

Draft 2022 Swimming Proposals

Officers have prepared the draft 2022 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 in relation to Covid-19. Therefore, Officers will take a practical and flexible approach to the implementation of these proposals.

Mixed Bathing Pond Extended Season trial

It is proposed to continue the trial to extend the summer swimming season at the Hampstead Mixed Bathing Pond. This aims to provide additional capacity for swimmers in the spring, summer and autumn.

The Pond will be Lifeguarded and open for public swimming from Saturday 2 April 2022 – Sunday 30 October 2022. 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 was only Lifeguarded between May-September and late evening swimming was only available on Wednesdays during July.

Sessions

Entry to the Bathing Ponds will be managed via a combination of capped free flow and pre-booked sessions during the months of June, July and August. During all other months the bathing ponds will be managed by capped free flow only. The Lido will be managed via a combination of capped free flow and pre-booked sessions during the months of May, June, July, August and September. All other months the Lido will be managed by capped free flow only.

Season Tickets

Season Ticket wristbands can be used for both pre-booked and capped free flow sessions.

Online Booking

Online-booking will be managed via Eventbrite. Phone booking arrangements will be in place for those who are not able to book online.

Swimming Tests for Children aged 8-15 at the Bathing Ponds

Children aged 8-15 must be accompanied by an adult and be competent open water swimmers. A swim test will be conducted by the lifeguards and a coloured wristband allocated to each child who passes the test. Children under 8 are not permitted to swim at the Bathing Ponds.

Social Distancing Arrangements (Bathing Ponds & Lido - All Sessions)

Signage will be stored and arrangements reviewed prior to summer season or if/when Government advice changes.

Parliament Hill Fields Lido

Until 29 April 2022 the Lido will be open for capped free flow lane swimming only, between 07.00-13.00 (last entry 12.30)

From 30 April the Lido sessions will operate as set out below.

Lido – Swimming sessions (30 April – 30 September 2022)

Session	Open
1 - Lane Swimming – capped free flow	07.00-10.00
2 - Open Swimming – pre-booking only	10.30-13.30
3 - Open Swimming – pre-booking only	14.30-17.30
4* - Lane Swimming – capped free flow	18.00-20.30**

Last entry for each session is 30 minutes before closing.

Session 4* No session on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday evenings.

Session 4** Opening time from 12-30 September will be 18.00-19.30.

From 1 October the Lido will be open for capped free flow lane swimming only between 07.00-13.00 (last entry 12.30).

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 250 swimmers will be permitted to use the Lido at any one time (once the session 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.
- Sauna closed.

Sessions 2 and 3 – Open Swimming

- Family orientated swimming sessions.
- Up to 700 swimmers per Session. Session tickets must be pre-booked to guarantee entry.
- An adult can bring up to 2 children aged 4-7yrs. Under 4s must be accompanied by an adult on a 1:1 basis.
- 3 lanes available for lane swimming.
- Children's slide and paddling pool open.
- Sauna closed.

Sessions 4 – Lane Swimming

- Capped free flow. Pre-booking not available
- Up to 250 swimmers will be permitted to use the Lido at any one time (once the session reaches capacity, entry will be managed by the Steward/Cashier on a one out one in basis for the remainder of the Session).
- Adult lane swimming only.

Highgate Men's, Kenwood Ladies' and Hampstead Mixed Bathing Ponds

Time Changes	Open/vacate
Sunday 27 Mar – Saturday 9 Apr 2022*	07.00 - 16.30
Sunday 10 Apr – Saturday 30 Apr 2022	07.00 - 18.30
Sunday 1 May – Saturday 13 Aug 2022	07.00 - 20.30
Sunday 14 Aug – Monday 29 Aug 2022	07.00 - 20.00
Tuesday 30 Aug – Saturday 17 Sept 2022	07.00 - 19.00
Sunday 18 Sept – Saturday 15 Oct 2022	07.00 - 17.30
Sunday 16 Oct – Saturday 29 Oct 2022	07.30 - 16.30
Sunday 30 Oct – Saturday 27 Nov 2022*	07.00 - 14.15
Sunday 28 Nov 2022 – Saturday 4 Feb 2023	07.30 - 14.45
Sunday 5 Feb – 25 Mar 2023	07.00 - 14.15

*The Mixed pond will open on 2 April 2022 and close on 30 October 2022

Bathing Pond opening times June – August

Session	Open	Type
1	07.00-11.30	Capped Free Flow (no booking available)
2	12.00-13.00	pre-book only
3	13.15-14.15	pre-book only
4	14.30-15.30	pre-book only
5	15.45-16.45	pre-book only
6	17.00-20.30*	Capped Free Flow (no booking available)

Capped free flow sessions - last entry 30 mins before closing

Session 6* Opening time from 14 to 29 Aug 17.00-20.00 due to light

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 100 swimmers will be permitted to use the 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).

Sessions 2-5

- Session tickets must be pre-booked.
- Up to 100 swimmers per session.

Session 6

- Capped free flow. Pre-booking not available.
- Up to 100 swimmers will be permitted to use the 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).