



New Marshes

Hackney Marshes is the spiritual home of Sunday league football, with over 70 matches played every week. It plays host to dozens of teams in multiple leagues. Currently there are over 60 football pitches on North, South and East Marshes, 3 rugby pitches and we plan the introduction of cricket on 3 turf and 7 non-turf wickets being prepared for the 2011 playing season.

What's going on now

The Hackney Marshes Programme team is working in partnership with a variety of stakeholders to deliver projects that will improve the sporting, recreational and environmental offer at the Hackney Marshes and Mabley Green.

Sporting offer

The new Hackney Marshes Centre located on South Marsh is nearing completion and will be utilised by sporting participants and community groups by the New Year. The Centre provides 30 spacious changing rooms for players and officials, a café, offices and 2 education rooms that can be used flexibly.

Sporting participants who use the Hackney Marshes Centre will benefit by playing on the new football and rugby pitches that were completed in 2010.

The new Hackney Marshes Pavilion will be located on North Marsh, is planned for completion in 2012. It will facilitate cricketers playing on the 3 new turf cricket pitches and 7 seasonal pitches. The Pavilion will also provide changing rooms and catering facilities for the footballers playing on the North Marsh football pitches.

Mabley Green will be home to 6 new FA/FF regulation changing rooms that will serve the people playing matches on the All Weather Pitch. The Mabley Green changing rooms are due to be completed in spring 2011.

East Marsh will remain in use for football matches during the 2010/11 season. Football matches will resume playing on East Marsh at the start of the 2013 season following the Olympic Games.



Recreational Offer

A number of projects are due to take place over the approaching 2 years that will improve access and connectivity into and within the Marshes. By doing so, Hackney is actively promoting the use of routes to access the Marshes and the Olympic Park during the Games time and in legacy.

The projects are in the form of new pedestrian and cycle paths, refurbished tow paths, wayfinding strategies and bridge construction.

Environmental Offer

The overall environmental strategy, in line with regional and national policy, is to create new habitat areas that attract a diverse range of wildlife and visitors to the Marshes whilst enforcing the Council's commitment to increasing biodiversity in the borough.

This strategy will be achieved through the development of the Eastern Fringe habitat (5 hectares of new habitat area) that will be completed by spring 2011 and the landscape improvements to the Marshes entrances on Homerton Road due to take place in 2011.

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