



A Host for 2012

Hackney Marshes

A multi-million pound improvement plan for Hackney Marshes, one of London's largest green open spaces, is being implemented between now and the 2012 Games to improve access and footpaths, pitches and changing facilities, and create new and improved wild habitats, cycle ways and community facilities.

Hackney Marshes is situated on the northern borders of the Olympic Park, and is already internationally known as the spiritual home of grassroots Sunday league football. Over 70 matches are played there every week involving dozens of teams in multiple leagues.

There are 82 pitches serving football, rugby and cricket on the Marshes and Mabley Green which are available for use by leagues, schools, community groups and residents. Other facilities include one show pitch, eight junior football pitches, up to 12 mini pitches, three rugby pitches and seven non-turf cricket pitches.

Hackney Council has also been working to create new habitats that attract diverse wildlife to the waterways, banks, meadows, woodland and open spaces on the Marshes.

Leisure and recreation

The new Hackney Marshes Centre opened in November 2010 and alongside the 31 brand new changing rooms for players and officials there are three rooms available for hire for corporate, education, leisure and community use. The spaces are flexible and can hold up to 200 people.

From spring 2012, a café with a large viewing terrace at the Hackney Marshes Centre, provides a vista across the Marshes and a chance to watch the sporting activities taking place.

A new Hackney Marshes Pavilion on North Marsh is currently at planning stage. New changing rooms on Mabley Green nearby are already open for use.

During the 2012 Games

From now and throughout the 2012 Games, the East Marsh is being leased to the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) so that it can be developed into the Northern Spectator Transport Mall for the Olympic Park. Pitches will be reinstated for the 2013 football season and in the meantime, new football pitches are being provided at Mabley Green.

The Radio 1 Hackney Weekend 2012 takes place over the weekend of 23/24 June 2012, with 100,000 ticket holders attending over the weekend and music over six stages. For more information see:

www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/events/hackneyweekend2012

Other events are planned for later in the year. For up to date information see the 2012 pages on the Hackney Council website at www.hackney.gov.uk/2012-news-events.





The Homerton and Hackney Wick stations on the London Overground are both located about one mile from the Hackney Marshes Centre.

Bus routes: **236, 276, 308, W15** and **N26** all run to the Hackney Marshes Centre.

For more information about Hackney Marshes see



www.hackney.gov.uk/cp-hackneymarsh.htm

or for bookings on Hackney Marshes and Mabley Green or to find out more about the Hackney Marshes Centre call **020 8986 7955** or email **hackneysportsbookings@gll.org**

Improvements to Hackney Marshes

Work is taking place to improve access to the Marshes. Cow Bridge, linking Mandeville Road to the North Marsh, has been refurbished – opening in February 2012. A footpath across the Marshes that connects the Lee Navigation towpath to the River Lea footpath is proposed.

Getting to the Marshes

The Hackney Marshes Centre is off Homerton Road (B112), London E9 5PF. The car park includes bicycle stands.

The Lee Navigation Towpath, connecting Luton - Bow passes by the Hackney Marshes.

To get to the Hackney Marshes Centre or Mabley Green, exit at the Homerton Road exit or at Cow Bridge after February 2012 when refurbishment works are complete.

For information on walking in Hackney visit:
www.hackney.gov.uk/movebyfoot

