

Venue Pack

A guide to our parks for
events and filming



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Introduction

Our parks are ideal places to host your own event from community picnics to festivals or for filming opportunities. We welcome requests from groups and organisations to organise their own events and activities in the parks in Milton Keynes. Many regional and national events have taken place in our parkland making Milton Keynes a great location. The city has good road and rail links, being just 30 minutes rail journey from Birmingham and London, with major road links M1 and A5 flowing through the city.

Due to the unique makeup of Milton Keynes the parkland areas available for events or filming range from a large central city park to lakes and woodland and are suitable for many different occasions.

Recommended parkland areas include:

- Campbell Park
- Willen Lake North
- Willen Lake South
- Furzton Lake (Suitable for smaller community events only)
- Caldecotte Lake
- Great Linford Manor Park
- Tree Cathedral
- Concrete Cows (photos/filming only)
- Roman Villa, Bancroft (Suitable for small events only)
- Millfield (Suitable for small events only)

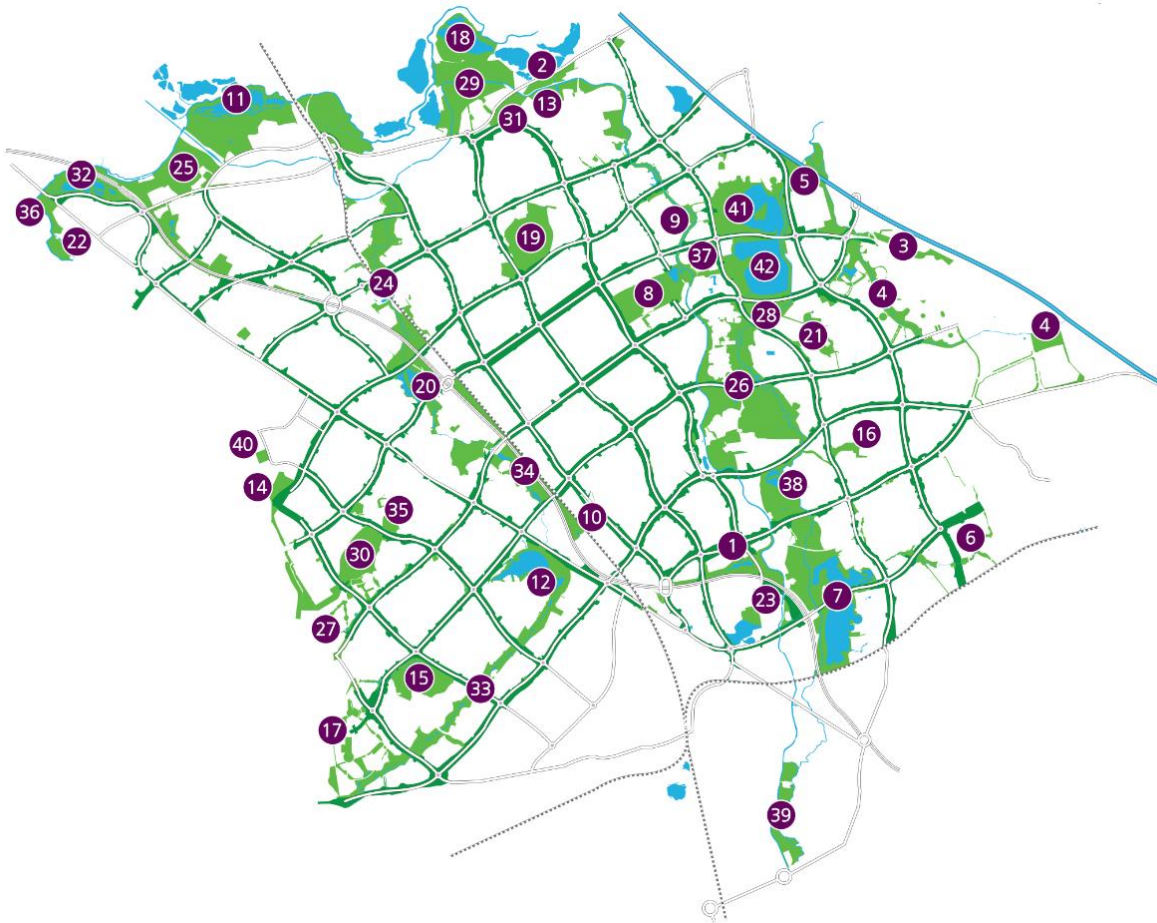
Within this guide each recommended parkland area has a dedicated page explaining valuable information and statistics. The map on page 3 shows the various different parks and locations within Milton Keynes. Further information about smaller and developing parkland can be found on our website www.theparkstrust.com/your-parks.

We welcome applications for a whole variety of activities across our whole parkland estate; please contact the events team on 01908 233600 to find out more.

If you wish to enquire about using **Willen Lake**, please contact the team there on enquiries@willenlake.org.uk or 01908 246599, for all other parks contact the team at The Parks Trust

To apply to use the parks for events, please see our online guide or contact The Parks Trust team on 01908 233600. Rate cards are also available from our website or by us contacting directly.

