

PARK RULES FOR THAMES RETREAT PARK

Preface

In these rules:

- "occupier" means anyone who occupies a park home, whether under an Agreement to which the Mobile Homes Act 1983 applies or under a tenancy or any other agreement
- "you" and "your" refers to the homeowner or other occupier of a park home
- "we" and "our" refers to the park owner.
- These rules are in place to ensure acceptable standards are maintained on the park, which will be of general benefit to occupiers, and to promote and maintain community cohesion. They form part of the Agreement by which homeowners occupy the pitch in accordance with the Mobile Homes Act 1983, as amended.
- With one exception the rules also apply to any occupiers of park homes who rent their home.
- The only rule which does not apply to occupiers who rent their home is rule 28 about the colour of the exterior of the home, as someone renting their home would not be responsible for exterior maintenance.
- None of these rules is to have retrospective effect. Accordingly:
- they are to apply only from the date on which they take effect, which is 24 September 2020; and
- no occupier who is in occupation on that date will be treated as being in breach due to circumstances which were in existence on that date and which would not have been a breach of the rules in existence before that date.

These rules also apply (for so long as they live on the park) to the park owner and any employees, with the exception of the following rules - 11, 12 and 22.

Condition of the Pitch

1. For reasons of ventilation and safety you must keep the underneath of your home clear and not use it as a storage space.
2. You must not erect fences. A natural border is permitted, subject to first obtaining our permission and also permission from the local authority. Our approval in writing will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. You must position any natural border so as to comply with the park's site licence conditions and fire safety requirements.
3. You must not have external fires, including incinerators.
4. You must not keep inflammable substances on the park except in quantities reasonable for domestic use.
5. You must not keep explosive substances on the park.

Storage

6. You must not have more than one storage shed on the pitch. Where you source the shed yourself the design, standard and size of the shed must be approved by us in writing (approval will not be withheld or delayed unreasonably). The position of the shed will be subject to our approval and must comply with the park's site licence and fire safety requirements. The footprint of the shed shall not exceed 6 m²].

7. You must not have any storage receptacle on the pitch other than the shed mentioned in rule 6 and any receptacle for the storage of domestic waste pending collection by the local authority.

Refuse

9. You are responsible for the disposal of all household, recyclable and garden waste in approved containers through the local authority service. You must not overfill containers and must place them in the approved position for the local authority collections. On refuse collection day you must ensure that any refuse to be collected by the local authority is placed in the bin collection area.

10. You must not deposit any waste or rubbish other than in local authority approved containers on any part of the park (including any individual pitch).

Business Activities

11. You must not use the park home, the pitch or the park (or any part of the park) for any business purpose, and you must not use the park home or the pitch for the storage of stock, plant, machinery or equipment used or last used for any business purpose. However you are at liberty to work individually from home by carrying out any office work of a type which does not create a nuisance to other occupiers and does not involve other staff, other workers, customers or members of the public calling at the park home or the park.

Age of Occupants

12. No person under the age of 45 years may reside in a park home, with the exception of the park owner and their family and the park warden.

Noise Nuisance

13. You must not use musical instruments, all forms of recorded music players, radios and other similar appliances and motor vehicles so as to cause a nuisance to other occupiers, especially between the hours of 10.30pm and 8.00am.

Pets

14. You must not keep any pets or animals except the following:

- Not more than 1 dogs (other than any of the breeds subject to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 which are not permitted at all). You must keep any dog under proper control and you must not permit it to frighten other users of the park. You must keep any dog on a leash not exceeding 1m in length and must not allow it to despoil the park.
- Not more than 1 domestic cat. You must keep any cat under proper control and must not permit it to frighten other users of the park, or to despoil the park.
- Any pet housed in a cage in the mobile home.

Note

The express terms of a homeowner's agreement contain an undertaking on the part of the homeowner not to allow anything which is or becomes a nuisance, inconvenience or disturbance to other occupiers at the park and this undertaking extends to the behaviour of pets and animals. A similar requirement not to cause a nuisance applies to tenants and again this includes the behaviour of pets and animals.

15. Nothing in rule 14 of these Park Rules prevents you from keeping an assistance dog if this is required to support your disability and Assistance Dogs UK or any successor body has issued you with an Identification Book or other appropriate evidence.

Water

16. You must only use firefighting equipment on the Park in case of fire.

17. You must protect all external water pipes from potential frost damage.

Vehicles and parking

18. You may not park more than two vehicles on the Park. You must drive all vehicles on the park carefully and within the displayed speed limit.

19. You must not park in the visitors parking area which must be kept free for use by visitors to the park.

20. You must not park on the roads or grass verges.

21. You must not park anywhere except in the parking spaces allocated to your home.

22. Other than for delivering goods and services, you must not park or allow parking of commercial vehicles of any sort on the park, including:

- light commercial or light goods vehicles as described in the vehicle taxation legislation and
- vehicles intended for domestic use but derived from or adapted from such a commercial vehicle with the exceptions of commercial vehicles operated by the park owner and their family and the park warden.

23. Motorhomes and touring caravans may not be parked on the park.

24. You must hold a current driving licence and be insured to drive any vehicle on the park. You must also ensure that any vehicle you drive on the park is taxed in accordance with the requirements of law and is in a roadworthy condition.

25. Disused or unroadworthy vehicles must not be kept anywhere on the park. We reserve the right to remove any vehicle which is apparently abandoned.

26. You must not carry out the following works or repairs on the park:

- major vehicles repairs involving dismantling of part(s) of the engine
- works which involve the removal of oil or other fuels.

Weapons

27. You must not use or display guns, firearms and offensive weapons (including crossbows) on the park and you may only keep them on the pitch or in your home if you hold the appropriate licence and they are securely stored in accordance with that licence.

External Decoration

28. Homeowners must maintain the outside of their park home in a clean and tidy condition. Where the exterior is repainted or re-covered homeowners must use reasonable endeavours not to depart from the original exterior finish and colour-scheme.

River Bank

29. Unless you have obtained our written permission and we have issued you with a licence, you may not moor any type of watercraft along the river bank bordering the park.

30. You may only access the common areas of the park, bordering the river bank, via routes allocated for public access. You must not enter any pitch along the riverbank, occupied or otherwise.

31. You may not fish along the river bank bordering the park unless you have obtained the relevant licence.

32. When enjoying the riverbank please respect the privacy of other occupiers and users of the park.