

Emberton Country Park – Market Engagement for Park Based Activities

Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) invites expressions of interest in delivering events at Emberton Country Park that are in keeping with a country park setting.

Introduction

Emberton Country Park was officially opened as the country's first country park in 1965. It was formerly a site for extracting gravel for building works across the new areas of Milton Keynes. The restoration of this area provides an excellent park of over 200 acres where it is possible to fish, sail, run, cycle, picnic or play in one of the three play areas.

The northern border is the Great River Ouse – a popular destination for anglers. There are also three rally fields that border the river. These create ideal spaces to hold events either private or public. They are booked each year for car and bicycle rallies, as well as cultural events for local groups. When they are not being used in this way, they are booked for camping.

Key Requirements

Milton Keynes City Council are keen to see the rally fields used more often for both public and private events.

Examples of possible uses are:

- Music events or outdoor cinema.
- Monthly car boot or vintage sale or similar.

The following criteria need to be observed:

- Must be in keeping with a country park
- Inclusive (if public event)

- Outdoors – there are no buildings or onsite facilities other than the car park and public toilets therefore must include provision of appropriate facilities
- Hold relevant qualifications (ie: if want to work with children, DBS checks)
- Public liability insurance
- Relevant licences (ie: temporary event notice through MKCC, Environment Agency Rod Licence required to teach fishing etc)

See Milton Keynes City Council website for further information [Hosting a public event on open space | Milton Keynes City Council](#)

Commercial activities will require payment to MKCC for use of the area.

If you are interested in this future opportunity, please submit your proposal stating:

- the kind of activity you would like to do
- frequency of the activity (hours of the day, which days at the week, etc)
- how your proposition would fit with the requirements listed above

Please email your proposals or queries to CorporateProcurement@milton-keynes.gov.uk by the 14th of February 2025.

