

Draft 2021 Spring/Summer/Autumn Swimming Season Proposals

In line with National Lockdown announced on 4 January 2021 the Bathing Ponds and Lido are currently closed.

Once the current National Lockdown ends, the City of London Corporation will seek to put the arrangements in place and reopen the Bathing Ponds and Lido to maintain Covid Secure swimming.

Officers have prepared the draft 2021 Spring/Summer/Autumn Swimming proposals. It is recognised that these proposals may need to be adapted to ensure they are consistent with the latest Government guidance. Therefore, Officers will take a practical and flexible approach to implementation of these proposals.

Sessions

It is proposed that from Monday 29 March 2021, the Highgate Men's Bathing Pond, Kenwood Ladies' Bathing Pond and Hampstead Mixed Bathing Pond revert to Session Swimming. Capped free flow will be in place during Session 1 and Sessions 2-8 will operate as pre-booked Sessions.

The Parliament Hill Fields Lido will continue to operate with capped free flow until 30 April 2021 and will revert to Session Swimming on 1 May 2021.

On Monday 21 September Session Swimming will cease at the Bathing Ponds and Lido, and all facilities will revert to entry via capped free flow.

Extended Season

It is proposed to trial an extended Summer Season at the Hampstead Mixed Bathing Pond, and to Lifeguard the Mixed Pond from Monday 29 March 2021 - 30 October 2021. Previously the Mixed Pond was only Lifeguarded between May-September.

This aims to provide additional capacity for swimmers in the spring and autumn. It is proposed that evening swimming arrangements at the Mixed Pond will mirror the arrangements at the Men's and Ladies' Ponds, as set out below. Previously the Mixed Pond only opened for late swimming on Wednesdays during July.

Charges

This will be addressed within the proposed Fees and Charges report.

Season Tickets

It is proposed that Season Ticket wristbands can be used for both pre-booked and capped free flow Sessions.

Online Booking

Officers are working to implement online-booking arrangements. Phone booking arrangements will continue for those who are not able to book online.

Parliament Hill Fields Lido

Capped free flow Swimming – until 30 April 2021

Capped free flow	Open
Lane Swimming	7.00-13.00*

*Last entry at 12.30.

Timed Sessions Swimming – 1 May – 20 September 2021

Session	Open
1 - Lane Swimming – capped free flow	7.00-10.00*
2 - Family Swimming – pre-booking only	11.00-12.00
3 - Family Swimming – pre-booking only	12.30-13.30
4 - Family Swimming – pre-booking only	14.00-15.00
5 - Family Swimming – pre-booking only	15.30-16.30
6 - Lane Swimming – pre-booking only	17.30-18.30
7** - Lane Swimming – pre-booking only	19.00-20.00

*Last entry at 09.30.

** No session on Tuesday evenings to facilitate Triathlete Club training.

Session swimming will prevent overcrowding and allow Social Distancing measures to be maintained.

Sufficient time has been allocated between sessions to facilitate cleaning and preparation for the next session.

Session 1 – Lane Swimming

- Capped free flow. Pre-booking not available.
- Up to 90 swimmers will be permitted to use the Lido at any one time (once the sessions reaches capacity, entry will be managed by the Steward/Cashier on a one out one in basis for the remainder of the Session).
- Lane swimming only (20 swimmers in each lane swimming in one direction, at least 4m apart to maintain distancing. No stopping at each end. 5 lanes available. Lanes are 5m wide and marked for swimming abilities).
- Children's slide and paddling pool closed.
- Sauna closed.
- Season tickets will be accepted.

Sessions 2 - 5 – Family Swimming

- Up to 120 swimmers per Session. Session tickets must be pre-booked.
- An adult can bring up to 2 children (from within their household).
- Children will also need to be competent swimmers.
- Children under 16 will not be permitted to swim without an adult.
- 4 x width lanes available for lane swimming.
- Children's slide and paddling pool open.
- Sauna closed.
- Season tickets will be accepted.

Sessions 6-7 – Lane Swimming

- Up to 90 swimmers per Session. Session tickets must be pre-booked.
- Lane swimming only (20 swimmers in each lane swimming in one direction, at least 4m apart to maintain distancing. No stopping at each end. 5 lanes available. Lanes are 5m wide and marked for swimming abilities).
- Children’s slide and paddling pool closed.
- Sauna closed.
- Season tickets will be accepted

Social Distancing Arrangements (all sessions)

To ensure Social Distancing measures, a one-way system will be in place:

Entrance queue – 2m spacing markers on ground along entrance ramp and path. Barriers erected along path. Staff will hold the queue at the bottom of entrance ramp until the entry kiosk is clear then allow the next swimmer to move forward.

One-way system – Arrows on floor. From foyer to the changing rooms, use middle door to access poolside, swim in lanes, exit pool and use the poolside showers, use the main poolside opening to again access to and changing, use exit turnstiles at end of the changing rooms. The internal showers and toilets will remain closed. The four outdoor showers and poolside toilets will be available for swimmers to use.

Metal barriers with signage attached to help with one-way system and messaging to swimmers.

Poolside arrangements (all sessions)

- Sunbathing will be permitted, subject to Social Distancing requirements.
- Waste & recycling maintained.
- Swimmers will be encouraged to use the poolside for changing to alleviate the pressure on the changing rooms.
- Drinking water fountains not available.
- Cleaning/hygiene – Time has been allocated between sessions for cleaning to be undertaken.

