



Core Rules and Regulations for the Use of Petersfield Heath and Pond

General

1. All persons must be mindful of the rights and enjoyment of others. No activity or behaviour shall be allowed to inconvenience, disturb or spoil the enjoyment of other users.
2. Fires are not permitted. This includes barbeques and portable stoves (unless special permission has been obtained in writing from Petersfield Town Council).
3. All persons shall treat the environment with respect and shall refrain from causing damage, trauma and stress to flora and fauna including all trees, shrubs, vegetation and wildlife.
4. The burial mounds (tumuli) are Scheduled Ancient Monuments and are of national importance. Care should be taken not to damage them.
5. Digging in the ground or the removal of any plant, tree or shrub is prohibited (unless special permission has been obtained in writing from Petersfield Town Council).
6. Only authorised vehicles are permitted to drive on the Heath. Such authorisation will be provided in writing by the Council. All other vehicles must use the public car parks.
7. The general use of bicycles, tricycles and unicycles is prohibited on the Heath. However, children under 10 years of age and with supervision are permitted to use cycles on the footpaths.
8. The use of motorised (including electric power) bicycles, tricycles and unicycles is prohibited in all areas of the Heath.
9. Drunken, loud, vexatious, offensive or abusive behaviour is prohibited.
10. Litter must be disposed of in the bins or taken off the site. Civil Enforcement Officers may issue penalty notices of £80 to persons who drop litter.

Organised Events (including Fitness & Exercise Groups)

11. All Organised Events and Groups need to follow Council policy, register with and seek permission, where relevant, from Council.
12. Hiring charges, where relevant, will be applied according to Council policy.
13. An area to run the event will be agreed between the event organisers and Petersfield Town Council prior to the event taking place.
14. Organisers of any event or activity must have own insurance and public liability
15. There must be no obstruction of pathways, entrances or exits.
16. The area used for the event is to be kept clean and tidy, no mess of any kind is to be left behind after the event.
17. All litter from the event must be removed from the site.
18. Any retail food provided directly or indirectly by the event organisers must be approved by Petersfield Town Council.
19. Signs must be erected by the event organisers at the main entrances and car parks of the Heath to direct people to the location of the event. These must be removed immediately after the event has finished.

Sports & Other Activities

20. The use of metal detectors and locators is prohibited.
21. The playing or practice of golf is prohibited in all areas of the Heath.
22. Ball games are only permitted on the mown grassed areas of the Heath.

23. The Cricket pitch and outfield is reserved for use by Petersfield Cricket Club. Ball games or any other activity likely to cause damage is prohibited. Pedestrians must keep to the designated footpaths and not stray onto the cricket pitch.
24. The take-off, landing and flying of drones and model aircraft on and above the Heath and pond is prohibited (unless special permission has been obtained in writing from Petersfield Town Council).

Animals

25. All persons bringing a dog onto the Heath shall ensure that such dog be and continue to be under proper control, and be effectually restrained from causing annoyance to any person, and from worrying or disturbing any animal or waterfowl, and from entering the pond.
26. Dog fouling must be collected and placed in the litter bins or taken off the site. Civil Enforcement Officers may issue penalty notices of £50 to persons who fail to clear up their dog's mess.
27. Dogs are prohibited from entering the pond.
28. Horse riding is prohibited in all areas of the Heath

Pond & Fishing

29. Swimming or bathing in the pond is prohibited.
30. Motorised boats are prohibited (unless special permission has been obtained in writing from Petersfield Town Council).
31. Only licensed pleasure boats and canoes are permitted on the pond. Licences can be purchased from Council.
32. Possession of a current fishing day-permit or season ticket is required in order to fish on Heath Pond. This may be obtained from The Heath Pond Association 07920102623

Note : The foregoing rules are currently implemented and can be enforced by Officers of Petersfield Town Council as supplementary to but not superseding or replacing the "Heath Byelaws" authorised in statute and signed by the Secretary of State on 28th February 1956

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