

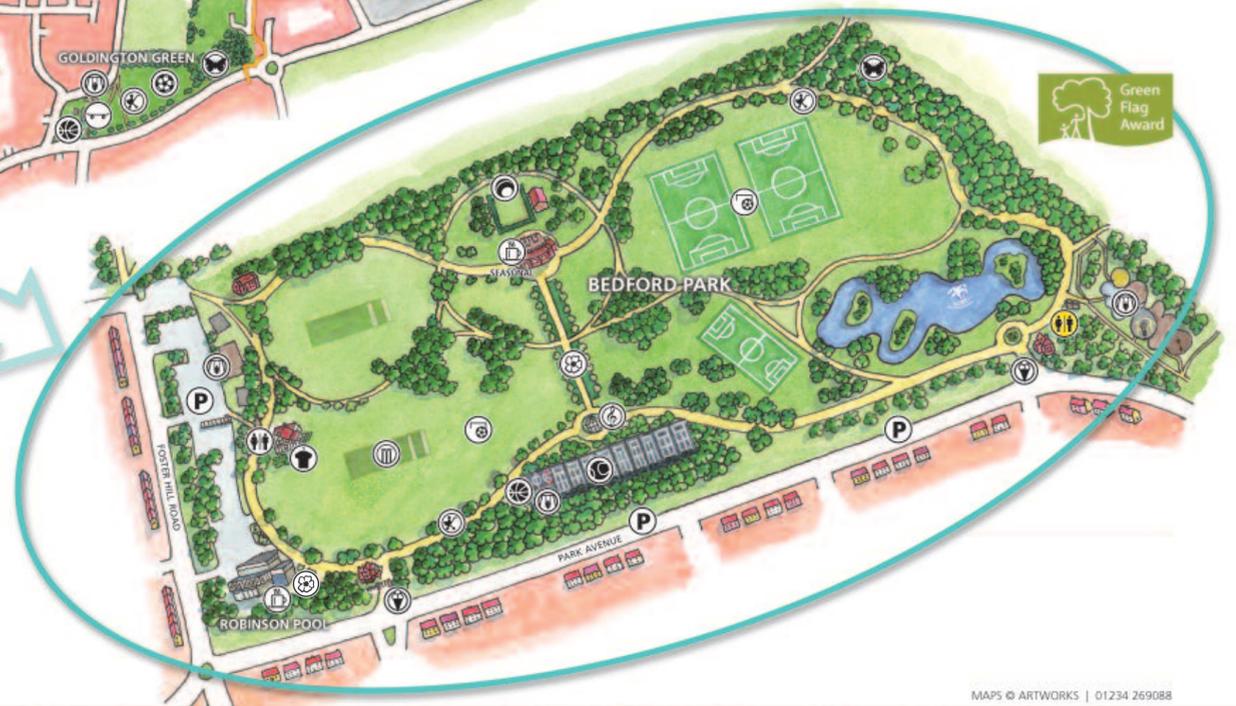


One of three guides to Parks and Open Spaces - North Bedford

A PLACE BEDFORD PARKS



- Bandstand
- Basketball court
- BMX
- Bowling green
- Cafe
- Car park / Roadside parking
- Changing rooms
- Cricket pitch
- Cycle routes
- Football pitches
- 5-a-side / casual football
- Formal gardens
- Ice cream van
- LNR** Local Nature Reserve
- Multi-use games area
- Play area
- Rugby pitch
- Skateboard facility
- Suitable for buggies and people with restricted mobility
- Tennis court
- Toilets
- Toilets inc. disabled facilities
- Wildlife area





The centrepiece of the former village of Goldington Green below historic Mowsbury Hill. forms a tranquil backdrop to the park, nestling the countryside beyond. Medieval Putney Wood and some of the best routes from town are providing good walks through the park and into circuit, in an attractively landscaped area. Extensive sports facilities including a BMX and bridleways are a great way to explore the woods, fields and villages of Bedfordshire. And don't forget that Bedford is surrounded by some wonderful countryside. Footpaths and paths are a great way to offer you. spaces, parks and play areas have to offer you. look around and see what your local open and fountain. This popular park, in the heart of Award winning park features flower borders, superb specimen tree trails together with a lake and fountain. This popular park, in the heart of

Goldington Green

A grand Victorian town park with original bandstand, pavilions and lodges. This Green Flag award winning park features flower borders, quiet, they may often be less busy. but the smaller sites are well worth exploring and enjoying. And if you want some peace and spaces, parks and play areas have to offer you. look around and see what your local open and fountain. This popular park, in the heart of

