

Live in the Park

at

Parklife Weekend



Visual Story

When I get there...



The park can be very busy with lots of people and noise.

There are three main areas at the event.

Music and food - in the middle of the park.

CIA (Community Involvement Area) - by the tress.

Family fun and entertainment - beside the tennis courts.

Music Area



There are two stages, with loud music performed by bands.

The music does not stop, and there are lots of different styles. If I don't like one of the bands, a different one will be on soon.

They take turns between the two stages.

There are people doing BSL on the stages.

Where can I sit in the music area?



I can dance, stand or sit in most of the park.

I am not allowed to sit in the space directly in front of the stage, this is called the Dancing Zone.

There is a raised viewing platform, where I can sit if I would like. If the platform is busy, my family might not be able to sit with me.

More people come throughout the day, and it will get quite crowded by the end when it is dark.

Food Area



Opposite the stages there are lots of food stalls and some bars.

There can be long queues and I may have to wait.

There can be lots of people here and it can be very noisy.

There are lots smells of different foods cooking in one space.

If I need help because of the crowds, I can ask any of the event crew or people wearing sunflower lanyards.

Community Involvement Area (CIA)



There are lots of free fun things to do in this area, which is next to the trees.

Each year I go the activities will be different.

Everyone will help me, and I can try new things.

This area is not as busy as everywhere else and can be lots of fun.

The CIA closes at 6pm

Family Fun and Entertainment



Beside the tennis courts, there is a big marquee with special shows.
The entertainers sing, dance or play games.

I can sit on the floor inside or stand at the edge.

There is face painting and people walking around in funny costumes.

There are also some gentle fun fair rides.

Everything is free, and I will have to wait for my turn.

It is open until 6pm.

Battle of the Bands



In the evening, after the family entertainment has finished in the big marquee, I can watch a Battle of the Bands Competition.

There are bands who are in a competition to play on the main stages next year.

I can watch them play and cheer for my favourites.

This is from 6:30pm and finishes around 9pm.

Where are the toilets?



There are lots of portable toilets at the back of the park, behind the food stalls.

If I would like my Mum, Dad or carer to come in with me, I am allowed to use the bigger disabled toilets.

There is also a special 'RevoLOOtion' van, for those who need a larger changing space.

Are there things to buy?



At the meeting point, there are fun festival things to buy, like hats, fans, bubbles and flower headbands.

There are some market stalls, where I can buy different things.

Bringing a little bit of money is a good idea.

The market and food stalls also take card payments.

Where can I eat?



Lots of people bring picnics and rugs to sit on the grass, chairs are allowed too.

There are stalls selling food and ice-cream, but we can bring our own food and drinks.

Glass is not allowed in the park, I can take cans and plastic bottles.

What do I do if I need help?



I can ask the people in green t-shirts if I need any help.
These people are called the Event Crew and are very kind.
The people wearing the special sunflower lanyards will be able
to help me do all the things I would like too.

Who else can help me?



There will be lots of security people at the event. They all wear hi-vis jackets. They are there to keep us all safe. Security people will always help me, I just have to ask.

There are also kind people from St John Ambulance, who help with first aid, accidents and anyone who feels poorly.

What special things are available for me?



There are ear defenders I can borrow.

They need a £10 deposit, which I get back when I return them.

There are special bands I can wear on my wrist, and we can write an emergency contact number on them.

These can help me, and my parents feel safe.

Bendy straws, a dog water bowl and large print information are also on site.

All of these are at the Meeting Point,
I just have to look for the flag.

What do I do if I need some space?



There is a special place that I can go, if everything gets too much for me. Here I can play with the toys and feel calm.

I will find it close to the swimming pool.

They have lots of great things for me to do.

The people who work here can talk to me in sign language.

How long is the event?



Live in the Park goes on for nine and a half hours.
I don't have to stay all this time.

It starts at lunch time and ends at 9:30 at night.

It gets busier and busier all through the day.

It is dark when the music finishes,
but there are bright lights to help me see.

I must stay with my family and friends to stay safe,
especially when it is dark and busy.

Where will everything be?

