.chess



Teardrop Lakes | FREE

Walk & Talk: Nature at Night for Families 0

WED 6 MAR | 6.30pm - 8pm

Learn all about the creatures that come out at night on this nocturnal walk. Meet at Howe Park Wood Education Centre, H7 Chaffron Way, MK4 3GG.



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Howe Park Wood | £2.50 per person

Women's Walking Network

THU 7 MAR | 10am

Meet in car park on Simpson Drive, Simpson just off H9 Groveway.

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Ouzel Valley Park | FREE

Great Linford Manor Park Guided Walks

FRI 8 MAR | 10.30am SUN 31 MAR | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5DZ.



Great Linford Manor Park | FRFF



Talk: How To Make Your Garden Wildlife-friendly 0

TUE 12 MAR | 6pm - 7.45pm

Learn how to create a wildlife haven in your own garden. Park at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard, MK9 4AD.

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Woof Walks 0

WED 13 MAR | 10am | Tattenhoe Valley

Meet in the car park on Rosemullion Avenue.

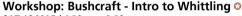
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SAT 30 MAR | 10am | Manor Farm

Park at Manor Farm Court, Old Wolverton Road, MK12 5NN.

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£1 per dog



SAT 16 MAR | 1.30pm - 3.30pm THU 21 MAR | 10am - 12pm

Ever wanted to know how to whittle using natural materials? Join this introduction and find out how. Access to the site is from the National Bowl, V4 Watling Street.

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Elfield Nature Park | £15 per person

Discovery Stroll

TUE 19 MAR | 2pm

Meet in Queen Eleanor Street car park.

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Stony Stratford Nature Reserve | FREE

Parks & Ride O

SUN 24 MAR | 11am

Meet in Campbell Park Canalside car park, Silbury Boulevard, MK9 4AD

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Campbell Park Canalside | FREE

















Easter Eggstravanganza

WED 3 APR | 10am - 12pm

Hop along and join in the fun at our Easter holiday event. Park at Oakgrove local centre and follow the signs for a short walk to the park.

///blame.wire.hurry

Oakgrove | FREE

Women's Walking Network

THU 4 APR | 10am

Meet in car park on Enfield Chase, V7 Saxon Street.

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Linford Wood | FREE



THU 4 APR | 10am

Meet in Windmill Pub car park, Lakeside Grove, H10 Bletcham Way.

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Caldecotte Lake | FRFF

Parks & Run SUN 7 APR | 10am

Meet at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard, MK9 4AD.

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Campbell Park | FREE

Walk & Talk: Hocus Crocus British Botanical Folklore

MON 8 APR | 10am - 11.30am

Discover the "magic of spring" in this introduction to British Botanical Folklore. Meet in the Memorial Hall car park, Marsh Drive, Great Linford

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Great Linford Manor Park | £5 per person



Woof Walks O

WFD 10 APR | 10am | Caldecotte Lake

Meet in Windmill Pub car park, Lakeside Grove, H10 Bletcham Way.

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SAT 27 APR | 10am | Lodge Lake

Meet in car park on Bradwell Road, Loughton.

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£1 per dog

Great Linford Manor Park Guided Walks

FRI 12 APR | 10.30am

SUN 28 APR | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands. Great Linford MK14 5DZ.

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Great Linford Manor Park | FREE

Bat Walks 0

MON 15 APR | 7.30pm | Great Linford Manor Park

Meet in Memorial Hall car park, Marsh Drive, Great Linford

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FRI 26 APR | 7.30pm | Walton Lake

Meet in car park off Newport Road just south of H8 Standing Way.

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Booking essential for these guided walks.

£5 per adult, £1 per child



Cricket season starts this month with

matches hosted at Campbell Park Pavilion.

Look on our website

for the fixture list.







Discovery Stroll

TUE 16 APR | 2pm

Meet in Roman Villa car park, Constantine Way, Bancroft. ///blissful bonfires tube



North Loughton Valley Park | FREE

Walk & Talk: The Wildlife of Furzton Lake O WFD 17 APR | 10am - 11.45am

Join us for an introduction to the park and the plants and animals that live there. Meet in the Triple Star car park, V4 Watling Street. ///childcare.budget.universes



Furzton Lake | £5 per person

Accessible Guided Walk

WED 17 APR | 11am - 12pm

Meet at the bottom of the Willen Observation Wheel.



