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# West Berkshire Council

## Information sheet

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### Parks and Public Open Spaces

At the daily press briefing recently (Saturday 18 April), the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick, underlined the importance of public parks and open spaces remaining open to the public and urged councils to ensure they were accessible for local people.

Guidance for the public has been issued at [www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-guidance-on-access-to-green-spaces](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-guidance-on-access-to-green-spaces) and includes the following:

- Individuals should stay local and use open spaces near to their home where possible – no-one should travel unnecessarily.
- Everyone should only go outside alone or with members of their own household, keeping at least two metres apart from anyone else at all times.
- Gatherings of more than two in parks or other public spaces have been banned and the police will enforce this.
- Those who have a garden should make use of the space for exercise and fresh air.
- Everyone should take hygiene precautions when you outside and wash their hands as soon as they are back indoors.
- Anyone walking a dog in an area used by other people should keep the dog on a lead to ensure they can safely keep two metres away from others.