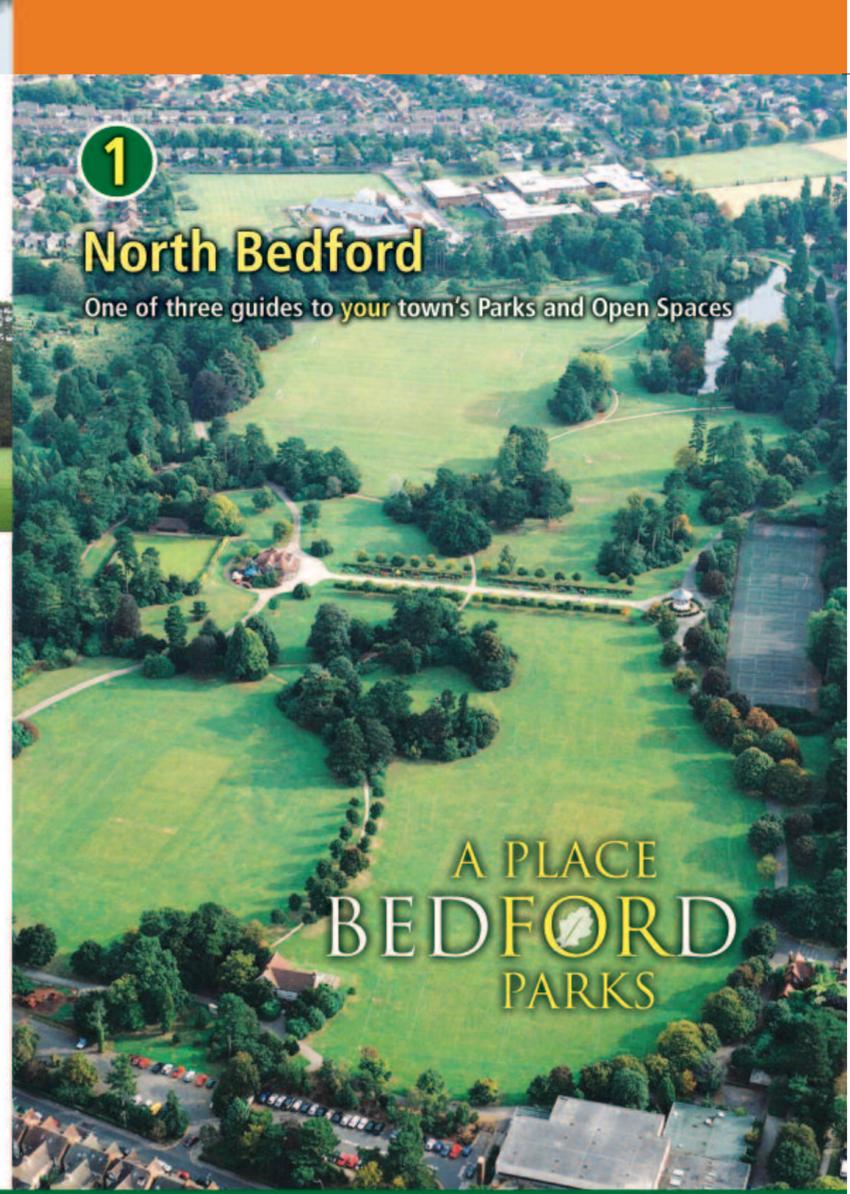
Mowsbury Park and Putney Wood

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Bedford Park

A snapshot of some of the area's larger parks.

Parks and Green Spaces in North Bedford



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Bedford and Kempston are criss-crossed by quiet roads and cycle routes and many of these pass through parks. The town is small enough to make most places 'an easy ride' and of course, cycling is great for the environment and your wellbeing. 'Tag along' bikes and trailers for children mean that all of the family can come, follow the blue signs to your local park or use the map to venture further afield. A comprehensive cycle map for Bedford and Kempston is available from the Tourist Information Centre.

Cycling

Most people in Bedford live within half a mile of their closest park and many are nearer than that. That's a 15 minute walk which can also help to work off some calories. Some route information is shown on the map and many of the blue cycleway signs have parks information on them.

Walking

The Bedford Green Wheel is a project to develop the existing network of traffic-free paths and quiet routes for cyclists and walkers around Bedford linking parks, nature reserves, countryside and homes. For more information contact the Parks Team on **01234 718278**.

Bedford Green Wheel

It's so easy to walk or cycle to green places in your neighbourhood and leaving the car at home can save you money and improve your health. Getting there...



Access for all

Bedford's buses serve many of our parks and the routes around town put them in reach of many people. Many services are suitable for people with wheelchairs or pushchairs. Bus information is available on **01234 228337**, through the Tourist Information Centre **01234 215226** or Stagecoach **01604 676060**.



