
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 1639

The Royal Parks and Other Open Spaces Regulations 1997

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Parks and Other Open Spaces Regulations 1997 and shall come into force on 1st October 1997.

(2) In these Regulations:—

“constable” includes a park constable within the meaning of section 3 of the Parks Regulation Act 1872⁽¹⁾ as amended by the Parks Regulation (Amendment) Act 1974⁽²⁾;

“Palace” means Buckingham Palace, Hampton Court Palace or St. James’s Palace;

“Park” means an area of land described in Schedule 1 to these Regulations;

“Park road” means a road, which is for the time being open to vehicular traffic, in a Park;

“taxi” means a vehicle licensed under section 6 of the Metropolitan Carriage Act 1869⁽³⁾;

“the public speaking area” means that part of Hyde Park bounded by Cumberland Gate and North Carriage Drive on the north, Stanhope Walk on the west, Grosvenor Walk on the south, and the Broad Walk on the east, including the area known as Speakers' Corner;

“the riding ways” means—

- (a) in relation to Hyde Park, the Park roads therein and the horse rides known as the Dorchester Ride, the Ladies' Mile, the New Ride, the North Ride, Rotten Row and the Serpentine Ride, and
- (b) in relation to St. James’s and The Green Parks, the Park roads therein and the horse rides known as Constitution Hill Ride and the Mall Ride.

(1) 1872 c. 15.
(2) 1974 c. 29.
(3) 1869 c. 115.