

Registered historic parks and gardens

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

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As amended by the [Historic Environment \(Wales\) Act 2016](#), the 1979 Act places a duty upon the Welsh Ministers to compile and maintain a register of sites of special historic interest in Wales that includes:

- parks
- gardens
- designed ornamental landscapes
- places of recreation
- other designed grounds.

When it comes into force early in 2022, the statutory register will replace a non-statutory register that currently includes nearly 400 sites across Wales. The register will continue to be an active record, incorporating new sites as they are identified.

The creation of the statutory register will not impose any new legal restrictions on Wales's historic parks and gardens or introduce a new consent regime. Registered sites will continue to receive the current level of protection through the planning system.

Local planning authorities are expected to take the register into account when preparing local development plans. The effect of a proposed development on a registered site or its setting may also be a 'material consideration' in the determination of a planning application.

A listed building or scheduled monument within the confines of a registered historic park or garden will be subject to all relevant consent procedures.

For further information, download our best-practice guidance, [Managing Change to Registered Historic Parks and Gardens in Wales](#).

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