

# BBQs in the park

## Guidelines for use of BBQs



Park Rangers and Camden Security patrol our parks and open spaces to ensure the safety of park users and local residents. If they feel a BBQ is not safe and does not follow the guidelines above it will be extinguished.

### Choosing your BBQ

- Disposable or gas BBQs are not allowed. Please use reusable charcoal BBQs.
- Only use approved BBQ fuel or firelighters, never use petrol, paraffin or biofuel.

### Be safety conscious

- Take some water to put out the BBQ and make sure the BBQ is cool before you try and move it.
- Put your BBQ on level ground away from trees, houses, park furniture and other park users.
- Empty the cooled charcoal and ash in the BBQ charcoal bins/bucket provided.
- Keep children, pets, games and sports well away from the cooking area.
- Never leave the BBQ unattended.

### BBQ responsibly

- Be considerate to other park users ensuring your BBQ does not affect others.
- Please don't play amplified music.
- Dispose of all litter properly and recycle your rubbish where possible.

If you intend to hold an event with more than 20 people, with promotion, music, sale of food or alcohol or for additional information visit [camden.gov.uk/events](http://camden.gov.uk/events)

**In case of fire,  
always call 999**

## Barbecues

You are welcome to have a barbecue in our parks. Please use our tips on how to enjoy them safely.

The decision to allow barbecues has been very popular with residents since it was introduced, particularly during summer months. Below are some guidelines that we ask you to follow:

- If you are planning on having more than 50 people at your barbecue or intend to use a gazebo or play music you will need to apply for a licence. Our EventApp below can help you with this.
- Before starting your barbecue, make sure it is on a stand and not placed directly on the grass.
- We advise you to use 'kettle' type barbecues rather than disposable foil ones – this helps reduce smoke levels.
- Use your barbecue in the centre of the park if there is not a dedicated area - not near homes.
- Take some water to put out the barbecue once it's finished.
- Make sure barbecues are cool before putting them in the bin. Special barbecue disposal bins are available on Highbury Fields.
- Dispose of all litter properly, and recycle your rubbish wherever possible.
- Keep children supervised around the barbecue at all times.

## Barbecue area in Highbury Fields

We're consulting on a proposal to introduce a byelaw on the use of barbecues in Highbury Fields. Find out more and have your say.

Please use the **marked barbecue area**

**([https://www.islington.gov.uk:443/-/media/images/content-images/sports-parks-and-trees/highbury-fields-bbq-area-only.jpg?](https://www.islington.gov.uk:443/-/media/images/content-images/sports-parks-and-trees/highbury-fields-bbq-area-only.jpg?la=en&hash=D23F37AD00B95943920CEDFCCA938D9602FEBA67)**

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We have chosen this spot because we think it best suits the needs of people who want to barbecue while keeping disruption to local residents to a minimum.

If you want to have a barbecue please use this area, follow our guidelines and finish by 9pm.

The council will be looking to introduce regulations on the measures next summer, following a public consultation.

[For more information please read our press release \(https://www.islington.media/news/statement-barbecues-in-highbury-fields\)](https://www.islington.media/news/statement-barbecues-in-highbury-fields)

## Anti-social behaviour in parks

The council and police take anti-social behaviour in our parks very seriously. We have a dedicated parks patrol service who will deal with any issues they witness, but you can also [report incidents to the council 24/7. \(/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour/antisocialbehaviourreporting\)](https://www.islington.gov.uk/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour/antisocialbehaviourreporting)

**In an emergency always call 999.**

If you are planning on having more than 50 people at your barbecue or intend to use a gazebo or play music you will need to apply for a licence. Gas canisters are not allowed unless the canister is under 300g. Our EventApp below can help you with this:

**EventApp (<https://www.eventapp.org/islington/>)**

## Related information

### **[Report anti-social behaviour](https://www.islington.gov.uk/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour/antisocialbehaviourreporting)**

[Use this form to report anti-social behaviour \(/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour/antisocialbehaviourreporting\)](https://www.islington.gov.uk/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour/antisocialbehaviourreporting)

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### **[Consultation on introducing a new barbecue byelaw on Highbury Fields](https://www.islington.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-on-introducing-a-new-barbecue-byelaw-on-highbury-fields)**

[Participate in the consultation on a new barbecue byelaw on Highbury Fields \(/consultations/consultation-on-introducing-a-new-barbecue-byelaw-on-highbury-fields\)](https://www.islington.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-on-introducing-a-new-barbecue-byelaw-on-highbury-fields)

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