///duty.craftsman.casual Willen Lake South | FRFF

Parks & Ride O

SUN 28 APR | 11am

Meet in car park off Mill Road, Water Eaton.





Waterhall Park | FREE

BSL Guided Walk

SUN 28 APR | 2pm

Guided heritage walk with BSL interpretation and hearing loop. Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands, St. Leger Drive, Great Linford.

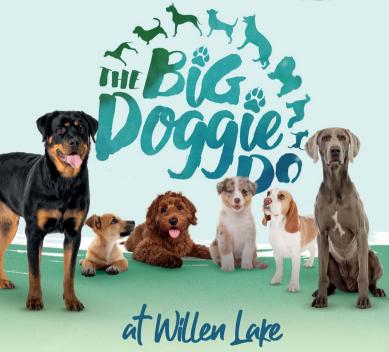


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Great Linford Manor Park | FREE







Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May 2024 Midday until 5pm

Lots to see, learn and buy • Spectacular displays Dog show with prizes • Free entry • No booking required



Women's Walking Network

THU 2 MAY | 10am

Park in the car park on Newport Road, next to ASDA on Oakridge Park.



Stanton Low Park | FRFF



MON 6 MAY

Join in the running fun or cheer the runners on at the annual MK Marathon, Visit **mkmarathon.com** for details

Workshop: What Lies Beneath? Freshwater Exploration o WED 8 MAY | 6.30pm - 8pm

What lies beneath Milton Kevnes? Discover the wonderful world of freshwater creatures with practical demonstrations by our team. Meet in the car park at Manor Farm Court, Old Wolverton Road. MK12 5NN.



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Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve | £5 per person

MK Walking Festival O

THU 9 MAY - SUN 12 MAY

Our Walking Festival returns for 2024 as a 4-day celebration of movement across our parks in Milton Keynes. See our website for full details and how to book.

Great Linford Manor Guided Walks

FRI 10 MAY | 10.30am

SUN 26 MAY | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5DZ.



Great Linford Manor Park | FRFF



Parks & Run

SUN 12 MAY | 10am

Meet in car park on the V11 Tongwell Street, opposite Cotton Valley.

///train.crusher.anchorman

Willen Lake North | FRFF

Accessible Guided Walk

SUN 12 MAY | 11am - 12pm

Meet in car park on Bradwell Road, Loughton off H4 Dansteed Way.

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Lodge Lake | FREE

Workshop: Wellbeing Wander for Families 0

THU 16 MAY | 4pm - 5.30pm

Come and explore the ancient Shenley Wood and engage your senses with interactive activities. Meet in the car park on Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street.

///ideals.gilding.installs

Shenley Wood | £2.50 per person

Descriptive Guided Walk: Gyosei Art Trail •

THU 16 MAY | 6pm - 7.30pm

Meet in canalside car park, Silbury Boulevard.

///play.handicaps.outpost

Campbell Park | FREE

Big Doggie Do

SAT 18 MAY AND SUN 19 MAY | 12pm - 5pm

Featuring a fun dog show, thrilling arena performances, dock diving and an array of doggie related vendors and traders. Park in Willen Lake car parks, V10 Brickhill Street. Parking charges apply.

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Willen Lake South | FREE







Discovery Stroll

TUE 21 MAY | 2pm

Meet in car park at Manor Farm Court, Old Wolverton Road, MK12 5NN.





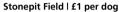


Woof Walk O

SAT 25 MAY | 10am

Meet in car park on Wolverton Road opposite Oakridge Park.







Parks & Ride 0

SUN 26 MAY | 11am

Meet in Triple Star car park, V4 Watling Street.

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Walk & Talk: Tree ID for Families Q

TUE 28 MAY | 4pm - 5.30pm

Explore the wonders of the woodlands on this family-friendly stroll. Meet at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard, MK9 4AD.

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Campbell Park | £2 per person

Family Litter Pick

WED 29 MAY | 10am

Park in the car park on Newport Road, next to ASDA on Oakridge Park.

