Victoria Park
...a great day out!

Spring and Summer Events 2019

Voted as one of the nation’s favourite parks
Victoria Park

Truly a place for a great day out – Victoria Park was commissioned by Queen Victoria in 1840 due to popular demand. It opened to the public in 1845 and, today, is the largest and most popular park in east London.

There are over 4,000 trees, two large lakes, a boating pond, playgrounds and plenty of space for sports and relaxation. As well as football, rugby, and cricket pitches, there are tennis courts and a bowling green.

The park has numerous heritage and listed features such as the Burdett-Coutts Fountain, the Dogs of Alcibiades statues, three listed canal bridges and two stone alcoves from the original London Bridge.

The Regent’s Canal and the Hertford Union Canal link the park to a wonderful series of walks through east London.
April

Saturday 6 April
10am – 12.30pm
Junior Wildlife Club: Pond Dipping
Explore the waterside with the community park rangers and try pond dipping to learn about the inhabitants of our East Lake. Spaces are limited – to book call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday 10 April | 11am – 3pm
Urban Wheelers Jam
A fun-filled day where you can try out your skating and BMX skills at our fantastic Wheel Park. Coaching sessions will take place during the day for ages 7–16 only.
No need to book in advance. Book a coaching session on arrival – first come first served. Email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.
Meet at the Wheel Park – Area D5
David has just had the best birthday party ever. There was jelly, ice-cream, dancing and he received some amazing presents. But now there’s one thing left that he needs to do – David needs to write his thank you letters, and he needs your help!

Join our harmonious hero in this after party theatrical jamboree of songs, laughter and lots of joining in as he attempts to send musical letters of thanks to each one of his friends. But he needs to hurry, or the postman will come and it will be too late.

A family fun event guaranteed to have both parents and children singing along in no time!

No need to book. Suitable for all ages. Email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.

Located on the Bandstand – Area C1
Wednesday 17 April | 12noon – 3pm
Easter Eggstravaganza!
Take part in our Easter Egg Hunt, have a photo with our Easter Bunny or make an Easter Bonnet in our arts and craft corner. Join our community park rangers for Easter fun for the whole family! No need to book. Email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.
Meet at the Hub Building – Area D5

Sunday 21 April
10.30am – 12.30pm
Spring Walk
Join Dan Hall (Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park) on a walk to see all the bulbs and trees budding at this beautiful time of year.
Spaces are limited – to book call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Sunday 28 April | 11.30am – 1.30pm
Make Your Mark on Vicky Park
Join our community park rangers to help carry out some practical conservation in the park.
No need to book. Contact victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.
Meet at the Outdoor Classroom, near St Agnes Gate, Gore Road – Area A1
May

Saturday 4 May | 10am – 12.30pm
Bird Barmy Army
Find out more about Vicky Park’s feathered friends in this guided tour lead by our resident ornithologist. No need to book. Contact victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.
Meet at the V&A Building – Area B7

Saturday 18 May | 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Spring Wild Flowers
For many people, May is the most magical month of the year, combining the freshness of spring with the abundance of summer. Enjoy the wealth of wild flowers in the park, and learn something of their wildlife value, folklore, and edibility or otherwise. Special flowers of the season include buttercups, red campion and germander speedwell. With resident expert Terry Lyle (Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park). Spaces are limited – to book a place call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Friday 24 May – Sunday 2 June
All Points East Festival
All Points East is a music festival held over two weekends once a year in the park, run by AEG Presents. The 10 day event comprises two weekends of the most exciting names in music and four days of free entry and community activities known as ‘In the Neighbourhood’.

Half Term Holiday
Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Tuesday 28 May | 11am – 2pm
Bowls Taster Day – Children and Families
Come to the Bowling Green and try your hand at bowls with expert tuition by experienced players. Spaces are limited – to book, call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Wednesday 29 May
11am – 3pm
Fishing Taster Day
For all you budding anglers out there! Join the community park rangers to see what fish you can catch in our East Lake. You will be hooked.

Coaching sessions available throughout the day. This event is for ages 6+ only.
Spaces are limited – to book, call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Thursday 30 May | 12noon – 3pm
Canoeing
Try out canoeing on our model boating lake with professional coaching sessions available throughout the day. This event is for ages 9 – 16 only.
Spaces are limited – to book, call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk
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**PLEASE NOTE:** Places on events indicated in bold need to be pre-booked.
June

Saturday 1 June | 10.30am – 12.30pm
Junior Wildlife Club: Wildflower Seed Bombs
Join the community park rangers to make your own seed bombs, then throw them in our wild meadow areas. Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book. Email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.
Meet at the Outdoor Classroom – Area A1

Saturday 15 June | 12noon – 3pm
DIY Father’s Day Cards
Spoil your dad this Father’s Day by joining our community park rangers to make him an extra special card. No need to book, email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.
Meet at the Hub Building – Area D5

Wednesday 19 June | 12.30pm – 3.30pm
Summer Tea Dance
Join our community park rangers for our over-50s summer tea dance with music refreshments. This event is for ages 50+ only.
Booking opens on 16 May. Spaces are limited – to book, call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Sunday 23 June | 11.30am – 1.30pm
Make Your Mark on Vicky Park
Help our community park rangers carry out some practical conservation in the park.
No need to book. Email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.
Meet at the Outdoor Classroom – Area A1

Sunday 23 June
12noon – 3pm
The Great Get Together Picnic
Inspired by Jo Cox (1974–2016), this nationwide event aims to celebrate all that unites us as communities. London Metropolitan Brass and KIX Jazz Orchestra will perform on the Bandstand and you can learn about the sporting and community groups that use the park. It’s sure to be the best community party since the Queen’s Jubilee.
Meet at the Bandstand – Area C1
July

Saturday 6 July | 10am – 12.30pm
**Bird Barmy Army**
Find out more about Vicky Park’s feathered friends in this guided tour lead by our resident ornithologist. No need to book. Contact victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.

