

THE PARK RULES



apply in all public green spaces and recreation areas
(which can be recognised by the tulip sign at the entrances).

1. Be **CONSIDERATE** to other people, plants, animals and any equipment.
 - a. Be considerate to others e.g. when playing ball games.
 - b. Respect the city's green spaces: be mindful of vegetation, do not walk on flowerbeds.
 - c. Keep equipment such as benches clean and usable, so that they can continue to be used by everyone.
2. Only **CYCLE** on marked cycle paths.
 - a. Some main roads may be used by cyclists. Pedestrians always have right of way.
 - b. Be especially considerate of children and people with restricted mobility.
 - c. Motorised vehicles such as e-scooters are not permitted in the green spaces.
3. **CLEAR AWAY RUBBISH AND REMOVE ANY DIRT** immediately.
 - a. Avoid waste and recycle unavoidable waste if possible.
 - b. Dog owners are responsible for their animals. Dog waste must be removed immediately. You are not entitled to a poop bag.
 - c. Cigarette stubs are not very biodegradable, poison soil and groundwater, and are a danger to children, so please always dispose of them in a waste bin.
4. Keep **NOISE LEVELS** down and adhere to the night hours.
 - a. Being considerate towards others is the top priority when it comes to noise levels.
 - b. Noise that severely disturbs other people is not permitted. This also applies to loud music.
 - c. You must not make any noise during night hours, which are 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
5. **BARBECUES AND OPEN FLAMES** are not permitted.
 - a. Barbecues and open flames can cause fires and damage vegetation.
 - b. The smoke and smells annoy other park visitors and residents.
 - c. You are only allowed to barbecue at marked barbecue spots.
6. Always keep your **DOG** on the lead.
 - a. Be considerate of others. This is for everyone's safety and well-being.
 - b. To ensure that vegetation is not damaged and wild animals are not startled.
 - c. Dogs are allowed to roam freely in marked dog areas.
7. Do not feed **WILD ANIMALS**.
 - a. Wild animals should remain wild and not become accustomed to being fed.
 - b. Giving animals the wrong kind of feed is bad for their health - never give them bread or leftovers.
 - c. Leftover food attracts rats and other pests. If left in water, it can lower oxygen levels and kill fish.
8. **SWIMMING** is only allowed in marked swimming areas.
 - a. Water-side plants are important for ecological balance. They are a place of retreat for animals. Plants and animals are destroyed by people walking along riverbanks.
 - b. The water quality is regularly monitored in marked swimming areas to warn swimmers if there is any pollution that may be damaging to health.
 - c. Swimming in the River Spree is strictly forbidden due to the shipping traffic and the poor water quality.

Be a role model for others! Berlin's parks can only be a meeting point and a place of recreation for everyone if we all stick to these rules and treat the city's green spaces with **respect**.

