

**Hinksey Park Lido, Oxford.
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My husband and fellow FoPL, Joe Keegan and I visited Hinksey Park lido just south of Oxford in early May 24.

We swam on a Friday afternoon and had the pool to ourselves, as it has been raining - always our favourite time to swim!



The pool is set within a pleasant park just south of Oxford. It has all the hallmarks of a traditional Lido with old-fashioned changing rooms, outdoor showers and a small reception desk and snack bar which wasn't open when we visited.



It has an interesting shape - it has a lane section which is rectangular and then a curved section which becomes a more shallow paddling pool for young children. As the lanes weren't officially open when we went the lifeguard moved his chair to the edge of the rectangular section so we could still swim lengths. The pool is an unusual 35m long.

Temperature was around 19° so perfect for length swimming and the showers were piping hot. Entrance was less than £5 per adult.

We were lucky because it was so quiet and managed to park by the community centre next door, but the park is off a traditionally Victorian area, with very narrow streets, so could get quite congested in nice weather.



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From 30th March 2024, the MORE Leisure Community Trust took over the management and operation of The Oxford Ice Rink, Barton Leisure Centre, Ferry Leisure Centre, Leys Pools & Leisure Centre and Hinksey Outdoor Pool.

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