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## Oakmere Park



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Oakmere Park is a Green Flag award-winning park and was once the private grounds of Oakmere House, now the Oakmere Restaurant and Public House.

The classic 19th century layout of the park, with lakes and specimen trees, is still largely intact although the grand entrance lodges and sweeping carriageway have been removed. The main entrance was later redesigned and the entrance gates and railings are based on the original design.

There are many prominent features within the park including two lakes which attract a wide range of birds and wildlife. A 'Tree of Life' sculpture, commissioned following a public exhibition, can be found by the platform area of the top lake. Fishing is allowed during the season and this is administered by Potters Bar Angling Club. For more information on fishing please contact the Potters Bar Angling Club, via the Potters Bar Angling Centre on 01707 642947.



### New Performance Area

We are working on installing a new performance area in the park which will be able to host a variety of events as well as being a feature, sheltered seating area as well as used as an outdoor classroom. Funding has come from previous housing development contributions to be used on this improvement for the park.

### 1916 Zeppelin crash

The park has a lot of history attached to it and on the night of 1 October 1916, a 'Super Zeppelin' was shot down over the park by Second-Lieutenant W J Tempest. The road that borders the park was named Tempest Avenue in his honour. The Zeppelin crashed onto an oak tree to the west of the park and the pilot and all his crew were killed. An interpretation panel with further details can be found by the lower lake.

### Tree trail

There is a very prominent Redwood tree near to the Oakmere pub and this marks the start of the Oakmere and Parkfield Tree Trail. This is a self-guided walk which will take approximately one hour and highlights the many interesting trees in the two parks. A [free leaflet](#) can be collected from Oakmere Library or the Oakmere Public House and Restaurant.

Interpretation panels about the trail can also be found in Oakmere Park and Parkfield.

### Outdoor gym

The park has three fitness stations which combine seven apparatus - a sit-up bench, a power bike, two free runners, a cross trainer, an upper body trainer and a body flexer. They are designed for users aged 15 or above.

They are close to the junior play areas so parents, guardians and grandparents can tone up while their youngsters are enjoying themselves.

Numerous [events](#) take place throughout the year which involve local schools and the community.



Oakmere Park can be found on Potters Bar High Street. Car parking is available at Salisbury Close pay and display car park. Pedestrian access is also available from Chace Avenue, Highview Gardens and The Grove.

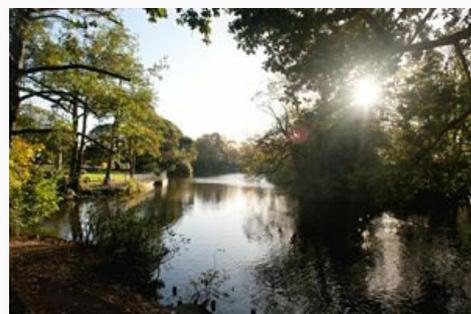


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### What does it offer?

- Aerial runway
- Basketball hoop
- Car park – pay and display, off the High Street
- Childrens' play areas - toddler and junior
-  [Fishing facilities](#)
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-  [Green Flag winner](#)
- Interpretation panels
- Lakes x 2
- Litter bins
- Open grassland
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Petanque Club
- Picnic areas
- Refreshment facilities
- Seating
- Toilets\* (open October to March - 7.30am to 3.30pm, April to September - 7.30am to 5.30pm)
-  [Tree Trail self-guided walk](#)



## Oakmere Public House and Restaurant

The  [Oakmere](#) is a public house and restaurant, run independently from the council. For further information contact 01707 664035.

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