Welcome to the Green Flag Award

The international mark of quality

What is the Green Flag Award?

The Green Flag Award® is a non-profit international accreditation scheme that recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces.

Originating in England in 1996, today the Green Flag Award proudly flies above more than 2,000 places in over 15 countries around the world.

Find out more

What is the recognised standard?

The full standard is explained in the Green Flag Award guidance manual.

Titled Raising the Standard - this comprehensive guide has been developed over 20 years in consultation with green space professionals, industry experts and park users.

View the manual

Parks are judged against eight key criteria:

A Welcoming Place
Healthy, Safe and Secure
Well Maintained and Clean
Environmental Management
Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage
Community Involvement
Marketing and Communication
Management

Video: Award Criteria
Who can apply?
The Award is open to any free to enter park or green space, anywhere in the world. Click the link below to see over 2,000 Green Flag Award winners worldwide.

View current winners

What are the benefits of applying?
The Green Flag Award recognises and rewards the hard work of managers, staff and volunteers - the people behind the places. It also helps support improvements in parks and green spaces for the communities that use them.

It does this through:

- Recognition for meeting the international standard
- A written feedback report, every year, by industry professionals
- Annual review of management practices
- Enhanced community pride and reputation
- Increasing tourism, PR and marketing
- Increased use of green spaces through ongoing improvement
- Promoting and sharing good practice in the sector
- Annual benchmarking and professional support
- Providing a framework to develop a long-term Management Plan
The Award process
The Green Flag Award is an annual accreditation scheme. Applicants re-apply every year to maintain their certification and fly the flag above their award-winning park or green space.

The Judging process
Judging takes place over two stages:

- Judges review Management Plan
- Desk Assessment
- Judges visit the park or green space
- Site Assessment

The Green Flag Award is the only award scheme of its kind in the world, where every space that applies receives a judging visit and a professional feedback report, every single year.

The Judges
Our judges are trained volunteers, with experience in the parks and green space sector. We are always looking for new judges, so as well as applying for the Green Flag Award, why not enquire about joining our network of over 1,000 volunteers around the world.

Meet our judges
How to apply for the Award

Applying is easy. It involves a short online form and uploading your current Management Plan. An application fee is charged each year. Details of costs are available on the Green Flag Award website.

Start your journey by contacting the national operator in your country to make an initial enquiry. You will get all the support you need to apply.

Click here to begin your journey to a Green Flag Award

www.greenflagaward.org

Parque Fundidora, Monterrey, Mexico
Green Flag Award winner since 2019

İncilpinar Park, Denizli, Turkey
Green Flag Award winner since 2018

Hatanpää Mansion Park and Arboretum, Tampere, Finland
Green Flag Award winner since 2018

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