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Our Work in Spring and Summer

Caring for Milton Keynes' parks is a year-round task, whatever the weather! Our Operations team and contractors, supported by volunteers, deliver a rolling programme of activities to sustainably maintain the city's landscapes.

In the Spring and Summer months:

Livestock are the heroes of the season. Our 400 sheep and 500 cattle start to graze the land, acting as natural mowers who enrich the grass as they work! We support their efforts with our own mowing which can last until September.

Pathways that need resurfacing get attention when the better weather starts.

Building bridges and boardwalks to improve access into beautiful landscapes is a key job, as is the refurbishment of park furniture that's weathered during colder, wetter seasons.

New places to play usually get installed when their biggest fans are in school.

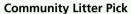
Parks & Run

SUN 2 JUN | 10am

Meet in Windmill Pub car park, Lakeside Grove, H10 Bletcham Way.

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MON 3 JUN | 10am

Meet in Broughton Pavilion car park, Tanfield Lane, Broughton.

///bits.wages.recorders

Broughton Brook | FREE

Workshop: Wellbeing Wander for Adults 0

WED 5 JUN | 4.45pm - 6.30pm

Join the Outdoor Learning Team on a calming, meditative walk to get in touch with nature. Meet in the car park on Enfield Chase, V7 Saxon Street.

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Linford Wood | £5 per person

Women's Walking Network

THU 6 JUN | 10am

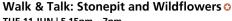
Meet in the car park at Manor Farm Court, Old Wolverton Road, MK12 5NN.

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Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve | FREE







TUE 11 JUN | 5.15pm - 7pm

Unearth the beauty of Stonepit Field's unique wildflower habitat and learn how to identify some of the local flora. Meet in the car park on Wolverton Road opposite Oakridge Park.

///provide.immunity.notifying

Stonepit Field | £5 per person

Woof Walks 0

WED 12 JUN | 10am | Howe Park Wood

Meet at Howe Park Wood Education Centre, H7 Chaffron Way, MK4 3GG.

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SAT 29 JUN | 10am | Magna Park

Meet in the car park by the Erwood roundabout on Magna Park industrial estate.

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£1 per dog

Great Linford Manor Park Guided Walks

FRI 14 JUN | 10.30am SUN 30 JUN | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands. Great Linford MK14 5D7

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Great Linford Manor Park | FREE

Bat Walks 0

FRI 14 JUN | 9pm | Caldecotte Lake

Meet in Windmill Pub car park, Lakeside Grove, H10 Bletcham Way.

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MON 24 JUN | 9pm | Furzton Lake

Meet in Triple Star car park, V4 Watling Street.

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Booking essential for these guided walks.

£5 per adult, £1 per child













Albert French Commemoration

SAT 15 JUN

Albert was a 16 year old from Wolverton who was killed in action in World War I. This short service commemorates the ultimate sacrifice of young people in war. Park in centre:mk car park (John Lewis end) and use the footbridge into the park.



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Milton Keynes Rose | FREE

Discovery Stroll

TUE 18 JUN | 2pm

Meet in the car park on Wolverton Road opposite Oakridge Park.



Stonepit Field | FREE



WED 19 JUN | 11am - 12pm

Meet at Ashland Lakeside Community Centre, Penhurst Crescent.

♀ ///badge.invent.email

Ashland Lakes | FRFF



Windrush Generation Commemoration

FRI 21 JUN | 6pm

Join the Friends of the Caribbean at this evening event commemorating the lives of the Windrush Generation. Park in centre:mk car park (John Lewis end) and use the footbridge into the park.



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Milton Keynes Rose | FREE

India Day: MK

SAT 22 JUN

Annual event celebrating Indian heritage and culture with live music, performance, dance, food and community stalls. Park in centre:mk car park (John Lewis end) and use the footbridge into the park.

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Campbell Park | FREE

Parks & Ride O

SUN 30 JUN | 11am

Meet in Memorial Hall car park, Marsh Drive, Great Linford.

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Great Linford Manor Park | FRFF





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Community Litter Pick

TUE 2 JUL | 10am

Meet in Triple Star car park, V4 Watling Street.