Our Parks



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| 1. Ashland Lakes | 22. Millfield |
| 2. Black Horse Wood | 23. Mount Farm Trials Park |
| 3. Brooklands Meadows Park | 24. Loughton Valley Park |
| 4. Broughton Brook Park | 25. Ouse Valley Park |
| 5. BMX Track | 26. Ouzel Valley Park |
| 6. Caldecotte Brook | 27. Oxley Park |
| 7. Caldecotte Lake | 28. The Poplar Plantation |
| 8. Campbell Park | 29. Stanton Low Park |
| 9. Canal Broadwalk | 30. Shenley Wood |
| 10. Elfield Nature Park | 31. Stonepit Field |
| 11. Floodplain Forest Nature Reserve | 32. Stony Stratford Nature Reserve |
| 12. Furzton Lake | 33. Tattenhoe Valley |
| 13. Great Linford Manor Park | 34. Teardrop Lakes |
| 14. Hazeley Wood | 35. The Toot |
| 15. Howe Park Wood | 36. Tombs Meadow |
| 16. Kents Hill Park | 37. The Tree Cathedral at Newlands |
| 17. Kingsmead | 38. Walton Lake |
| 18. Linford Lakes Nature Reserve | 39. Waterhall Park |
| 19. Linford Wood | 40. Whitehouse Park |
| 20. Lodge Lake & Loughton | 41. Willen Lake North |
| 21. Middleton Park | 42. Willen Lake South |

Campbell Park

This Grade II listed central city park is in a prime location adjacent to the major shopping mall Centre: MK and leisure outlets such as Xscape and MK Theatre. Campbell Park has its own events area suitable for circuses and funfairs as well as a natural amphitheatre with permanent outdoor stage for concerts and music festivals. The bottom of the park boasts a county standard cricket pitch suitable for cricket matches for all levels. Campbell Park is known as the art park in Milton Keynes with several iconic sculptures providing a perfect back drop for filming projects.

Venue Details

Size: 123 acres Licensable area 27 acres

Capacity:

- Events area: 10,000
- Amphitheatre: 5,000
- Cricket area: 5,000
- MK Rose: 500

Services available: Electricity and water connections, Permanent outdoor stage

Transport links: Good links from major roads M1 and A5, local bus and rail links, good public parking nearby at Milton Keynes Shopping Centre

Previous events include:

- Annual City Funfair & Fireworks Display
- IF: MK International Festival
- Art in the Park
- Community Festivals
- Proms in Campbell Park
- Open Air Cinema
- India Day: MK
- African Diaspora Festival
- Music Concerts with artists such as Craig David & Rag'n'Bone Man
- Circus
- Cross Country
- Running events
- World Cup Cyclo-cross 2014
- Rugby World Cup 2015 Fanzone
- Milton Keynes Pride Festival
- Oktoberfest
- Fitness sessions
- Civic occasions at Milton Keynes Rose

Previous filming projects include:

- Jurys Inn Advertisement
- BBC Look East



Willen Lake North

Willen Lake North is home to one of Milton Keynes' best-known landmarks, the first Peace Pagoda to be built in the western world - and to a rich and varied bird population. Willen is a peaceful lake with a natural amphitheatre set within the grounds great for small to mid-sized events, fun runs and other sponsored activities, perfect for filming or photography using well known landscape.

Venue Details

Size: 24 acres

Capacity: 1,000

Services available: Pay and display car park

Transport links: Local bus and road links off V10 Brickhill Street, direct access from M1 motorway

Previous events include:

- Charity Fun Runs and Walks
- Peace Pagoda Anniversary
- Community Fun Days e.g. Scout Jamboree, Community Picnic, Willen Hospice Fundraisers.
- Yoga in the Park

Previous filming projects includes:

- BBC Filming Tinderflint Filming –
- Mercedes advertisement



Willen Lake South

Willen Lake South is the most popular park in the region, attracting more than one million visitors each year to take part in water sports, high ropes, special events, or to jog, picnic or walk.

The lake hosts many regional events annually including a Dragon Boat Festival, and Race for Life.

Onsite attractions include Treetop Extreme, Trim Trail, Splash and Play, Aqua Parcs, Play Area

Venue Details

Size: 30 acres (excluding lake area)

Capacity: 10,000

Services available:

- Pay and display car park and over flow car parks
- Electricity
- Water
- Lakeside pub
- Fitness club
- Hotel
- Cafe
- Public toilets
- Watersports activities
- Teambuilding days
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Transport links: Local bus and road links from V10 Brickhill Street, direct access from M1 motorway

Previous events include:

- Big Doggie Do
- Dragon Boat Festival
- Art in the Park 2018 & 2019
- Race for Life
- Charity Runs
- Colour Obstacle Rush
- Community Fun Days
- ParkRun
- MKIF: International Festival 2014 & 2016
- Best Christmas Parties
- Summer Funfair
- Friendsfest
- Willen on Ice
- Mk Winter Half Marathon

Previous filming projects include:

- BBC – The One Show

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Furzton Lake

Furzton Lake's open views make it a popular choice for running events and community fun days. Furzton Lake is also a good location for photography with the iconic Triple Star Head sculpture by Romanian artist Paul Neagu overlooking the lake which has become an oasis for wildlife.

