

# Oxford's Outdoor Venue Guide



# Introduction

**Oxford City Council's Events Team is dedicated to supporting the safe planning and delivery of events and filming of all sizes on the City Council's land. Together with partners across the city we facilitate around 300 events in Oxford every year to contribute to a vibrant Oxford and help build stronger communities.**

We encourage events which build understanding between communities, celebrate diversity and promote equality; encourage a healthy lifestyle; and are environmentally friendly.

When selecting the setting for your event, or choosing your filming location, Oxford's parks and open spaces provide abundant choice and variety. Each venue is unique in its character, facilities and benefits.

Our venues are generally suitable for all type of events – community, charity and commercial. However, some may lend themselves more to certain activities than others because of size, on site facilities or the atmosphere of the space. Once event organisers have had a look at the venues in this guide, they are encouraged to get in touch and discuss their proposal with the Events Team.

The guide is intended to highlight the key outdoor event venues in the city and to support event organisers in selecting the right setting for their event, by providing them with the most important information about each venue in terms of key considerations, on site facilities and transport links.

We have registered several of our parks and open spaces on the website 'AccessAble', where you can find information on accessibility. <https://www.accessable.co.uk>. There is also a free App to use AccessAble on the go.

Finally, a large number of our parks and open spaces hold their own Premises Licences, please discuss this further with our Events Team. These specific spaces are identified within this guide by the use of this symbol. 🎵



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Photo: Virgin Sport

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Photo: Christmas Market

# City Centre Locations



## Key to Map Symbols

-  Parking
-  Vehicle access
-  Wheelchair accessible
-  Power available
-  Water available
-  Toilets
-  Bicycle racks
-  Refreshments
-  Church
-  Premises licence



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# Bonn Square



## **i** General Information

**Category:** City Centre

**Address:** Oxford OX1 1LQ

**Size:** Upper area: 465.5m<sup>2</sup> (North side: 19m, East: 27m, South: 19m, West: 22m)

**Size of events:** Small to medium

**Footfall:** 9,500 people daily

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

15 minutes' walk and 5 minutes' cycle from Oxford train station.

### **Public Transport:**

10 minutes' walk from the Railway Station. Buses stop near the Westgate on Castle St, Norfolk St and St Aldate's.

### **Parking:**

No parking onsite. Car parks at Worcester Street, Gloucester Green, Oxpens and Westgate.

## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- MOSAIC Indonesian Culture Exhibition
- Refill Sculpture
- Disco Soup
- Soulful House Hugs
- NHS Blood Donor Recruitment
- Promotional events
- Charity awareness stalls

**Bonn Square is a small historic plaza located in the heart of Oxford just opposite the Westgate Shopping Centre.**

The high footfall in this location ensures excellent visibility for your event/promotion.

## **!** Key Considerations

- The square is split into upper and lower areas. Bookings are placed on the upper area unless otherwise requested in the application
- The upper area is ramped, dropping approx 1m north - south for a stage effect. Vehicles up to 13 tonnes may be driven onto the square
- Events on Sundays can only use the upper area and must be set up by 10am. There must not be any noise between 10.30am and 12.30pm, and access to the adjacent church must be maintained at all times
- Infrastructure to be unloaded and all vehicles offsite by 10am. Only vehicles that are part of the event allowed between 10am and 6pm. Parking dispensation requests must be included in the application
- Site layout must take bus traffic on Queen Street into consideration. No infrastructure to be located in close proximity to the road.





## **i** General Information

**Category:** City Centre

**Address:** Oxford OX1

**Size:** Bollarded end – 819m<sup>2</sup>  
(length: 63m, width: 7.5m West end and 18.5m East end)

**Size of events:** Small to extra-large

**Footfall:** 7,000 people daily

## **🚶** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

15 minutes' walk and 5 minutes' cycle from Oxford train station.

### **Public Transport:**

Nearby bus stops on George Street and Magdalen Street West; bus connection to all Park & Ride buses; 10-minute walk from Oxford Train Station.

### **Parking:**

No parking on-site. Car parks: Worcester Street, Gloucester Green, Oxpens and Westgate. Pay & display on Broad Street & St Giles.

## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Christmas Light Festival
- Filming Location
- Oxford Half Marathon
- Jewish Cultural Fair
- Oxford Arts Market
- Oxford's Big Green Day Out
- Electric Vehicle Show

**Broad Street is one of Oxford's most architecturally stunning event locations, containing many of Oxford's iconic venues, colleges and shops.**

Every year it hosts major city events such as the Christmas Light Festival and Oxford's Christmas Market, as well as being the starting location for the Oxford Half Marathon.

Small to medium scale events can be held within the bollarded end.

Large/extra-large scale events require a road closure up to Turl Street or of Broad Street in its entirety.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Special conditions may apply when coinciding with Oxford University exam or ceremony dates
- Vehicle restriction times between 10am and 6pm. Infrastructure to be unloaded and all non-essential vehicles offsite by 10am
- Only vehicles part of event infrastructure allowed onsite during event. Parking dispensation requests must be included in the application
- Access for deliveries to be maintained from 6pm to 10am
- Minimum 3.5m emergency access through the site to be maintained at all times
- Footpath access and visibility shop frontages to be kept clear. Stalls have to be open at the back or turned sideways.

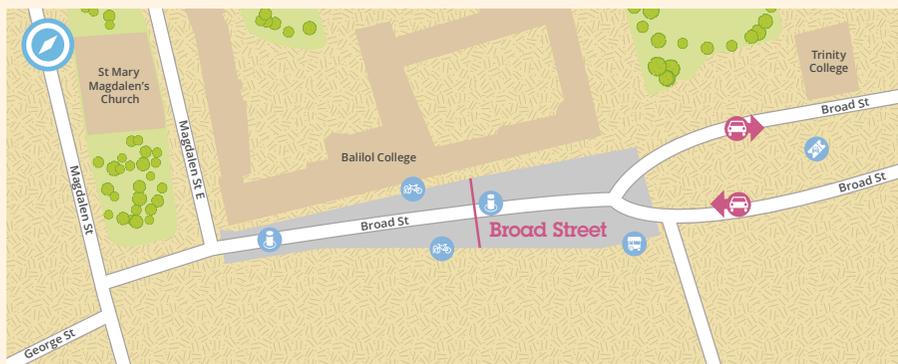


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Photo: Nicole Rahimi



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# The Covered Market



## **i** General Information

**Category:** City Centre

**Address:** Oxford OX1 3DZ

**Size:** Approx 4,655m<sup>2</sup>

**Size of events:** Small to medium

**Footfall:** up to 3,500 daily

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

15 minutes' walk and 5 minutes' cycle from Oxford train station.

### **Public Transport:**

Nearby bus stops on High Street and St Aldate's; bus connection to all Park & Ride buses.

### **Parking:**

No suitable parking onsite for event attendees; nearest public car parks are Worcester Street, Gloucester Green, Oxpens and Westgate Car Park; pay & display bays on Broad Street.

## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Creation Theatre performances
- Alice's Day
- Christmas Light Festival
- Dancin' Oxford
- Charity awareness stalls

The Covered Market is a historic indoor market at the heart of the city with over 50 independent traders.

The two squares in the middle of the market provide an intimate setting for small events, performances and installations.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Every event will be reviewed separately for this location in close collaboration with the Market Manager and the Covered Market Digital Marketing and Events Officer
- Infrastructure can be dropped off on Market Street within a one-hour window
- No infrastructure to be located in close proximity to the road.



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Photo: Creation Theatre

## **i** General Information

**Category:** City Centre

**Address:** Oxford OX1 2BU

**Size:** 1,400m<sup>2</sup> (40m x 35m)

**Size of events:** Small to large

**Footfall:** 3,500 people daily

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

10 minutes' walk and 5 minutes' cycle from Oxford train station.

### **Public Transport:**

Nearby bus stops on George St, Magdalen St West and Gloucester Green Coach Station; bus connection to all Park & Rides.