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Furzton Lake | FREE



Women's Walking Network

THU 4 JUL | 10am

Meet in Roman Villa car park, Constantine Way, Bancroft.

///blissful.bonfires.tube

North Loughton Valley Park | FREE



Love Nature Day

SAT 6 JUL | 12pm - 4pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun as we celebrate the natural world. There will be lots of activities to bring you up close to nature and you can find out how to help wildlife at home. Park in the car park at Westcroft District Centre and follow the Redway to Howe Park Wood.

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Howe Park Wood | FREE

Africa Diaspora Festival

SAT 6 JUL

Fantastic annual community festival celebrating African heritage and culture with live music, fashion show, food and community stalls. Park in centre:mk car park (John Lewis end) and use the footbridge into the park.

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Campbell Park | FREE

Parks & Run

SUN 7 JUL | 10am

Meet at Broughton Fields School, Shackerstone Close.

///taken.wordplay.paying

Broughton Brook | FREE



Great Linford Manor Guided Walks

FRI 12 JUL | 10.30am

SUN 28 JUL | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5D7



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Great Linford Manor Park | FRFF

Bat Walks 0

FRI 12 JUL | 9pm | Stony Stratford Nature Reserve

Meet in the car park on Queen Eleanor Street, Stony Stratford.

♀///quarrel.haunt.willing

MON 22 JUL | 9pm | Great Linford Manor Park

Meet in Memorial Hall car park, Marsh Drive, Great Linford.



Booking essential for these guided walks.

£5 per adult, £1 per child

Art in the Park

SAT 13 JUL

Join MK Islamic Arts, Culture and Heritage for annual arts festival with workshops. a parade, live performance, food and community stalls. Park in centre:mk car park (John Lewis end) and use the footbridge into the park.

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Campbell Park | FREE

Accessible Guided Walk

SUN 14 JUL | 11am - 12pm

Meet in the car park off Mill Road, Water Eaton.

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Walk & Talk: Summer Tree IDO

MON 15 JUL | 6pm - 8pm

Join us for a stroll around Campbell Park to identify different trees in the parkland. Meet at Campbell Park Pavilion. Silbury Boulevard, MK9 4AD.

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Campbell Park | £5 per person

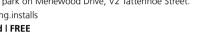
Discovery Stroll

TUE 16 JUL | 2pm

Meet in the car park on Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street.

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Shenley Wood | FREE



Workshop: What Lies Beneath? Soil Exploration 0

WED 17 JUL | 6pm - 8pm

Join us to find out about the properties of soil and the impact this has on what can grow within it. Access to the site is from the National Bowl, V4 Watling Street.

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Elfield Nature Park | £5 per person

Woof Walk

SAT 27 JUL | 10am

Meet in the car park off Mill Road, Water Eaton.

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Waterhall Park | £1 per dog

Parks & Ride

SUN 28 JUL | 11am

Meet in the car park on Queen Eleanor Street, Stony Stratford.

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Stony Stratford Nature Reserve | FREE











Milton Keynes Health Walks

Explore the different parks of Milton Keynes with these great walking groups that offer a place to make new friends, improve your health, and have fun for free!

Health Walks have been successfully operating in Milton Keynes for over 20 years, and The Parks Trust are proud to work with volunteers to continue offering these unique opportunities to city residents.

Initially organised by MK City Council and formally known as "Walking For Health", MK Health Walks operation moved to The Parks Trust in 2023 to ensure they continue forever. This fantastic volunteer-led programme suits everyone due to the different walking paces, and distances on offer. The walks are located across Milton Keynes and occur every day of the week.

In 2024, we are excited to be hosting over 500 walks to choose from. Whether a stroll through our ancient woodlands or a peaceful lakeside meander at one of MK's many lakes, there is something perfect for everyone!

Walks are between 30, 60 and 90 minutes in length, depending on the distance you choose.



Find out more on

Find out more on theparkstrust.com/ mkhealthwalks

August

Women's Walking Network

THU 1 AUG | 10am

Meet in the car park on Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street.

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Shenley Wood | FREE

Family Litter Pick

WED 7 AUG | 10am

Meet at Ashland Lakeside Community Centre, Penhurst Crescent.