Venue Details

Size: 8 acres

Capacity: 200

Services available:

- Car park
- Lakeside hotel and pub
- Mini Golf and Italian Café
- Accessible toilets

Transport links: Direct road link to A5 off V4 Watling Street, Helipad

Previous events include:

- UK Model Yacht Championships
- MK Angling Association Fishing Championships
- Community Fun Days
- Charity runs
- Redway Runners Relay
- Charity Walks



Caldecotte Lake

Caldecotte Lake regularly hosts water sport events with the Caldecotte Xperience and the local rowing and sailing clubs holding open days and regattas every year. Caldecotte Lake is a great choice for charity running and walking events as well as a perfect location for filming and photography with iconic landmarks and wildlife taking centre stage.

Venue Details

Size: 16 acres

Capacity: 1000

Services available:

- Car park
- Lakeside hotel and pub
- Mini-railway

Transport links: Direct road link to A5 off H10 Bletcham Way

Previous events include:

- Rowing Regatta
- Milton Keynes Marathon
- Small Charity Walks
- Running Events
- Regional Dragon Boat Race

Previous filming includes:

- GMTV Filming
- Audi Film
- Little Gem Media
- Family documentary for Sky



Great Linford Manor Park

Home of the Veteran Lime Tree, Great Linford Manor Park gives a flavour of the 18th century fashion for shaping the landscape whilst sitting comfortably beside the Grand Union Canal and the 17th century manor house. The park hosts various recreational events every year from orienteering to running activities in addition to a traditional May Day. The location of the canal and the manor house beside the parkland makes it a very attractive location for filming and photography.

Please note the manor house is a private residence and not available for hire.

Venue Details

Size: 8 acres

Capacity: 500

Services available: Car park

Transport links: On local bus route, road network from Monks Way

Previous events include:

- May Day
- Family Heritage Open Day
- Orienteering
- Community Fun Days
- Organised Cycle Rides
- Charity Fun Runs and Walks
- Community Picnics
- Wedding Receptions
- Yoga in the Park
- Food Festivals
- Open air Theatre

Previous filming includes:

- BBC Filming
- My Weekly Magazine Photo-shoot
- BBC – Nadiya’s Great British Food Adventure



Tree Cathedral

Suitable for intimate events and filming, the Tree Cathedral's outline is based on Norwich Cathedral and was designed in 1986 by landscape architect Neil Higson. He chose different species of trees to represent the character of the Cathedral's sections: hornbeam and tall-growing lime for the Nave, evergreens to represent the central tower and spires, flowering cherry and apple as a focus in the chapels. In springtime colourful bulbs represent the sun shining through stained glass windows onto the ground.

Please note - due to there not being a permanent structure at the Tree Cathedral only blessing services are allowed to take place there.

Venue Details

Size: 5 acres

Capacity: 200

Services available: Pay and display car park

Transport links: Local bus and road links

Previous events include:

- Wedding blessings & receptions
- Animal blessing service
- Private blessing events
- IF: International Festival 2014 Dance Installation 'Under the Vaulted Sky'
- Community Picnics
- Yoga in the Park
- Carols at the Cathedral



Concrete Cows

Over the years, Milton Keynes has become renowned if not infamous for the concrete cows, but like much of the New City they have now acquired something of a history of their own. They were made by Liz Leyh with the community, a Canadian born artist/sculptress in 1978. The set that currently reside in Loughton Valley Park are the replica set made by Bill Billings and often used in attractive photography and filming projects.

Venue Details

Transport links: Direct link from A5 off H3 Millers Way



Using our parks for filming and photography

To apply to use any of our parks for filming or photography please complete the [online form](#) or call 01908 233600 or email info@theparkstrust.com for information.

Once application has been received a letter outlining required documentation will then be sent to you via email. Required documents include a risk assessment and a copy of your public liability insurance. For most filming projects, your storyboard will also be required.

Once required documentation is received, your licence will be supplied allowing you to use the attractive parkland for your project.

Whilst we can be flexible, we do require at least one week's notice to process a filming or photography application.

Filming and photography current fees schedule

Duration	Fee
Filming/Photography up to 4 hours	£140+VAT
Filming/Photography up to 8 hours	£280+VAT
Annual commercial photography licence (stills only)	£140+VAT

Please complete the online form to apply to use our parks for filming or photography

Whilst we can be flexible we do require at least one weeks' notice to process a filming or photography application. The Parks Trust reserves the right to reject any requests that are unsuitable. It may not be possible to facilitate shoots during peak season or when particular events are taking place.

Commercial Photographers

If you would like to apply to host regular portrait photoshoots in our parks as part of your commercial photography business, please apply to events@theparkstrust.com.

with a copy of your risk assessment and public liability insurance. We offer an annual commercial photography licence at £140+VAT.