### **Parking:**

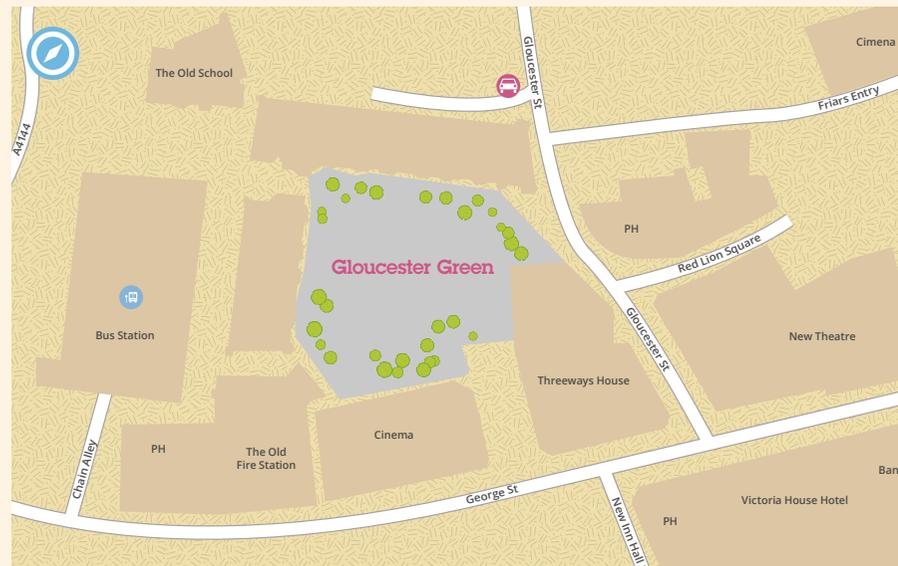
No suitable parking onsite for event attendees; nearest public car parks are Gloucester Green and Worcester Street.

**Gloucester Green is an open city square just next to the central Coach Station and surrounded by various shops and cafes.**

Market days are Wednesday to Saturday. The markets are run by an independent market provider on behalf of Oxford City Council.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Events wishing to utilise the whole square can take place between Sunday and Tuesday
- Small stalls can approach the market operator to ask if they can be part of the market
- Access for unloading before 10am and after 4pm. Access after 10am requires a parking permit (arranged through Events Office)
- Entry is restricted by bollards, which can be removed on request. Request for vehicular access must be included in the event application
- Based on standard stall size, approx 100 market stalls can fit.



## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Weekly food & antique markets
- Dancin' on the Green
- Christmas Light Festival
- Offbeat Festival
- Mandala Theatre Company
- RAG Charity Bungee Jump



## Key to Map Symbols

-  Parking
-  Vehicle access
-  Playground
-  Running trail
-  Bowls green
-  Tennis/multi-games
-  Community centre
-  Refreshments
-  Toilets
-  Premises licence
-  Leisure centre
-  Football Club
-  Skate park
-  Pavilion building
-  Sports pitches



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# Angel & Greyhound Meadow



## **i** General Information

**Category:** Neighbourhood Park

**Address:** Bath Street, OX4 1AY

**Size:** 4.4 hectares

**Distance to City Centre:** 0.9 miles

**Distance to Ring Road:** 2 miles

**Size of events:** Small to medium

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

15 minutes' walk and 5 minutes' cycle to the city centre.

### **Public transport:**

Nearby bus stops on High Street, St Clement's, Cowley Road & Iffley Road; 400 P&R Service to and from Thornhill on St Clement's.

### **Parking:**

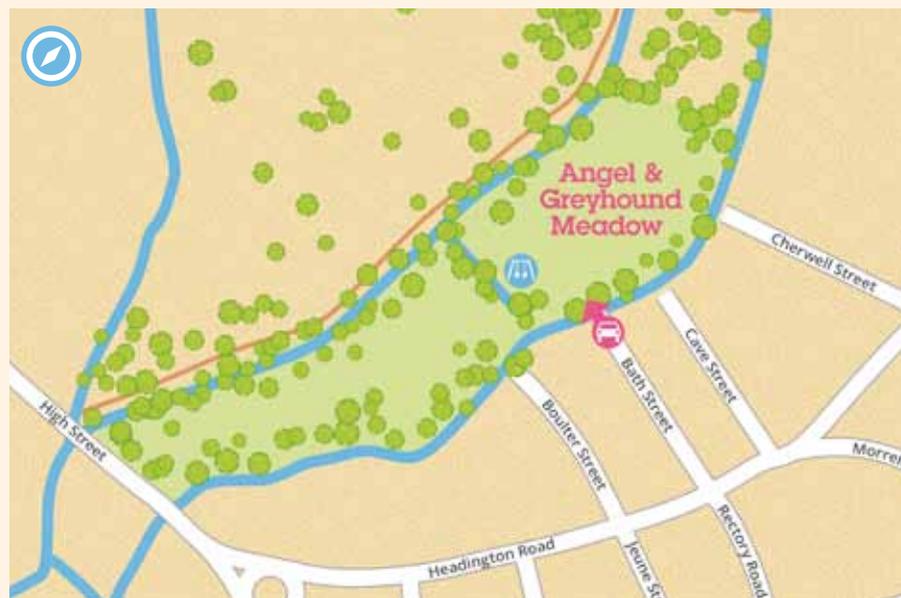
No suitable onsite parking for event attendees; nearest public car park is St Clements.

The Meadow is a picturesque and fairly large green space just beneath Magdalen Bridge, surrounded on both sides by the River Cherwell.

It is located in walking distance to the city centre and has excellent transport links.

## **!** Key considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 2.55m
- Access from Bath Street is via a small bridge with a maximum weight of 7 tonnes. No access for HGVs
- The Meadow is managed by Oxford City Council through a lease with Magdalen College. Only events with a recreational purpose are permitted
- It may flood during periods of prolonged heavy rain.



Photos: Jon Lewis

## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Art installations
- Sports events

# Blackbird Leys Park



## **i** General Information

**Category:** City Park

**Address:** Cuddesdon Way, OX4 6ST

**Size:** 9 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 4

**Miles to Ring Road:** 0.6

**Size of events:** Small to extra-large

## **🚶** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

25 minutes' cycle ride from city centre.

### **Public transport:**

Nearby bus stops on Cuddesdon Way and Pegasus Road; services to and from the city centre every few minutes.

### **Parking:**

No suitable onsite parking for event attendees; nearest public car parks off Cuddesdon Way and next to Leys Pools & Leisure Centre.

**Blackbird Leys Park is a large, open park with extensive flat grass areas, which makes it ideal for a variety of events.**

It is situated in the centre of a residential estate with close access off the ring road.

There is the possibility to hire rooms in the leisure centre located in one corner of the park to use in conjunction with the green space.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 4.7m (Cuddesdon Way), 3.6m (Pegasus Road)
- Football pitches occupy part of the site between September and April
- Parts of the site can become waterlogged following periods of prolonged, heavy rain.



## **🏠** Previous & Current Events

- Leys Festival & Horticultural Show
- Oxford Blackbirds Football Tournament
- Funfair



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# Botley Park



## **i** General Information

**Category:** Neighbourhood Park

**Address:** Botley Road, OX2 0BD

**Size:** 4.7 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 1.1

**Miles to Ring Road:** 1

**Size of events:** Small to large

## **🚶** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

15 minutes' walk and 5 minutes' cycle ride from city centre; 5 minute walk from Oxford train station.

### **Public transport:**

Nearby bus stops on Botley Road; 400 bus to and from Seacourt Park and Ride stops on Botley Road.

### **Parking:**

No suitable parking onsite for event attendees; very limited car parking outside the community centre; nearest public car park is Seacourt Park and Ride Centre.

**Botley Park is located just outside the city centre and only a 5-minute walk from Oxford railway station.**

The community centre with a café is situated at the front of the park and there is potential to hire rooms to use in conjunction with the green space.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 3.1m.
- When exiting via the main entrance off the Botley Road the on-coming traffic is partially obscured by a slightly humped bridge so marshals may be needed to ensure safe egress of event vehicles
- The park can flood during periods of prolonged heavy rain.



## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Annual West Oxford Fun Day
- Oxford Thai Festival
- Corporate away days



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Photo: Jon Lewis

# Bury Knowle Park



## **i** General Information

**Category:** Neighbourhood Park

**Address:** London Road, Headington OX3 9HZ

**Size:** 7 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 2.2

**Miles to Ring Road:** 0.5

**Size of events:** Small to large

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

20 minutes' cycle ride from city centre.

### **Public transport:**

Bus stop just outside the park on London Road (local and with connection to airports and London); 400 bus service to and from Thornhill Park and Ride.

