



Fairlop PlainTimes for Schools



## **Fairlop's Sporting Legacy**

### **Fairlop's sporting past, present and future.**

An investigation into the use of Fairlop Plain as a venue for sport over the last 500 years.

A cross-curricular, collaborative activity to propose and plan a new sporting activity for Fairlop in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **Curriculum Areas**

#### **KS2 History**

Pupils should make a study of.....a theme in British history that extends their chronological knowledge beyond 1066.

#### **KS2 Geography**

Pupils should describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including.... land use

#### **KS2 English**

Pupils should articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions (spoken language)

Pupils should articulate and communicate ideas, and then organise them coherently for a reader (writing)

### **Resources**

Extracts from historical documents, newspaper reports and other illustrations of the use of Fairlop for sporting activities over the past 500 years.

Photographs of present day recreational/ sporting activities at Fairlop.

Plans (Redbridge Council, 198??) for the development of sporting facilities on Fairlop Plain.



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### **Activity 1**

#### **Build a timeline of sporting activity on Fairlop Plain**

##### **Group or class investigation**

- Use the historical resources and present day photographs to build up a picture of Fairlop's changing use over time for sport.
- Discuss the range of sports at different periods in history, and who participated in them

### **Activity 2**

#### **A new sporting facility for Fairlop Plain**

##### **Group discussion/planning**

- Study the 1975 planning map for Fairlop Plain. (see below)
- Note the range of sporting facilities proposed.
- Note the range of spaces for non-sporting leisure activities, for example going for a walk.
- Discuss the balance between sport and other leisure activities in the country park. Does the plan make best use of the space and landscape available?
- Look at modern photographs to show the use of the country park today, and the range of new facilities, for example the climbing rocks
- Maybe devise and carry out a survey of other pupils and adults in the school to find out how the sporting/ leisure facilities are used by local people.
- Propose a new sport/ recreation area or event for Fairlop Plain, using maps to identify an appropriate site. Identify benefits for local people, and draw up a plan.
- Write a report to persuade others that the group's plan is a good idea.



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### Follow-up

### Class activity

Each group presents their plan, their merits discussed and a vote taken to choose the best.

### Planning Map 1975



**Pickering Report**  
(LB Redbridge 1975)