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Ashland Lakes I FREE

Parkland Play

Free fun and games in your local park. Follow the signs to meet our rangers in the park with games and activities for kids of all ages.

WED 7 AUG | 12pm - 3pm | Ashland Lakes

Limited parking available at Ashland Lakeside Community Centre, Penhurst Crescent.

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WED 14 AUG | 12pm – 3pm | Glebe Farm

The rangers will be located near the Wildwood Play Area on Burney Drive.

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WED 21 AUG | 12pm - 3pm | Whitehouse Park

The rangers will be in the area by Lady Margery's Gorse. Please use public parking spaces on Bramham Way.

///ordering.inventors.dinosaur

WED 28 AUG | 12pm - 3pm | Stanton Low Park

Park in the car park on Newport Road, next to ASDA on Oakridge Park.

///relishes.guises.seasons







Walk & Talk: The Wildlife of Magna Park 0

WED 7 AUG | 6pm - 7.45pm

Join us for an introduction to Magna Park and the plants and animals that live there. Meet in the car park by the Erwood roundabout on Magna Park industrial estate.



Magna Park | £5 per person



Great Linford Manor Guided Walks

FRI 9 AUG | 10.30am

SUN 25 AUG | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5DZ.

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Great Linford Manor Park | FREE



Walk & Talk: The Wildlife of Waterhall Park O

MON 12 AUG | 10am - 11.45am

Join us for an introduction to Waterhall Park and the plants and animals that live there. Meet in the car park off Mill Road, Water Faton.

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Waterhall Park | £5 per person



Bat Walks 0

MON 12 AUG | 8.30pm | Walton Lake

Meet in the car park on Newport Road, Woughton Park just off H8 Standing Way.

///wacky.engage.rotate

FRI 23 AUG | 8.30pm | Linford Lakes Nature Reserve

International Bat Night. Meet at Linford Lakes Nature Reserve Education Centre. Wolverton Road MK14 5AH.

///forensic.loving.boldest

Booking essential for these guided walks.

£5 per adult, £1 per child



Roman Day

SAT 17 AUG | 12pm - 4pm

Find out about the Romans and their way of life at Bancroft Roman Villa. Park in the Roman Villa car park, Constantine Way, Bancroft.

///blissful.bonfires.tube

North Loughton Valley Park | FREE

Discovery Stroll

TUE 20 AUG | 2pm

Meet in the car park on Rosemullion Avenue, Tattenhoe.

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Tattenhoe Valley Park | FREE



Accessible Guided Walk

THU 22 AUG | 11am - 12pm

Meet in Broughton Pavilion car park, Tanfield Lane, Broughton.

///bits.wages.recorders

Broughton Brook | FREE



Parks & Ride O

SUN 25 AUG | 11am

Meet at Woughton Playing Fields, Newport Road, Woughton on the Green.

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Ouzel Valley Park | FREE



Woof Walk 0

SAT 31 AUG | 10am

Meet in the car park on Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street.

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Shenley Wood | £1 per dog







Get Involved

Our award-winning volunteer programme supports the delivery of our mission to provide beautiful parks, lakes, woods, and landscapes that will be loved by the people of Milton Keynes, forever.

In Autumn 2023, the Trust was accredited with the **Investing in Volunteers Award**, the UK quality standard in Volunteer Management. This accolade signifies both a

high standard of practice and how integral volunteering is to the organisation. We're proud to provide valuable opportunities to the city's communities and are forever grateful for the contributions made by our volunteers.

Over 240 volunteers regularly give their time to a variety of activities, from supporting our events calendar and outdoor learning sessions, to patrolling parks, restoring habitats, and carrying out nature surveys. A huge **Thank You** to our incredible volunteers, who collectively contributed more than 10,000 hours last year!

To get a taste of volunteering with The Parks Trust, to give back and help your local environment, our one-off tasks are open for anyone to join. These Community Volunteering Tasks occur once a month, are free to attend and all equipment is provided.



Find out more on theparkstrust.com/volunteering

September

Parks & Run

SUN 1 SEP | 10am

Meet in the car park on Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street.