Meet at the V&A Building – Area B7

Sunday 7 July | 2pm – 6pm
**Bowls Taster Day**
Come along, try your hand at a game of bowls and potentially become a member of the Victoria Park Bowls Club. Coaching sessions, music and bar available throughout the afternoon.
No need to book. Email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.

Meet at the Bowling Green – Area D3

Sunday 14 July | 10.30am – 12.30pm
**Memoryscale History Walk**
Join the community park rangers on a recorded audio trail around the park. Spaces are limited – to book call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk
You can also take this walk independently by downloading the map and audio guides. Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/victoriapark and follow the Memoryscale Trail link.

**Summer Holiday**
*Thursday 25 July – Friday 30 August*

**Thursday 25 July | 11am – 3pm**
**Disability Fun Day**
Join us for a special event designed for children and young people with disabilities, with information and fun activities.
Meet at the Hub Building – Area D5
August

Saturday 3 August | 11am – 4pm
Victoria Park Day: A Great Day Out
A Victoria Park institution and our flagship event! Truly a great day out for all the family to enjoy. A fun-filled festival with live music, fairground rides, arts and crafts and many more activities happening throughout the day.
No need to book. Contact victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.
Located around the Bandstand – Area C1

Thursday 15 August | 10.30am – 12.30pm
Pond Life
Join Terry Lyle (Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park) on a pond exploration, learning about the birds, plants and fish that inhabit our ponds!
Spaces are limited – to book, call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Saturday 17 August | 10am – 2pm
**Pet First Aid Training**
Join a PDSA nurse for a course covering heat stroke, bandaging, bloating, poisoning, seizures, choking and resuscitation – a mixture of theoretical and practical information as well as opportunities for group discussion. All course attendees will receive a certificate of attendance. Refreshments will be provided. Spaces are limited – to book a place, call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Sunday 25 August | 11.30am – 1.30pm
**Make Your Mark on Vicky Park**
Help our community park rangers carry out some practical conservation in the park. No need to book. Email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.

Meet at the Outdoor Classroom – Area A1

Wednesday 28 August | 11am – 3pm
**Sports and Healthy Living Day**
Get out in the fresh air and participate in a wide range of fun-filled activities to promote a healthy lifestyle. No need to book. Contact victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.

Located in the West Park – Area B2

**September**

Wednesday 4 September
9.30am – 12.30pm
**Teddy Bears’ Picnic**
An event especially for our mini park users! Bring your favourite teddy and a picnic and enjoy storytelling, fun games and interactive music. This event is for ages 0–3 years only.

Spaces are limited – to book, call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Located in the West Park – Area B2
Saturday 7 September | 10am – 12.30pm
Bird Barmy Army
Find out more about Vicky Park’s feathered friends in this guided tour lead by our resident ornithologist. No need to book. Contact victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.
Meet at the V&A Building – Area B7

Sunday 15 September | 10.30am – 12.30pm
Memoryscape History Walk
Join the community park rangers on a recorded audio trail around the park. Spaces are limited – to book call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk
You can also take this walk independently by downloading the map and audio guides. Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/victoriapark and follow the Memoryscape Trail link.

Saturday 21 September | 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Wildfood Walk
Join Ken Greenway (Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park) on a walk where you will learn about, and forage for, seasonal wild food. See, taste, smell, collect and eat! Spaces are limited – to book, call 020 7364 4909 or email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Sunday 29 September
11.30am – 1.30pm
Make Your Mark on Vicky Park
Help our community park rangers carry out some practical conservation in the park. No need to book. Email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk for more information.
Meet at the Outdoor Classroom – Area A1
Victoria Park
Summer Bandstand Season

Organised by the Victoria Park Friends Group

Come and join us around the Bandstand for an afternoon of music and fun. The perfect way to relax – feel free to bring a picnic. Music starts at 2pm.

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Meet at the Bandstand – Area C1
Victoria Park
Artists in Residence 2019

This year, our Chisenhale Art Place ‘Artists in Residence’ will be Fritha Jenkins and Marta Bakst, who will be working on a series of photography workshops throughout the year. Using both digital and analogue photography, the project will focus on capturing the park in creative ways following the changing seasons. To find out more and sign up, email: victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Victoria Park’s Outdoor Classroom

Our Outdoor Classroom is on the west side of the park, close to St Agnes Gate, Gore Road. It is home to the Gardening Club, which meets to grow vegetables, fruits and flowers right in the middle of the park!

The club meets at the classroom on Thursday afternoons and Sunday mornings, with times varying depending on the season.

Victoria Park Friends Group also hosts small, intimate events in the classroom which are free to attend.

To find out more please email victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk
How to find us

**Bus:** routes 277, D6, 8, 425

**Tube:** Bethnal Green or Mile End Stations (Central, District and Hammersmith & City Line)

**Overground:** Hackney Wick

**DLR:** Bow Road

For more information contact:
Dave Hime on **020 7364 7968** or email **dave.hime@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

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