### **Parking:**

No suitable parking onsite for event attendees; nearest public car park is Headington Car Park (behind Waitrose).

**Bury Knowle Park is situated in the commercial district of Headington in close vicinity to shops and restaurants.**

It lies on a public commuting route to the centre and has excellent transport links to the city centre and Thornhill Park and Ride.

The scenic setting of the park with the historic Bury Knowle House and story-themed sculptures provide a picturesque backdrop for events.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 3.4m
- Public toilets: Opening hours can be extended upon request.

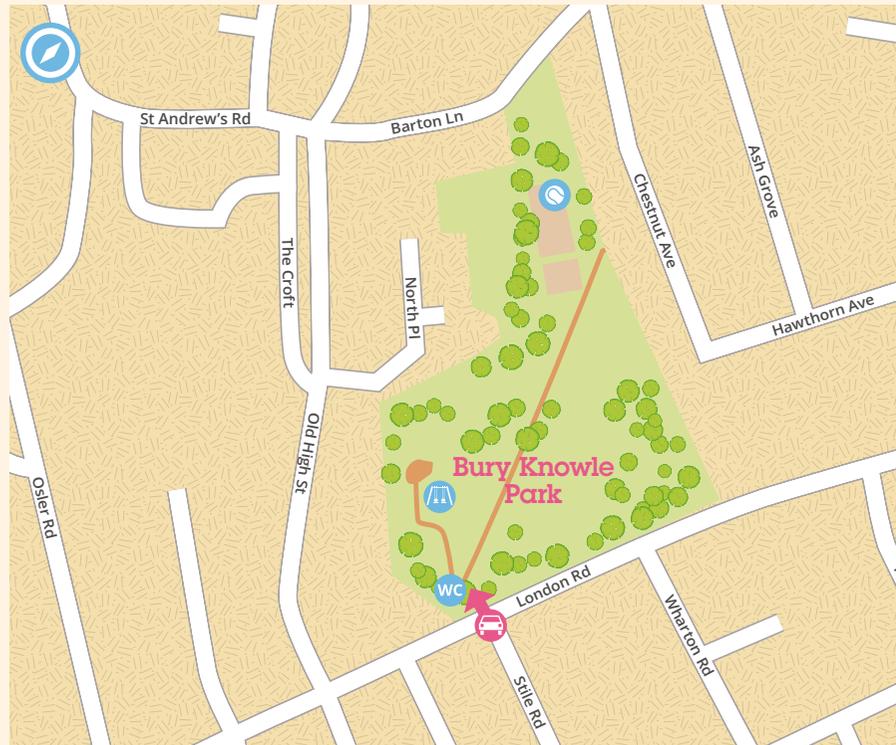


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## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Annual Headington Festival
- Sobell House Light the Night
- Film under the Stars
- Annual Headington Fun Day
- Funfair



## General Information

**Category:** Neighbourhood Park

**Address:** Marsh Lane, OX3 0NQ

**Size:** 9.9 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 2.5

**Miles to Ring Road:** 0.2

**Size of events:** Small to medium

## How To Get There

### Active Travel:

15 minutes' cycle ride from city centre.

### Public transport:

Nearby bus stop on Marsh Lane.

### Parking:

Limited pay and display spaces onsite; Showmen's field located just opposite the road can be used for big events as an alternative car park space.

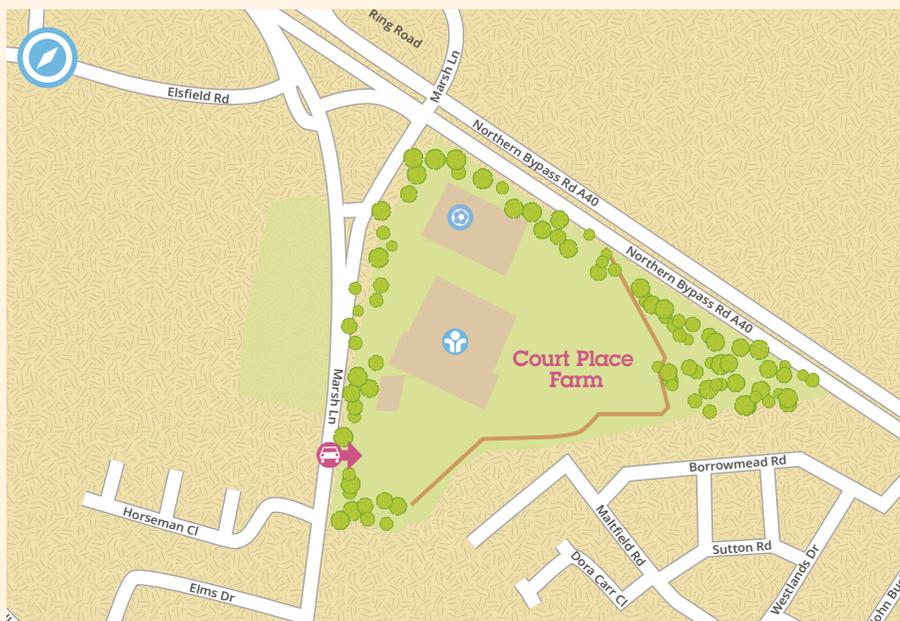
**Court Place Farm is a large open green space with excellent access just off the ring road.**

Facilities onsite can be externally hired from Oxrads Sports and Leisure Centre and Oxford City FC.

This site can also be used as a connected venue with Northway Rec, Showman's Field and Boults Lane Recreation Ground (Marston Parish Council).

## Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 2.85m
- Some areas of the site can become waterlogged after prolonged periods of heavy rain
- Hire of facilities subject to permission from Oxrads and Oxford City FC.



## Previous & Current Events

- Cowley Classic Car Show
- Headington 5 Mile Road Race



Photos: Jon Lewis

# Cowley Marsh Park



## General Information

**Category:** Neighbourhood Park

**Address:** Marsh Road, OX4 2HH

**Size:** 6.7 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 2

**Miles to Ring Road:** 1.2

**Size of events:** Small to large

## How To Get There

### Active Travel:

12 minutes' cycle ride from city centre.

### Public transport:

Bus stop just outside the park on Cowley Road.

### Parking:

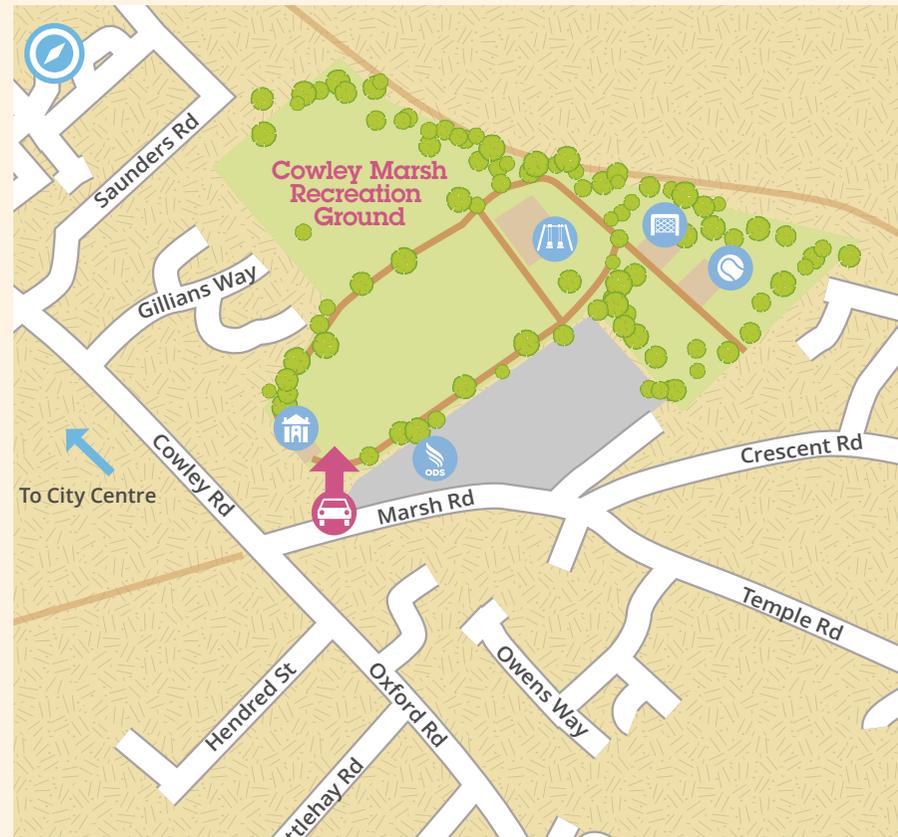
No suitable parking onsite for event attendees; nearest public car parks at Templars Square Shopping Centre.