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Shenley Wood | FREE



Women's Walking Network

THU 5 SEP | 10am

Meet in the car park on Queen Eleanor Street, Stony Stratford.

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Stony Stratford Nature Reserve | FREE

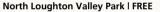


Community Litter Pick

THU 5 SEP | 10am

Park in Roman Villa car park, Constantine Way, Bancroft.

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Bat Walks 0

MON 9 SEP | 7.30pm | Shenley Wood

Meet in the car park on Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street.

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FRI 20 SEP I 7.30pm I Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve
Meet in the car park at Manor Farm Court, Old Wolverton Road,
MK12 5NN

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Booking essential for these guided walks.

£5 per adult, £1 per child





Heritage Open Days Walks

FRI 6 SEP - SUN 15 SEP

As part of Heritage Open Days, join a guided walk through some of Milton Keynes parkland and discover some of its hidden heritage. See our website for details.

Walk & Talk: Floodplain Forest and Water Birds O

TUE 10 SEP | 10.30am - 12.30pm

Join us for an introduction to the nature reserve and discover about the birds that live there and visit it. Meet in the car park at Manor Farm Court, Old Wolverton Road, MK12 5NN.



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Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve | £5 per person

Woof Walks Q

WED 11 SEP 10am | Tattenhoe Valley Park

Meet in the car park on Rosemullion Avenue, Tattenhoe.

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Park in the car park on Newport Road, next to ASDA on Oakridge Park.

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£1 per dog

Great Linford Manor Park Guided Walks

FRI 13 SEP | 10.30am SUN 29 SEP | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5DZ.

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Walk & Talk: Intro to Foraging – Tea and Tinctures 0

SAT 14 SEP | 10am - 12pm

Find out about common plants that can be used for tea and tinctures. Meet in Windmill Pub car park, Lakeside Grove, H10 Bletcham Way.



///loans.robe.pull

Caldecotte Lake | £5 per person

Discovery Stroll

TUE 17 SEP | 2pm

Meet at Ashland Lakeside Community Centre, Penhurst Crescent.

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Ashland Lakes | FREE



Accessible Guided Walk

SUN 22 SEP | 11am - 12pm

Meet at Ashland Lakeside Community Centre, Penhurst Crescent.

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Ashland Lakes | FREE

Parks & Ride 0

SUN 29 SEP | 11am

Meet in the car park on Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street.

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Shenley Wood | FREE





October

Women's Walking Network

THU 3 OCT | 10am

Meet at Tattenhoe Pavilion, St. Agnes Way, Tattenhoe.

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Tattenhoe Valley Park | FREE



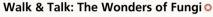
Community Litter Pick

FRI 4 OCT | 10am

Meet at Milton Keynes Rose, Campbell Park. Park in centre:mk car parks and use the footbridge into the park.

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Campbell Park | FREE



SAT 5 OCT | 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm

Be wowed by the range of fungal life that can be found in an ancient woodland. Meet in the car park on Enfield Chase, off V7 Saxon Street.

///chats.region.perplexed

Linford Wood | £5 per person



Parks & Run

SUN 6 OCT | 10am

Meet in Triple Star car park, V4 Watling Street.

///childcare.budget.universes

Furzton Lake | FREE

Woof Walks 0

WFD 9 OCT | 10am | Waterhall Park

Meet in the car park off Mill Road, Water Eaton.

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SAT 26 OCT | 10am | Broughton Brook

Meet at Broughton Fields School, Shackerstone Close.

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£1 per dog

Great Linford Manor Park Guided Walks

FRI 11 OCT | 10.30am SUN 27 OCT | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5D7

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Great Linford Manor Park | FRFF

Walk & Talk: Shenley Wood and MK's Ancient Woodlands

FRI 11 OCT | 1pm - 2.45pm

Join us for an introduction to the park and the plants and animals that live there. Meet in the car park on Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street.

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Shenley Wood | £5 per person











Discovery Stroll

TUE 15 OCT | 2pm

Meet by the local centre at Bitten Grove, Old Farm Park.

