



Discover Richmond's Parks

Background

There are some great parks and open spaces in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

We have put together some ideas to help you and your school to make the most of Richmond's green spaces and to encourage you to spend more time learning in them.

Outdoor learning is an approach to teaching. It is about making the most of the world around you and allowing children to learn through what they do, what they discover and what they encounter. It allows pupils to develop an understanding of the place that they learn in. It is about taking your curriculum and teaching it outside.

Choose a park or open space within walking distance to school. It can be big or small, covered in trees or open. Get to know it and assess its

Learning Walks for Schools in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

Learning walks for use in parks and open spaces

Curriculum areas covered include:
Literacy
Numeracy, Science

Geography, ICT,
Art and Design
Modern Foreign
Languages
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FIND A PARK NEAR YOU
http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/parks_and_open_spaces/find_a_park.htm

Benefits

In addition to supporting the curriculum outdoor learning allows children get to know their local area and gives them

direct contact with an open space which they can later visit with their families. Children will be encouraged to develop the habit of walking and have direct contact and access to nature.

Planning your trip

Here are a few things to bear in mind when planning a successful walk:

Plan your outdoor learning activities in the same way that you would an indoor teaching session and link your outdoor learning to indoor learning.

Keeping safe

To report a problem in a Richmond park, please use the form that can be found on the website

http://www.richmond.gov.uk/parks_and_open_spaces Please report criminal activity to the police on 101 or if it is an emergency dial 999.

This pack of resources is complemented by a family pack of Discovery Walks. Some of the activities have similar themes so that families can work together to explore the open spaces and parks local to them.

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If you have feedback on these resources contact outdoor.learning@outlook.com

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Collecting objects from the park

When collecting objects from the park it is important to set some ground rules. These might include the following:

Set boundaries for the distance that the children can go scavenging in and ensure that they are supervised by an adult.

At the end of the activity objects should be left in the park for others to enjoy.

Do not pick up anything that will not fit in the palm of your hand.

Do not pick up anything which might injure you or anyone else in any way – anything sharp, or heavy must not be collected.

If you find something that you are not sure about ask an adult.

Do not collect anything that is alive or might damage plants or the environment.

Be sure to wash your hands when you return to school.

Report anything which could be dangerous to the parks department www.richmond.gov.uk/parks

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