Other Attractions

For further information on the town and country parks and outdoor recreation facilities managed by Bedford Borough Council, please visit www.bedford.gov.uk/parksandopenspaces

You will also find information on local In Bloom Campaigns at www.bedford.gov.uk/bedfordinbloom

In Bloom is a growing movement across our area, much encouraged by Bedford's success in recent years at both regional and national level.

Get Involved

We are always on the look out for volunteers to help with the management of our parks. Volunteer activities occur all year round and include tree and bulb planting, shrub pruning, weeding and litter picking.

If you're interested in getting involved in your local park, please contact our Senior Parks Officer on **01234 221749**

Bedford Tree Fund

Bedford Tree Fund is an independent charity working to support the planting and upkeep of trees in the parks, streets and open spaces throughout the Borough of Bedford.



If you would like to find out more please visit www.bedfordtreefund.org

FURTHER INFORMATION

Bedford Borough Council	www.bedford.gov.uk
Parks Officer	01234 227407
Countryside Sites Officer	01234 228759
Bows	Check notice board outside green
Pitch booking number	01234 351115
Robinson Pool	01234 354901
Memorial benches	01234 227407
Tourist Information Centre	01234 221712
www.bedford.gov.uk/tourism	
Rights of Way	01234 228928
Row@bedford.gov.uk	
Environment Service Helpdesk	01234 718060
To report incidents of littering, fly-tipping and graffiti.	

If you or someone you know would like this information in larger print please contact the Parks Team on **01234 718278**.



Not everyone is a dog lover and dogs can scare many people especially children - please keep dogs under control.

- Dog fouling is a criminal offence and can cause infections - clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly. Offenders can face Fixed Penalty fines.
- Please make sure that your dog doesn't disturb wild birds and animals - they can be very vulnerable.

Keep dogs under control

We would welcome suggestions on improving our parks for all users - please contact the Parks Team on **01234 718278**.

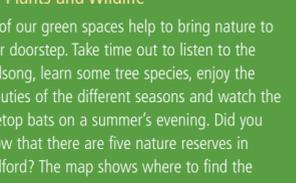
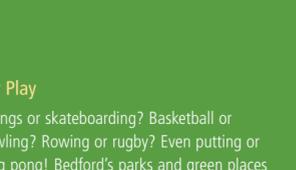
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- Cyclists and skateboarders - please slow down, give a warning if needed and plenty of room to other path users. Remember some people are deaf or have poor eyesight and will not be aware of you.
- Keep your music turned down - it may not be to everyone's taste!
- If you're playing a ball game be considerate of other nearby park users.
- Please be considerate to those that live nearby. Common courtesy and a smile can go a long way!
- No lighting of fires / BBQ's

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The Bedford Parks' Code



No dogs in play areas please - the only exceptions are guide dogs.

- No glass in play areas.
- Please look after the play equipment - it's there for everyone.
- Bullying and foul or abusive language is unacceptable.

Look after your play areas

Please leave plants and flowers for others to enjoy.

- Please report any vandalism or graffiti to the Borough Council Helpdesk on 0800 121 8888.
- Vandalism and graffiti spoil other people's enjoyment and cost money to make good.
- Litter is an eyesore and can be dangerous to children and wildlife. Please use the bins or drop it home with you - it's just as easy as dropping it. Remember that littering is a criminal offence.

Leave the park as you find it

So remember that Bedford's parks are your parks and treat them with care and respect.

We all want to enjoy our time in the park. Following this code of conduct will help everyone to do just that.

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All of these have been designed to help us to enjoy ourselves responsibly and safely in different places. Your green spaces can be similar to the countryside or roads - sometimes busy, conflicts are possible and unthinking or poor behaviour can cause offence or danger to other people.

We've all heard of the Countryside Code, the Highway Code or even the Green Cross Code!



What's On Offer?

For People
Our parks and green spaces have something for everyone. From places to simply stop and unwind to the excitement of major events, parks are vital to Bedford's well-being. If you want to improve your health, meet friends or watch the world go by, what better place than your local park? And it's usually only a stone's throw away.

For Pleasure
Walking off the Sunday lunch...a spin on your bike...admiring nature's colours...an evening jog...listening to the band...an ice cream on a hot day...relaxing with the family...even early morning tai chi...where else but your local park?

For Play
Swings or skateboarding? Basketball or bowling? Rowing or rugby? Even putting or ping pong! Bedford's parks and green places have play and sports facilities for all ages and abilities. With well over 80 play areas and provision for football, rugby, tennis, bowling, boating, cricket, basketball and simply running or cycling, our parks have something to help everyone's health and well being.

For Plants and Wildlife
All of our green spaces help to bring nature to your doorstep. Take time out to listen to the birdsong, learn some tree species, enjoy the beauties of the different seasons and watch the treetop bats on a summer's evening. Did you know that there are five nature reserves in Bedford? The map shows where to find the nearest one to you.

