

# HYDE PARK

*In LONDON*



Every year millions of Londoners and tourists visit Hyde Park, one of the capital's eight Royal Parks.



Hyde Park is the largest open space in London extending 1.25 mi east to west and half a mile north to south.



Originally part of Westminster Abbey, it was taken over by Henry VIII in 1536 and became a royal deer park before eventually being opened to the public by Charles I in 1635.



One of Britain's Royal Parks, Hyde Park covers some 350 acres, including a lake - the Serpentine - that was built in 1730 and is popular for boating and swimming.



Suitably named Grand Entrance, the main entrance to the park is a triple archway built in 1828



Other highlights include the wonderful Diana Memorial Fountain, a spectacular structure made from 545 pieces of Cornish granite and designed to reflect the life of Princess Diana.



Hyde Park's Speakers' Corner has acquired an international reputation for demonstrations and other protests due to its tolerance of free speech.





**The 7 July Memorial in the park  
commemorates the victims of 7 July 2005  
London bombings.**



**One more advantage is  
Hyde Park is free to enter.**



Today, it's one of London's most popular attractions, and whether you're there for a gentle stroll, a picnic or some serious sightseeing, it should be a must-see on your London "to do" list.



**Thank you for  
attention**