Cowley Marsh Park is a large open green space, located in the vibrant and multicultural suburb of Cowley.

A pavilion with water and power access and football pitches can be booked to use in conjunction with the park hire.

## Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 3.36m
- Vehicular access can be tricky, as through Oxford Direct Services car park.



## Previous & Current Events

- Oxford Mela
- Oxford Cricket Mela
- Holi Festival
- Football tournaments



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# Cotteslowe Park and Sunnymead Park



## **i** General Information

**Category:** Premium Park

**Address:** Elsfield Way, OX2 8NP

**Size:** 42 hectares (combined)

**Miles to City Centre:** 2.6

**Miles to Ring Road:** 0.3

**Size of events:** Small to extra-large

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

25 min cycle ride from city centre,  
6 min from Oxford Parkway.

### **Public transport:**

Bus stops on Banbury Road;  
services from the city centre and  
500 service for Oxford Parkway.

### **Parking:**

Pay & display car parks at  
the north end, Harbord Road  
entrance, and the south end,  
off the A40 entrance. Restricted  
parking on nearby residential  
roads. There is capacity to create  
event parking in the park itself.

## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Helen & Douglas House Bubble Rush
- Cowley Classic Car Show
- Summertown Stars Football
- Jools Holland & Brian Ferry Concerts
- Oxford Mail Motor Show
- Balloon Fiesta

Cotteslowe and Sunnymead Park is the largest and most popular of the City Council's parks and is in fact two parks separated by the ring road, joined by a foot bridge. The two sites combined have good potential for extra-large scale events.

The park has an array of facilities including three pavilions.

There is very high footfall all year around.

Oxford Parkway Railway Station and Park & Ride is only 5 minutes away.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 3.7m (Harbord Road), 4.75m (Northern Bypass)
- The Oxford Park Run takes place every Saturday. Event organisers are required to get in touch with park run organisers if event is scheduled for a Saturday
- The park's sports pitches are well-used throughout the football season. Availability needs to be checked in advance
- The lower-lying field can be come partially flooded after prolonged periods of heavy rain.

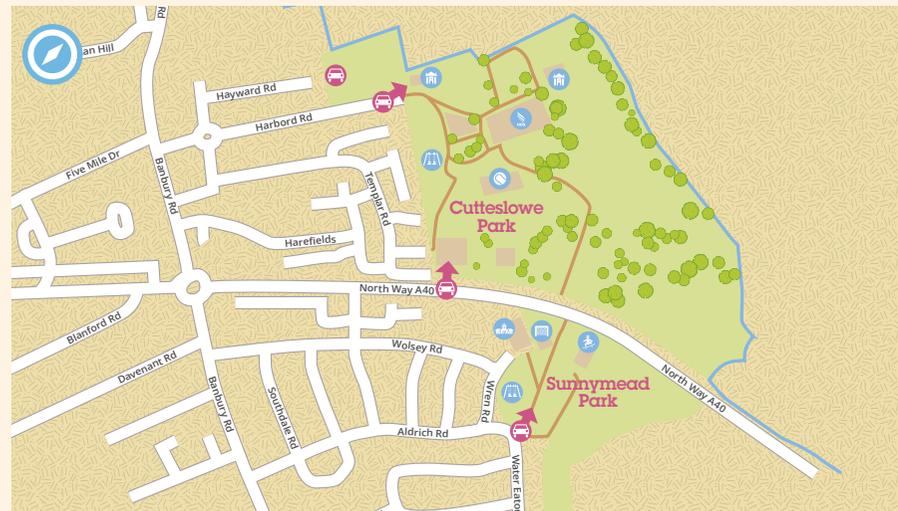


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Photo: The Rotary Club of Oxford Isis



Photo: Jon Lewis

# Five Mile Recreation Ground



## General Information

**Category:** Neighbourhood Park  
**Address:** Five Mile Drive, OX2 8HT  
**Size:** 2.7 hectares  
**Miles to City Centre:** 3.1  
**Miles to Ring Road:** 0.2  
**Size of events:** Small to medium

## How To Get There

### Active Travel:

25 minutes' cycle ride from city centre, 6 minutes' from Oxford Parkway.

### Public transport:

Nearby bus stops on Banbury Road; 4 minutes' walk: regular services from city centre or 500 bus service to and from Oxford Parkway.

### Parking:

Nearest public car park is Oxford Parkway.

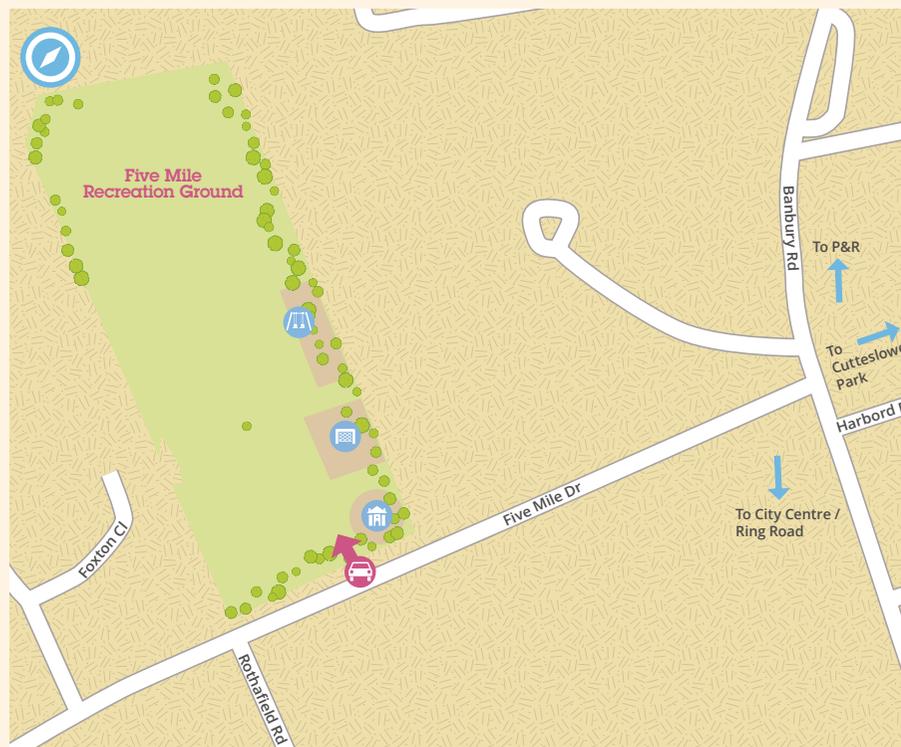
**Five Mile Recreation Ground is a fairly large open green space the size of two football pitches.**

It has a recently built pavilion with kitchen and toilet facilities which can be hired to use in conjunction with field for events and corporate away days.

It lies in an excellent location in close vicinity to Oxford Parkway Railway Station and Park and Ride, and just off the ring road.

## Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 3.58m
- Football pitches are in use on weekends from September to April.



Photos: Jon Lewis

## Previous & Current Events

- Sports events
- Continental markets

# Florence Park



## **i** General Information

**Category:** City Park

**Address:** Oxford OX4 3PW

**Size:** 8 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 2.2

**Miles to Ring Road:** 1

**Size of events:** Small to large

## **🚶** How To Get There

**Active Travel:**

13 minutes' cycle ride from city centre.

**Public transport:**

Nearby bus stops on Rymers Lane, Cowley Road and Iffley Road.

**Parking:**

Temporary car park in the summer off Rymers Lane for approximately 50 cars, not suitable for event attendees; nearest public car parks at Templars Square Shopping Centre.

**Florence Park is one of Oxford's most picturesque parks.**

It is located in the East of the city within the suburb of Cowley and in close proximity to the bustling Cowley Road.

It has a variety of facilities, such as a community café and high footfall all year around.

