

Scattering Ashes in the Royal Parks

Many people whose relatives have enjoyed visiting a Royal Park ask if their ashes can be scattered in the Park after their deaths.

These ashes contain minerals in such concentrations that they affect the soil and the plants that grow in the soil. This in turn can affect wildlife that relies on the plants for food and shelter.

We understand why people wish to scatter ashes; unfortunately this can damage the places that were so enjoyed. For relatives who wish to maintain a connection with the parks, The Royal Parks Foundation offers a number of schemes that can be dedicated to the memory of a loved one, but also help to conserve the parks. Visit www.royalparksfoundation.org for more information.

Another possibility for keeping a Royal Parks connection would be to consider The Garden of Remembrance or an ashes plot in historic Brompton Cemetery. This cemetery is managed by the The Royal Parks and is one of London's hidden oases. Further information can be found at http://www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/brompton_cemetery/burial_facilities.cfm.

If none of the options outlined seem appropriate, local authorities provide similar services. In exceptional circumstances, defined areas in some of The Royal Parks may be made available for this purpose, at the discretion of the Park Manager.