



Sutton Park

National Nature Reserve - Scheduled Ancient Monument



Anyone visiting Sutton Park cannot help but want to protect this wonderful amenity for future generations. The Park contains several fragile ecosystems and is home to thousands of species of fauna and flora, many of which are rare and protected. The landscape that is enjoyed is also our archaeology and contains many important features stretching over 3000 years. It is a National Nature Reserve, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

<p>Leaving litter Encourages vermin; if eaten can kill wildlife it is also anti-social.</p>	<p>How you can help Please take litter home with you or dispose of it in bins</p>
<p>Barbecues & fires Major fire risk; barbecues cause damage to heathland and grassland</p>	<p>How you can help Do not light barbecues or fires; please inform staff immediately if you see one</p>
<p>Off-road cycling Damages archaeology, habitats and paths through erosion; disturbs wildlife</p>	<p>How you can help Cycle only on roads and designated paths (see maps of the Park)</p>
<p>Remote controlled cars Danger to other Park users, emissions, damages flora; disturbs tranquillity</p>	<p>How you can help Do not bring these vehicles to this site.</p>
<p>Removing flora Removal of flora, fungi and wood upsets the biodiversity of the Park.</p>	<p>How you can help Do not remove anything irreplaceable from the Park, if in doubt please ask.</p>
<p>Dog waste Bacteria and parasites are a health threat to wildlife & humans; nutrients damage acid grassland & heathland</p>	<p>How you can help Please pick up and dispose of dog waste in bins provided</p>
<p>Uncontrolled dogs Can kill, injure and disturb livestock, water fowl and ground nesting birds.</p>	<p>How you can help Keep dogs on leads in designated areas and controlled at all times</p>

A Well-Used Site needs to be Used Well

PARK CLOSING TIMES (Official Daily Opening Time 9:00am)					
From	To	Closing time	From	To	Closing time
1st January	24th January	17:00	15th May	31st July	22:00
25th January	7th February	17:30	1st August	14th August	21:30
8th February	28th February	18:00	15th August	31st August	21:00
1st March	14th March	18:30	1st September	14th September	20:30
15th March	Day prior to introduction of British Summer Time	19:00	15th September	30th September	20:00
Date of commencement of British Summer Time	31st March	20:00	1st October	7th October	19:30
1st April	14th April	20:30	8th October	Day prior to date of reversion to G.M.T	19:00
15th April	30th April	21:00	Date of reversion to G.M.T	15th November	17:30
1st May	14th May	21:30	16th November	31st December	17:00

Activities include:

Canoeing. Organised through the Royal Sutton Canoe Club, located in Sutton Park on Blackroot Pool.

Clubs, Groups and Societies. The site is the venue for many groups from those supporting young people e.g. Sea Cadets, Sea Rangers and Scouts to groups promoting health and well-being. Many others provide the activities described within this list.

Cycling. Cyclists are permitted to use the network of bridleways around the site as defined on the map overleaf.

Dog Walking. Dogs must be kept under control at all times and must be kept on a lead during bird nesting season in sensitive areas of the Park. Dog Bins are available across the site. Free dog poop bags are available from the Visitor Centre.

Events. The Ranger Service and Friends of Sutton Park Association (FOSPA) provide a wide range of events throughout the year. Large scale events occur in the Park through the year for which special permission is granted. These events can cover a variety of activity and include the large running events such as the Great Midlands Fun Run, Race for Life and Regional and National AAA Road Relays.

Fishing. There are four pools where fishing is allowed, Blackroot, Bracebridge, Keepers and Powells. Fishing tickets are purchased from the bankside or bought from the Visitor Centre. There is a close season enforced between the 15th March and 15th June.

Golf Courses. Adjacent to the Park can be found the Boldmere Golf Course a 18 hole course. Within the Park, Sutton Coldfield Golf Club is one of the most prestigious private members clubs in the Midlands.

Horse riding. There is a network of permissive bridleways across the site and two sites available for the parking of Horse boxes, at Streetly Gate (ash track) and at Banners Gate Car Park.

Model Flyers. Model helicopters, drones, Gliders and other fixed-wing models can only be flown by members of the Sutton Park Model Aero Club.

Orienteering. A permanent course is available on the eastern side of the Park administered through the City of Birmingham Orienteering Club. There are also individual events run by local orienteering groups throughout the year.

Sailing. Available on Powell's Pool through the Sutton Sailing Club.

Volunteering. Through the Ranger Service or external organisations there are a number of volunteering opportunities.

Walks. There is a vast opportunity to explore the Park using either major or minor paths. There are currently 5 self-guided routes around the site, 3 archaeological, a Walk 2000 route and a 5km route.

Wildlife Watching. As a home for many uncommon species Sutton Park is an ideal area to watch nature. In the North of the Park wild Exmoor Ponies roam the heath all year round and can be viewed from a distance whilst in the south cattle graze during the summer. Many bird species visit and stay on site through the year and the wetlands and pools also provide opportunity for underwater investigation and sightings of damsel and dragonflies.