The site has segments of open space, perfect for separate event areas.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 2.95m (Rymers Lane), 4.4m (Florence Park Road)
- The park is surrounded by fencing and locked at night. Events can exceed normal opening hours, if agreed in advance
- Public toilets: opening hours can be extended upon request
- The former bowls green is a separately fenced off, flat, well drained area which can be requested specifically. From April to September it hosts a Trapeze School.



## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Annual FloFest and GloFest
- Annual Children's Day
- Film under the Stars
- Annual High Fly Trapeze School
- Horticultural Festival



Photo: Jon Lewis



Photo: High Fly Trapeze Ltd



Photo: Jason Warner (Firefly Studios)

# Grandpont Recreation Ground



## **i** General Information

**Category:** Neighbourhood Park  
**Address:** Whitehouse Road, OX1 4QH  
**Size:** 9.7 hectares  
**Miles to City Centre:** 1  
**Miles to Ring Road:** 1.7  
**Size of events:** Small to medium

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

15 minutes' walk, 6 minutes' cycle ride from city centre; 9 minutes' from Oxford train station.

### **Public transport:**

Nearby bus stops on Abingdon Road; regular services from city centre and 300 bus service to and from Redbridge Park and Ride.

### **Parking:**

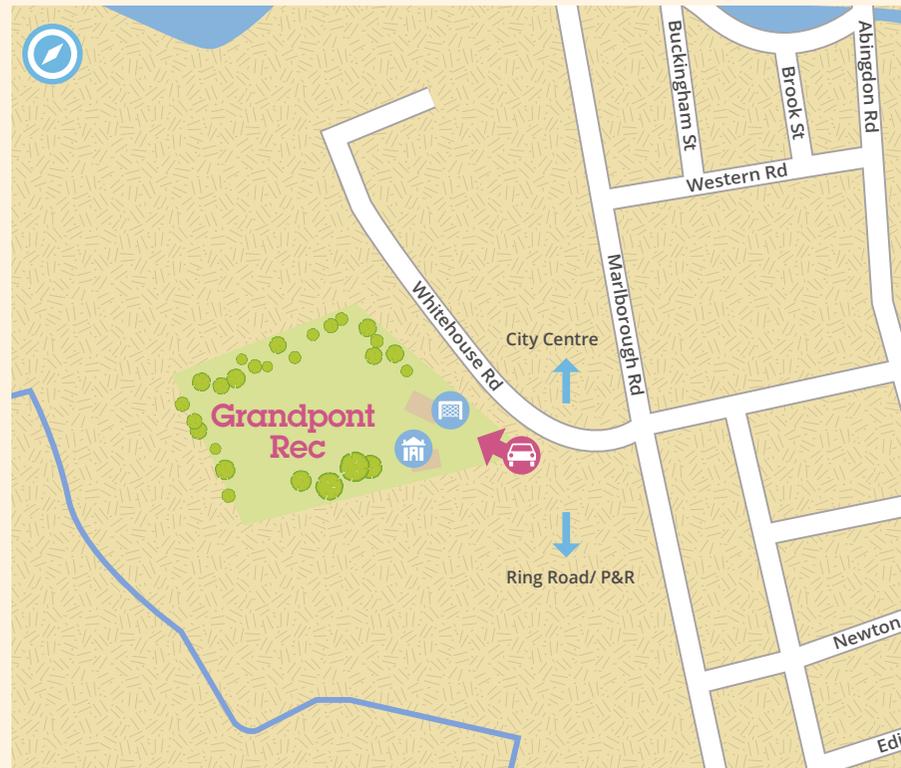
No suitable onsite parking for event attendees; nearest public car parks are Hinksey Park, Oxpens and Westgate Car Park.

Grandpont Recreation Ground is in close proximity to the city centre and Redbridge Park and Ride and lies on a public commuting route to the centre.

It has a recently built pavilion with kitchen and toilet facilities which can be hired to use in conjunction with field for events and corporate away days.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 2.9m (unsuitable for HGVs)
- No weekend events possible from September to April because of the football season.



## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Didcot to Oxford Railway 175th Anniversary Event
- Annual South Oxford Family Triathlon
- Sports events
- Corporate away days



Photos: Jon Lewis

# Headington Hill Park



## **i** General Information

**Category:** Neighbourhood Park

**Address:** Botley Road, OX2 0BD

**Size:** 4.7 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 1.1

**Miles to Ring Road:** 1

**Size of events:** Small to large

## **🚶** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

15 minutes' walk and 5 minutes' cycle ride from city centre; 5 minutes' walk from Oxford train station.

### **Public transport:**

Nearby bus stops on Botley Road; 400 bus to and from Seacourt Park and Ride stops on Botley Road.

### **Parking:**

No suitable parking onsite for event attendees; very limited car parking outside the community centre; nearest public car park is Seacourt Park and Ride Centre.

Headington Hill Park provides an excellent venue for weddings, private parties and theatre performances with its picturesque parkland setting.

The park is in walking distance to the city centre and has excellent transport links to and from the city centre and Thornhill Park & Ride.

Good opportunity to promote events due to high footfall in South Park just opposite the road and proximity to Brookes University.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 3.25m
- There are only limited pockets of open space.

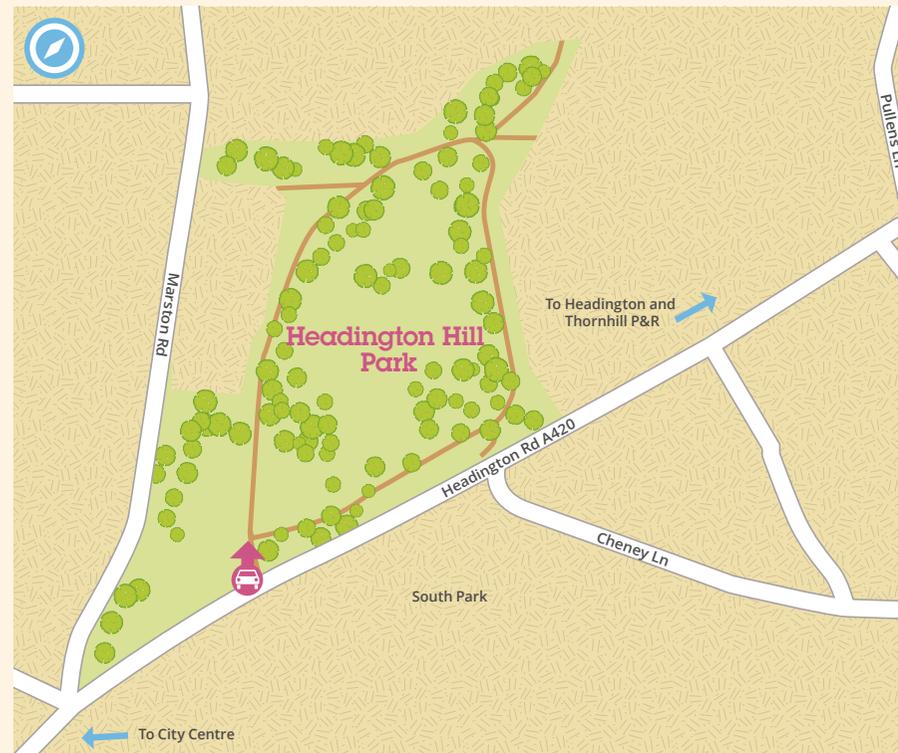


Photo: Jon Lewis



Photo: Creation Theatre



Photo: Diana Bell

## **🏠** Previous & Current Events

- Annual West Oxford Fun Day
- Oxford Thai Festival
- Corporate away days

# Hinksey Park



## **i** General Information

**Category:** City Park

**Address:** Lake Street OX1 4RW

**Size:** 9 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 1

**Miles to Ring Road:** 0.9

**Size of events:** Small to medium

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

15 minutes' walk, 5 minutes' cycle ride from city centre, 10 minutes from Oxford train station.

### **Public transport:**

Nearby bus stops on Abingdon Road: regular services from city centre and 300 bus service to and from Redbridge Park and Ride.

### **Parking:**

Car park onsite, however not suitable for event attendees; nearest public car parks are Redbridge Park and Ride, Oxpens and Westgate Car Park.

