WILD DEER ROAM FREELY IN THE PARK

ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC: Please keep at least 50m away from the deer and be alert. Do not feed or touch the deer. Do not photograph the deer at close range.

- **Dogs must be kept under control at all times** and be prevented from worrying or approaching the deer. Dogs closely approaching the deer are liable to be attacked by them.

- **It is dangerous to approach the deer at any time** Particularly during May, June and July when the females are protecting their young and during September and October mating season.

- **Feeding or touching the deer is prohibited** Litter and inappropriate food can seriously harm the deer and may even cause their death.

- **Deer are wild animals** Their behaviour is unpredictable and they can move with great strength and speed.

ADVICE TO DOG OWNERS: Deer can feel threatened by dogs even over long distances and when dogs are not behaving aggressively. This is particularly during the birthing (May to July) and mating (September to October) seasons. We recommend walking your dog outside the park at these times.

If you choose, at your own risk, to walk your dog in the park at these times, please keep your dog on a lead and consider an alternative route, such as following the wall line of the park where you are close to exit gates. If pursued by deer, let go of the lead. Deer are less likely to attack if the dog runs away from them.

Never touch or move young deer - they are often left alone by their mothers but are NEVER abandoned.

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