Highgate Men’s Bathing Pond

Timed Sessions Swimming 29 March – 20 September 2021

Time Changes	Sessions
Monday 29 March – Saturday 10 April 2021	1-5
Sunday 11 April – Saturday 1 May 2021	1-6
Sunday 2 May – Saturday 14 August 2021	1-8
Sunday 15 August – Monday 23 August 2021	1-7
Tuesday 24 August – Sunday 20 September 2021	1-6

Session	Open	Type
1	7.00-10.00*	Capped Free Flow (no booking available)
2	10.30-11.30	pre-book only
3	12.00-13.00	pre-book only
4	13.30-14.30	pre-book only
5	15.00-16.00	pre-book only
6	16.30-17.30	pre-book only
7	18.00-19.00	pre-book only
8	19.30-20.30	pre-book only

*Last entry at 09.30.

Session swimming will prevent overcrowding and allow Social Distancing measures to be maintained. Sufficient time has been allocated between sessions to facilitate cleaning and preparation for the next session.

Session 1

- Capped free flow. Pre-booking not available.
- Up to 60 swimmers will be permitted to use the Men's Pond at any one time (once the sessions reaches capacity, entry will be managed by the Steward on a one out one in basis for the remainder of the session).
- No access to the diving board.
- No swimming for children aged 8-15.
- Season tickets will be accepted

Sessions 2-8

- Session tickets must be pre-booked.
- Up to 60 swimmers per Session.
- No access to the diving board.
- No swimming for children aged 8-15.
- Season tickets will be accepted.

Social Distancing Arrangements (all sessions)

To ensure Social Distancing measures, a one-way system will be in place at the facility:

- Entrance queue – 2m spacing markers on ground.
- One-way swimming arrangements with swimmers exiting the pond from the Highgate Lifebuoys jetty.

Compound arrangements (all sessions)

- Toilet and shower available (used on a one in one out basis).
- No Sunbathing or exercising.
- Drinking water fountains not available.
- Highgate Lifebuoys hut used to provide Lifeguard changing space and additional welfare space in-line with Covid Secure workplace arrangements.

Kenwood Ladies' Bathing Pond

Timed swimming sessions 29 March – 20 September 2021

Time changes	Sessions
Monday 29 March – Saturday 10 April 2021	1-5
Sunday 11 April – Saturday 1 May 2021	1-6
Sunday 2 May – Saturday 14 August 2021	1-8
Sunday 15 August – Monday 23 August 2021	1-7
Tuesday 24 August – Sunday 20 September 2021	1-6

Session	Open	Type
1	7.00-10.00*	Capped Free Flow (no booking available)
2	10.30-11.30	pre-book only
3	12.00-13.00	pre-book only
4	13.30-14.30	pre-book only
5	15.00-16.00	pre-book only
6	16.30-17.30	pre-book only
7	18.00-19.00	pre-book only
8	19.30-20.30	pre-book only

*Last entry at 09.30.

Session swimming will prevent overcrowding and allow Social Distancing measures to be maintained. Sufficient time has been allocated between sessions to facilitate cleaning and preparation for the next session.

Session 1

- Capped free flow. Pre-booking not available.
- Up to 60 swimmers will be permitted to use the Ladies' Pond at any one time (once the Session reaches capacity, entry will be managed by the Steward on a one out one in basis for the remainder of the session).
- No swimming for children aged 8-15.
- Season tickets will be accepted

Sessions 2-8

- Session tickets must be pre-booked
- Up to 60 swimmers per Session.
- No swimming for children aged 8-15.
- Season tickets will be accepted.

Social Distancing Arrangements

To ensure Social Distancing measures, a one-way system will be in place at the facility:

- Entrance queue – 2m spacing markers on ground.
- Use the Millfield Lane for entry and exit. Temporary fencing will be used along access path to separate the entry and exit flows. The back gate will be closed.
- One-way swimming anti clockwise.

Changing & Meadow arrangements

- The changing rooms and indoor showers will remain closed. The Meadows and table tennis area will be used for changing.
- Drinking water fountains not available.
- The outside shower will be available for use. Toilets will be available.
- Arrangements for viewing from the Meadow will be retained, subject to Social Distancing requirements.

Hampstead Mixed Bathing Pond

Timed swimming sessions 29 March – 20 September 2021

Time changes	Sessions
Monday 29 March – Saturday 10 April 2021	1-5
Sunday 11 April – Saturday 1 May 2021	1-6
Sunday 2 May – Saturday 14 August 2021	1-8
Sunday 15 August – Monday 23 August 2021	1-7
Tuesday 24 August – Sunday 20 September 2021	1-6

Session	Open	Type
1	7.00-10.00*	Capped Free Flow (no booking available)
2	10.30-11.30	pre-book only
3	12.00-13.00	pre-book only
4	13.30-14.30	pre-book only
5	15.00-16.00	pre-book only
6	16.30-17.30	pre-book only
7	18.00-19.00	pre-book only
8	19.30-20.30	pre-book only

*Last entry for Session 1 is 09.30.

Session swimming will prevent overcrowding and allow Social Distancing measures to be maintained. Sufficient time has been allocated between Sessions to facilitate cleaning and preparation for the next session.

Session 1

- Capped free flow. Pre-booking not available.
- Up to 40 swimmers will be permitted to use the Mixed Pond at any one time (once the Session reaches capacity, entry will be managed by the Steward on a one out one in basis for the remainder of the Session).
- One-way swimming arrangements.
- No swimming for children aged 8-15.
- Drinking water fountains not available.
- Changing Compound and toilets available.
- Season tickets will be accepted.

Sessions 2-8

- Session tickets must be pre-booked.
- Up to 40 swimmers per Session.
- One-way swimming arrangements.
- No swimming for children aged 8-15.
- Drinking water fountains not available.
- Changing compounds and toilets available.
- Season tickets will be accepted.

Social Distancing Arrangements

To ensure Social Distancing measures, a one-way system will be in place at the facility:

- Entrance queue – 2m spacing markers on ground.
- One-way swimming arrangement in place.