## **Hinksey Park is an attractive park with a lake and boating pond.**

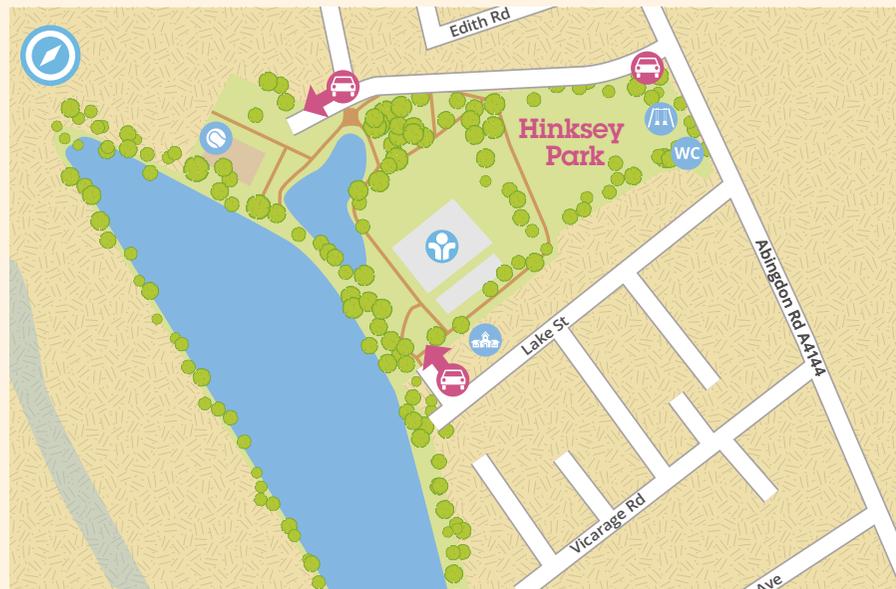
The park is divided into different areas. There is a medium sized open space with good visibility near the main entrance.

It is in walking distance to the city centre and has excellent transport links to and from the city centre and Redbridge Park and Ride.

Due to its location and Hinksey Outdoor Pool the park has high footfall and is popular for cyclists/walkers commuting through the park.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 4.05m (outer entrance), 2.2m (inner entrance)
- The park can get extremely busy in the summer due to Hinksey Outdoor Pool
- Not suitable for HGV's – only vehicular access point is through narrow car park
- Public toilets: opening hours can be extended upon request.



## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Film under the Stars
- Charity awareness events/stalls
- Lord Mayor's Parade
- Continental Markets



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# Manzil Way Garden



## General Information

**Category:** Local Park

**Address:** Cowley Road, OX4 1YH

**Size:** 2,702 m<sup>2</sup>

**Miles to City Centre:** 1.2

**Miles to Ring Road:** 1.7

**Size of events:** Small to large

## How To Get There

### Active Travel:

25 minutes' walk, 10 minutes' cycle ride from city centre.

### Public transport:

Bus stop just on Cowley Road; regular bus services to and from the city centre.

### Parking:

No suitable parking onsite for event attendees; nearest public car park is Union Street Car Park.

**Manzil Way Garden is located on the vibrant, bustling Cowley Road in close vicinity to shops and restaurants.**

It is divided into two segments either side of Manzil Way.

It has a high footfall and very good visibility.

Every year it is the green heart of Cowley Road Carnival.

## Key Considerations

- The area tends to get busy due to close proximity to East Oxford Health Centre and the Central Oxford Mosque. Event organisers are encouraged to check prayer times
- Only suitable for small sized events due to restricted size and its proximity to a busy road.

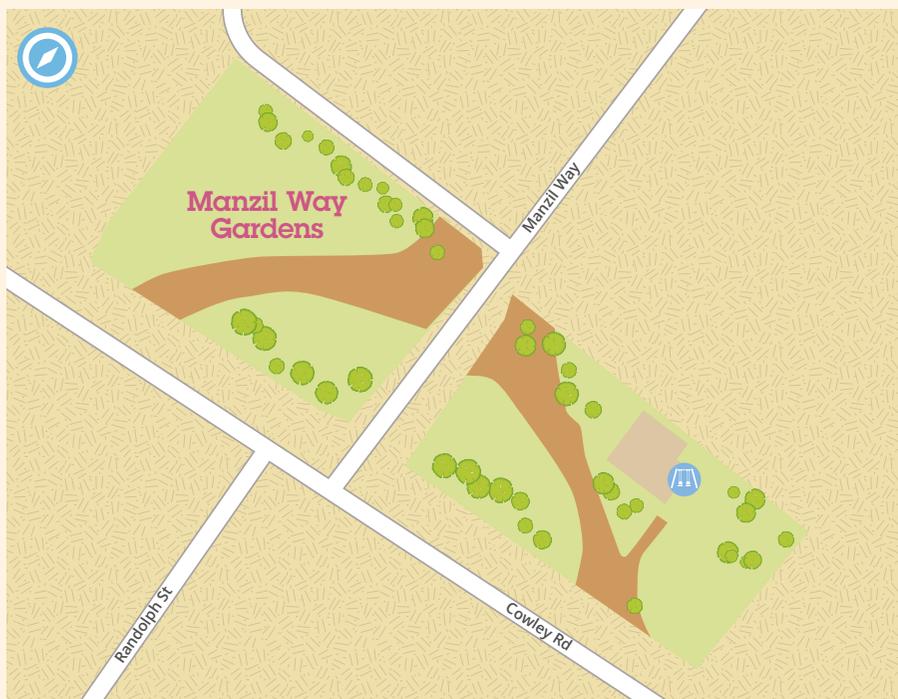


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## Previous & Current Events

- Cowley Road Carnival
- The People's Fair
- Recycling Roadshow

# Margaret Road Recreation Ground



## **i** General Information

**Category:** Neighbourhood Park  
**Address:** Margaret Road, OX3 8NQ  
**Size:** 2.7 hectares  
**Miles to City Centre:** 2.7  
**Miles to Ring Road:** 0.5  
**Size of events:** Small to medium

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

22 minutes' cycle ride from city centre.

### **Public transport:**

Nearby bus stops on London Road; regular services from city centre and 400 bus service to and from Thornhill Park and Ride, and Windmill Road for hospital bus services.

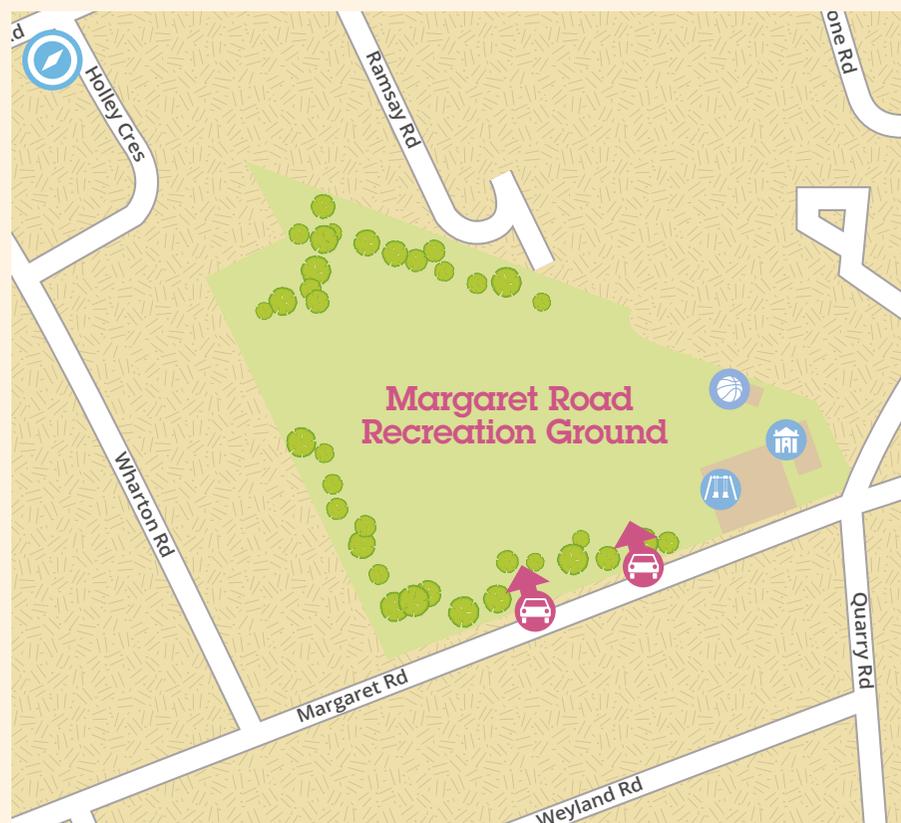
### **Parking:**

No suitable parking onsite for event attendees; nearest public car park is St Leonard's Car Park.

