

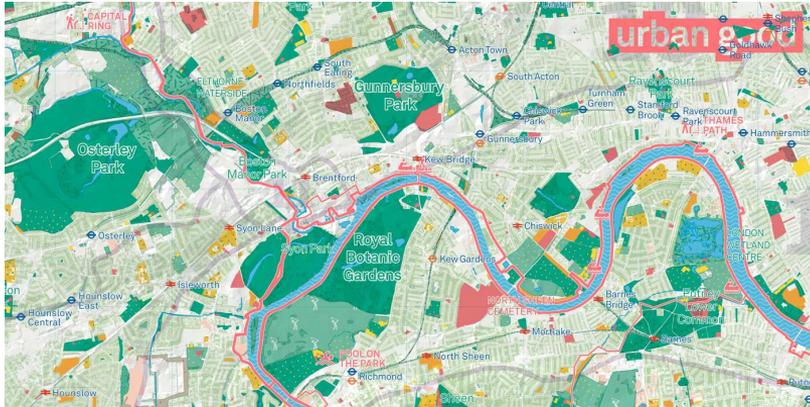
London. a National Park City

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What is it?

London has become the world's first national park city, the project is the brainchild of Daniel Raven-Ellison who has been campaigning to make London a National Park City for the past six years. The National Park city foundation is a charity that is founded by environmentalist Raven-Ellison which is in partnership with World Urban Ranks, which campaigns for green spaces in urban areas. London is home to more than 8.3 million trees and 14,000 unique species of wildlife, this was a bargaining tool used for the decision.



What will it do?

The decision was created with an intent to make the city a greener and healthier place, this park will also improve the air quality and standards of everyday life for visitors and residents. The park will also encourage people to go outside and enjoy themselves.

Also it will connect people to the great outdoors and outdoor culture with a range of different activities. In addition to this a new swimming lake, a 23 km cycleway and 18 hectares of riverways have been opened up.

Location of the parks

London has 3000 parks designated by the boroughs, altogether they cover 18% of London. One of the more popular ones is known as Hampstead heath that has 320 hectares of space, this park is very popular amongst picnickers and dog-walkers.

Another well known park is Regent's park, which covers 410 acres in north-west London, there tend to be various food and music festivals taking place there in the



National Park City Festival

The mayor of London hosted a summit and to celebrate the council held the National Park City Festival from 20-28 July 2019. The festival was a huge success, in which over 90,000 people attended the festival over the 8 days, the 317 free events helped to rise this number additionally there were over 878 volunteers who helped the Londoners connect with nature and 70% of the people who attended said that they were now more likely to



What the city hopes to do...

- Ensure that 100% of Londoners have free and easy access to high-quality green space
- Connect 100% of London's children to nature
- Make the majority of London physically green
- Improve London's air and water quality, year on year
- Improve the richness, connectivity and biodiversity of London's habitats
- Inspire the building of affordable green homes
- Inspire new business activities
- Promote London as a Green World City
- Nurture a shared National Park City identity for Londoners

