

Dear riders,
There's an interesting article in the latest edition of Edinburgh 'Outlook' (p.9) on cycling in parks.

The piece begins: " Everyone now has a right to cycle responsibly in Edinburgh's public parks".

'Responsibly' includes "... avoiding paths busy with pedestrians, such as Jawbone Walk... choose a safe speed to suit conditions... avoid wet, soft, boggy ground..."

Park Rangers will be around on the last Tues of each month until spring, in various parks, including The Meadows, offering free maps and bike checks (in return for listening to advice on responsible cycling).

This sounds like a good initiative, so I will copy this info to RtR members. Since the access legislation was passed, in theory all paths in parks should have been accessible to cyclists, but in practice many places have park 'management rules' (similar to by-laws) which prohibit certain paths, and Edinburgh Council has not removed 'no cycling' signs and markings in places like Jawbone Walk and some of the paths across Bruntsfield Links.

Edinburgh cyclists will know that some of these 'banned' paths are actually the most direct routes across the park, so it will be interesting to see how the new permissions work out.

I would like to hear from RtR members in other parts of the country about their experience with park regulations, and whether pedestrians are happy to share this valuable off-road space with cyclists.

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