Margaret Road Recreation Ground is a large open green space with a state of the art pavilion with kitchen and toilet facilities, which can be hired to use in conjunction with field for events and corporate away days.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 2.32m (by pavilion), 3.6m (Wharton Road)
- For summer events only as football pitches are heavily used September to April.



Photos: Jon Lewis

## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Sports events

# New Marston Recreation Ground



## General Information

**Category:** Neighbourhood Park

**Address:** Croft Road, OX3 0JZ

**Size:** 4.4 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 1.6

**Miles to Ring Road:** 1

**Size of events:** Small to medium

## How To Get There

### Active Travel:

11 minutes' cycle ride from city centre.

### Public transport:

No. 13 bus stops nearby on Marston Road and Oxford Road.

### Parking:

No suitable parking onsite for event attendees.

## Previous & Current Events

- Sports events
- Funfair

New Marston Recreation Ground is a large, flat, open green space that lies in the middle of a residential area and in close proximity to colleges.

## Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 3.45m
- Vehicular access off a side street but accessible for HGVs.



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# Oatlands Recreation Ground



## **i** General Information

**Category:** Neighbourhood Park

**Address:** Alexandra Road, OX2 OET

**Size:** 5 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 1.1

**Miles to Ring Road:** 0.8

**Size of events:** Small to medium

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

15 minutes' walk, 5 minutes' cycle ride from city centre, 10 minutes' walk, 3 minutes' cycle ride from Oxford Railway Station.

### **Public transport:**

Nearby bus stops on Botley Road; regular services from city centre and 400 bus service to and from Seacourt Park and Ride.

### **Parking:**

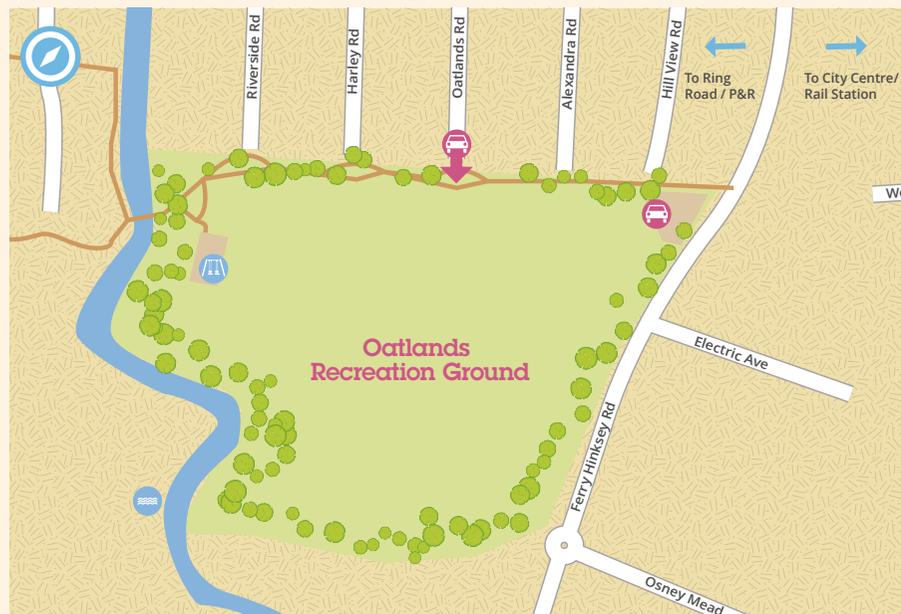
No suitable parking onsite for event attendees; nearest public car park is Seacourt Park and Ride.

Oatlands Recreation Ground is a large, flat, open green space with a riverside setting, adjoining King George's Field via a footbridge across a tributary.

It is located fairly close to city centre and in walking distance from Oxford train station and Seacourt Park and Ride.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 3.53m
- There is limited access due to narrow residential roads – parking suspension will need to be arranged
- If event organisers wish to utilise the whole site, permission to be obtained from the City Council and Oxfordshire County Council, who own part of the site
- It may flood during heavy periods of rain.



## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- Sports events
- Community events / fetes



Photos: Jon Lewis

# Oxpens Meadow



## General Information

**Category:** Premium Park

**Address:** Oxpens Rd, OX1 1TY

**Size:** 2 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 0.5

**Miles to Ring Road:** 2

**Size of events:** Small to large

## How To Get There

### Active Travel:

10 minutes' walk, 5 minutes' cycle ride from city centre and Oxford train station.

### Public transport:

Regular bus services; bus stops on Speedwell Street/Frideswide's Square (including Park and Ride bus services).

### Parking:

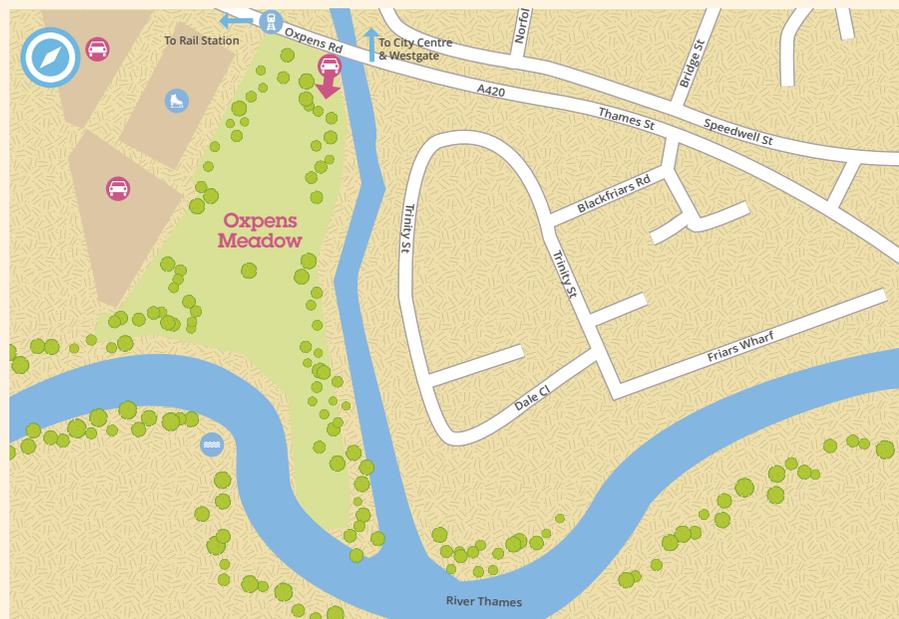
No suitable parking onsite for event attendees; nearest public car parks are Oxpens and Westgate Car Park.

## Oxpens Meadow is a beautiful setting by the River Thames.

Its location next to Oxford Ice Rink, opposite the Westgate Shopping Centre, within short walking distance from the city centre and Oxford train station, guarantees high visibility and footfall for events.

## Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 5.5m
- The lower-lying end of the site can flood during periods of prolonged heavy rain
- Public access through the site to the towpath must be maintained during any event, but via a particular route
- Oxpens has a protocol in place to minimise noise impact on surrounding residential areas. For more information discuss with the Events Office.



## Previous & Current Events

- Oxford Pride
- BHF London to Oxford Trek
- Old Fashioned Tent Meeting
- Circus
- Continental markets



Photos: Jon Lewis

## General Information

**Category:** Countryside Site

**Address:** Walton Well Road and Godstow Road OX2 6QY

**Size:** 137 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 1.3

**Miles to Ring Road:** 0.8

**Size of events:** Small to medium

## How To Get There

### Active Travel:

25 minutes' walk, 10 minutes' cycle ride from city centre.

### Public transport:

Nearby bus stop on Woodstock Road; 300 bus service to and from Seacourt Park and Ride.

