

London Blossom Garden – Guidance for visitors

A blossom garden created to honour those that lost their lives to Covid-19.

The London Blossom Garden was created in partnership with the Mayor of London, the National Trust and Bloomberg, and is the first in a series of living memorials to the pandemic organised by the National Trust.

Located by the North East lawns of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (QEOP), The 33 trees – one for each London borough and the City of London – will bloom in spring each year, coinciding with the start of the first lockdown in 2020. The garden has been planted in three rings – a central ring of 17 trees, and two smaller rings of nine and seven trees, and comprise eight different species of tree.

Visitors are invited to walk through and around the garden making use of the benches for moments of reflection and contemplation.

Information for visitors to the Garden

- The Garden is accessible with a path suitable for wheelchair users.
- Please feel free to sit in the garden, on the benches or on the grass.
- The area will be open all year round however, there may be instances where the space may have to be closed off due to severe weather conditions or for maintenance.
- Please ensure you follow government guidance on social distancing.
- The nearest toilets are at the Timber Lodge Café (just a minute or two's walk).
- Please be considerate to others who are also visiting the Garden.
- Please take away any litter away with you.

Please note:

- We understand it is popular to fix ribbons to trees but please understand our trees are young and are still growing therefore anything tied to a tree will be removed. Similarly, please do not fix anything into the ground.
- We welcome flower tributes - these should be placed in the designated space for flowers, by the information boards. These will be checked regularly by our gardening team and dead/dying flowers will be removed.
- Please do not leave photographs, candles, or other tributes such as soft toys, as these will be removed and disposed of.
- More information about memorials on the Park can be found here ([link to memorial policy](#))
- If you would like to picnic, please make use of the surrounding parkland areas, which are more suitable for this activity than London Blossom Garden. More information can be found on our website

<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/guidance-note-for-picnics-on-queen-elizabeth-olympic-park>

Use of the space by groups and exclusive groups:

- Whilst we encourage group visits to the Park, we ask that when visiting the Garden during busy times, you may want to visit in smaller numbers so that everyone can appreciate the garden. There are plenty of things to do in the Park whilst waiting <https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/the-park/things-to-do/explore-the-park>
- The Garden will not be available for exclusive use or hire except for special circumstances at the discretion of the Director of Park Operations and Venues.
- If you would like to hold an event in the Park including the areas surrounding the Garden, please contact our Events Team. More details can be found here <https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/media/venue-hire-and-filming/stage-an-event>