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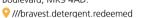
Caldecotte Brook | FREE



Descriptive Guided Walk: Campbell Park Art 0

THU 17 OCT | 6pm - 7.30pm

Join us on audio-described guided walk of the public art in Campbell Park. Meet at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard, MK9 4AD.



Campbell Park | £1 per person

Apple Day

SAT 19 OCT | 11am - 3pm

Discover the delights of the season at the community orchard. Limited parking at Woughton Playing Fields, Newport Road, Woughton on the Green. Follow the signs for a short walk to the orchard.

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Woughton Orchard | FREE



Spooky Halloween Walks O

FRI 25 OCT | 5pm - 8pm

Dare to venture into the woods on our spooky Halloween walks? Join us for a frightful evening where we take you on a tour of our terrifying trail. Tickets will go on sale on 1 Sep 2024.

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Campbell Park | £10 per person

Parks & Ride O

SUN 27 OCT | 11am

Meet at Tattenhoe Pavilion, St. Agnes Way, Tattenhoe.

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Tattenhoe Valley Park | FREE

Family Litter Pick WFD 30 OCT | 10am

Meet at the Wildwood Play Area on Burney Drive.

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Glebe Farm | FRFF

Howe Park Wood Open Mornings

HALF TERM

During school holidays throughout the year, explore autumnal nature with free access to experts and artefacts in the Education Centre, nature-themed challenges, and self-guided trails. Dates and times vary, see our website for more info.

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November

Parks & Run

SUN 3 NOV | 10am

Meet in the car park on V11 Tongwell Street, opposite Cotton Valley.



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Willen Lake North | FREE

Community Litter Pick

MON 4 NOV | 10am

Meet in the car park on Enfield Chase, off V7 Saxon Street.



Linford Wood | FREE

Women's Walking Network

THU 7 NOV | 10am

Meet in Windmill Pub car park, Lakeside Grove, H10 Bletcham Way.



Caldecotte Lake | FREE



Great Linford Manor Park Guided Walks

FRI 8 NOV | 10.30am SUN 24 NOV | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5DZ.

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Great Linford Manor Park | FREE

Armistice Day

MON 11 NOV | 10.45am - 11.15am

Annual service and silence at 11am to commemorate the end of World War I. Park in centre:mk car parks and follow the Redway bridge into the park.

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Milton Keynes Rose | FREE

Talk: Biodiversity in Our Parks 🔾

MON 11 NOV | 6.30pm - 8pm

Find out about the range of wildlife and habitats across the parks in Milton Keynes. Park in the car park at Howe Park Wood, H7 Chaffron Way, MK4 3GG.

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Howe Park Wood Education Centre | £3 per person









Woof Walks 0

WED 13 NOV | 10am | Shenley Wood

Meet in the car park on Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street.

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SAT 30 NOV | 10am | Stony Stratford Nature Reserve

Meet in the car park on Queen Eleanor Street, Stony Stratford.

///guarrel.haunt.willing

£1 per dog



TUE 19 NOV | 2pm

Meet in the car park by the Erwood roundabout on Magna Park industrial estate.

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Magna Park | FREE



Talk: Sustainability - How to Create a Better Future WED 27 NOV | 6.30pm − 8pm

What does it mean to be sustainable? This talk aims to introduce some of the main issues facing our planet's future and how you can make changes in your everyday life. Park in the car park at Howe Park Wood, H7 Chaffron Way, MK4 3GG.



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Howe Park Wood Education Centre | £3 per person





Our Work in Autumn and Winter

All year-round, our landscape, forestry, agricultural & environmental specialists deliver a rolling programme of activities to sustainably maintain the city's landscapes.

In the Autumn and Winter months:

Tree thinning happens October to March so that we don't disturb nesting birds. By removing less healthy specimens, we create more light and space for other trees to thrive, ensuring spaces are safe for park users and improving habitats for wildlife.

Hedge-cutting takes place once bird-nesting season is finished, which is usually in late August. Once we have the all-clear, we undertake trimming of 40 miles of hedges!

Coppicing is the process of cutting woody shrubs to just above ground level. Doing so prolongs the life of plants and can improve their colour. Managing the shape and size of some plants helps people to enjoy better visibility of the surrounding spaces.