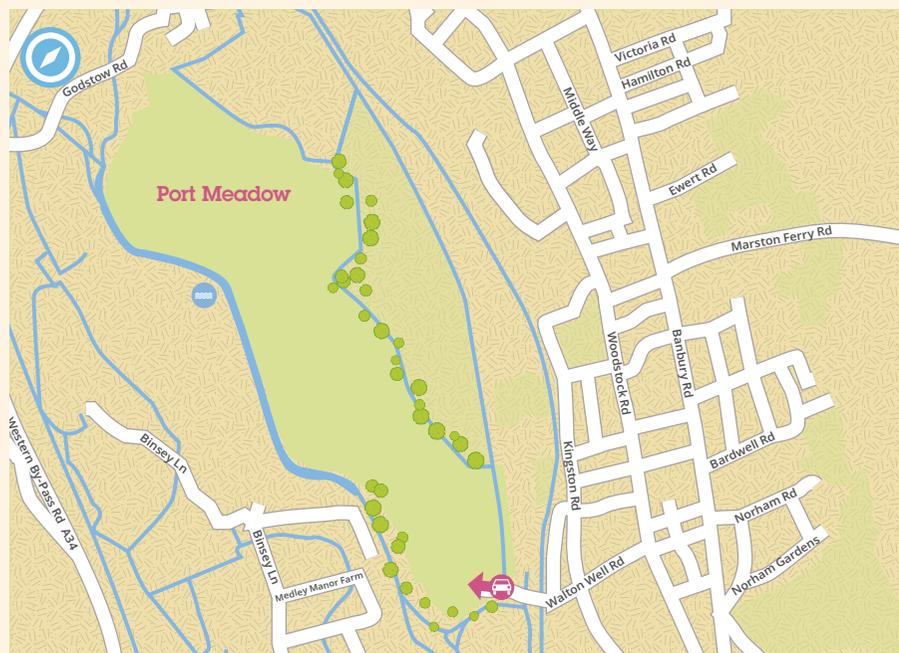
### Parking:

Limited spaces at Walton Well Road Car Park and Godstow Road Car Park.

Port Meadow is a large meadow of open common land with a beautiful riverside setting providing views of the dreaming spires of Oxford.

## Key Considerations

- Port Meadow is a SSSI (site of specific scientific interest), a SAC (special area of conservation) and has SMC (scheduled monument consent) as defined by Natural England
- Port Meadow has also a high volume of migrating birds, a large cattle stock, and semi-wild horses, so the wildlife must not be disturbed by any circumstances
- This is a Countryside site, so the Countryside Code must be followed
- Vehicular access onto the meadow is restricted unless disabled access.



## Previous & Current Events

- Run Jericho
- St Edward's School Annual Steeplechase
- Wolvercote WW1 aerodrome memorial unveiling and plane show



Photos: Jon Lewis

# Rose Hill Recreation Ground



## General Information

**Category:** Local Park

**Address:** Ashhurst Way, OX4 4RF

**Size:** 4 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 2.8

**Miles to Ring Road:** 0.5

**Size of events:** Small to large

## How To Get There

### Active Travel:

20 minutes' cycle from city centre.

### Public transport:

Nearby bus stop on Ashhurst Way; regular service to and from the city centre.

### Parking:

Limited spaces at the Community Centre, not suitable for event attendees.

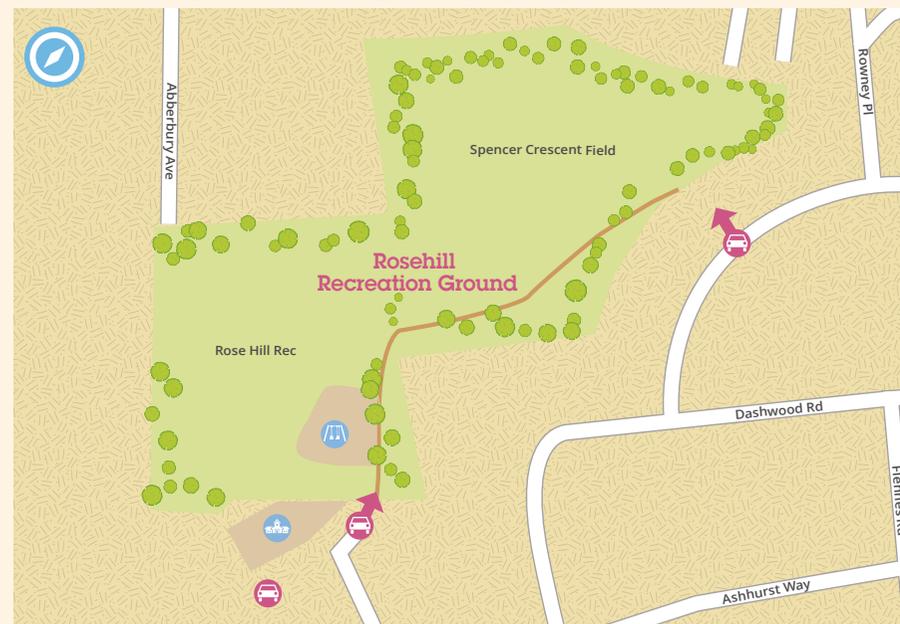
Rose Hill Recreation Ground is located just behind a state of the art community centre, which provides a range of facilities available for hire.

There is the option of additional use of the adjacent Spencer Crescent Field.

The close vicinity to the ring road provides excellent access.

## Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 6.4m (next to centre), 3.02 (Spencer Crescent Field)
- Vehicular access is unsuitable for HGVs
- Indoor facilities will need to be booked at the Rose Hill Community Centre
- Football pitches are in place between September and April.



## Previous & Current Events

- Oxford Mela
- Rose Hill Sports Day
- Sports events
- Corporate away days



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# Shotover Country Park (including Brasenose Woods)



## **i** General Information

**Category:** Parks and Countryside

**Address:** Old Road, OX3 8TA

**Size:** 117 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 3.3

**Miles to Ring Road:** .04

**Size of events:** Small to medium

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

30 minutes' cycle from city centre.

### **Public transport:**

Nearby bus stop at the bottom of Old Road, which will require a 15-20min walk uphill to the park.

### **Parking:**

Limited spaces at the top of Shotover Hill on Old Road; parking is free.

**Shotover Country Park is a mainly wooded country park with a small green space by the Old Road car park (Mary Sadler Field).**

It offers spectacular views from the top across south Oxfordshire.

The park is an intimate mosaic of hidden valleys, varied landscapes and diverse habitats; ideal for running events, nature trails etc.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Shotover is a nationally important wildlife site and majority of the site is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- Event organisers must take great care when holding an event. Marking of running routes can under no circumstances harm trees
- Some areas are densely wooded and it is recommended to mark running routes clearly and have appropriate GPS tracking in place
- Size restrictions for vehicles accessing via Old Road apply. Shuttle mini buses for event attendees are recommended.



## **🏠** Previous & Current Events

- Cross country events
- Orienteering events
- Nature events/education activities



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## **i** General Information

**Category:** Premium Park

**Address:** Oxford OX4 1NG

**Size:** 22.8 hectares

**Miles to City Centre:** 1

**Miles to Ring Road:** 2.2

**Size of events:** Small to extra-large

## **📍** How To Get There

### **Active Travel:**

20 minutes' walk, 7 minutes' cycle ride from city centre.

### **Public transport:**

Nearby bus stops on Morrell Avenue and London Road; 400 P&R Service to and from Thornhill on St Clement's.

### **Parking:**

No suitable parking onsite for event attendees; nearest public car parks are St Clement's and Union Street.

**South Park is one of Oxford's largest parks with a beautiful view of the Oxford spires.**

Major events for the city have taken place here, such as the Radiohead homecoming concert in 2001, the Olympic Torch Relay celebrations in 2012 and Common People Festival from 2016 - 2018.

The park is in walking distance to the city centre and has excellent transport links to and from the city centre and Thornhill Park and Ride. It is well visited all year around and popular with local students.

## **!** Key Considerations

- Access width for vehicles: 3.9m (Headington Road), 5.2m (Morrell Avenue), 4.55m (Cheney Lane)
- The park contains historic ridge and furrow and Civil War earthworks. To protect the park, the number of large-sized events per year is restricted
- Competitive tender issued every summer to determine next year's events. For more information please email the Events Office
- The park is located on a slope. Event organisers decide if they wish to use the bottom or top area of the park.



## **📅** Previous & Current Events

- 2012 Olympics Torch Relay
- Radiohead Homecoming Concert
- Common People Festival
- Cancer Research's Pretty Muddy 5k
- Annual Fireworks Display
- Foodies Festival
- Circus Starr



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