Cricket bat willows are harvested after growing for around 20 years. The wood is sent off to make professional cricket bats that are used in matches all over the world.

Planting begins in January with thousands of new plants and trees going into the ground before March. Often new specimens will be planted to replace fallen or diseased ones.

December

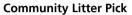
Parks & Run

SUN 1 DFC | 10am

Meet at Woughton Playing Fields, Newport Road, just north of H8 Standing Way.

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Ouzel Valley Park | FREE



TUE 3 DEC | 10am

Meet in the car park off Newport Road, Woughton Park just south of H8 Standing Way.

///wacky.engage.rotate

Walton Lake | FRFF

Walk & Talk: Winter Tree ID O

TUE 3 DEC | 1pm - 2.45pm

Come and join us for a beginner's session as part of National Tree Week and learn how to identify common trees in winter. Meet at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard, MK9 4AD.

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Campbell Park | £3 per person

Workshop: Festive Wreath Making o WED 4 DEC - SAT 7 DEC | Various Times

Get in the spirit of the festive season with our eco-friendly wreath making sessions. Park at Campbell Park Pavilion, MK9 4AD

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Campbell Park | £37.50 per person



Women's Walking Network

THU 5 DEC | 10am

Meet in the car park off H7 Chaffron Way opposite Westcroft District Centre.

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Howe Park Wood | FRFF

Carols at the Cathedral

SUN 8 DEC | 2pm - 5pm

Join us for our annual carolling event. Bring a lantern, wrap up warm and hear some local performances and join in with the carolling accompanied by band music. Park in the car parks at Willen Lake, V10 Brickhill Street and follow the route to the Tree Cathedral.

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Tree Cathedral | FREE

Great Linford Manor Park Guided Walks

FRI 13 DEC | 10.30am

SUN 29 DEC | 2pm

Meet in MK Arts Centre car park, Parklands, Great Linford MK14 5DZ.

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Great Linford Manor Park | FREE

Discovery Stroll

TUE 17 DEC | 2pm

Meet in the car park on Bradwell Road, Loughton just off H4 Dansteed Way.

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Lodge Lake | FREE









Love Your Parks

When you're enjoying the parks of Milton Keynes, you can help to care for them and other park users too.

- ✓ Take litter home or use bin where provided
- ✓ Respect other park users, wildlife, livestock and habitats
- Keep to marked pathways when necessary
- ✓ Close gates where required
- ✓ Act safely, especially around water and ice

- ✓ Keep dogs under control and clear up their waste
- ✓ Be considerate to those volunteering and working in the parks
- Slow down or stop for horses, walkers and livestock when driving or cycling
- X Do not operate BBQs or light fires
- X Do not block access to gateways, paths or driveways when parking





Nature And Wildlife

We're committed to biodiversity in Milton Keynes by creating resilient ecosystems and well-connected Quality Spaces for Nature.

An important part of what we do is monitoring the health of Milton Keynes' ecosystems, which we do through our programme of wildlife surveys. Throughout the year we survey different habitats and species - such as, grasslands, butterflies, bumblebees, bats, ponds & newts, reptiles, birds, small mammals, and more.

If you're interested in getting involved in surveying wildlife, we welcome new volunteers each season. No prior experience needed as we give full training. Find out more at **theparkstrust.com/volunteering**

To encourage younger nature enthusiasts, our Outdoor Learning Team offer free assemblies and online resources for schools, and run low-cost sessions in the parks to help students learn about wildlife, the environment and their local heritage. Most schools are within walking distance of a park cared for by The Parks Trust, which eliminates transport costs too.

Primary schools can take part in free workshops as part of our Junior Park Rangers programme, and our Secondary Schools Award Scheme recognises the actions school children are taking to improve MK for wildlife and the environment. Find out more on **theparkstrust.com/outdoorlearning** or contact **outdoorlearning@theparkstrust.com**

We are the charity caring for your parks, woodlands and lakes forever.

New activities and events are regularly added to our programme and may not appear in this guide.

For the latest updates and to book, visit **theparkstrust.com** or scan the QR code. Alternatively, email **events@theparkstrust.com** or call **01908 233600.**

This guide is available in large print format on request.

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