

Bath Assembly Rooms access statement Forest of Imagination: 14 June – 14 July 2023

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Introduction

The Bath Assembly Rooms is a Georgian building (built 1771) in the heart of Bath. Located in the north west of the city centre, it is a steep walk uphill from the main shopping centre. Arriving on foot will involve cobbles and stone paving.

Mobile phone signal is fine outside the building, but patchy inside.

Arm-free chairs are located around the inside of the building.

Assistance dogs are welcome.

There are no restrictions on access for powered wheelchairs or powered mobility vehicles inside the building.

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Floor plan

Floor plan shown for illustrative purposes only, not to scale:



Level access to allgender accessible WC with baby changing facilities





North courtyard







Ball Room



Little

Octagon



Card Room



Ramped access to building from south courtyard





Level access to front entrance

Stepped access to Gents WCs





South courtyard



(Larger images are shown below with more detailed information about each space)



Arrival & Parking Facilities

Follow pedestrian city centre signs for the Bath Assembly Rooms. You can arrive by road north of Milsom Street, east of the Circus. Parking is pay and display (not managed by the National Trust), although this is very limited. Dedicated Blue Badge parking spaces are available on Bennett Street (not managed by the National Trust.

Front entrance

The front entrance to Bath Assembly Rooms can be accessed from Alfred Street (to the south) or Bennett Street (to the north). From either direction it is several metres from the road across stone paving slabs and between metal bollards – on the Bennett Street side the bollards are 130cm apart and 77cm high, on the Alfred Street side the bollards are 122cm apart and 124cm high.). There are dropped curbs from road level on both streets.

Entrance to Bath Assembly Rooms is through two stone pillars (158cm apart) and then through two sets of double doors (158cm wide, 131cm distance between them when fastened open). During opening hours, these doors will be fastened open.





(View through columns at the front of Bath Assembly Rooms to the wood and glass double doors)



Passing through the doors, the flooring changes from the stone paving outside, to rough matting, to a red carpet running along the centre of a corridor with a wooden floor. More information about the rest of this route is below.





(View of floor surface changes immediately inside the doors and then down the main corridor)

There will be a person inside the doors who can offer assistance as required, answer questions and give additional directions.

Manual wheelchair for visitor use

A self-propelling manual wheelchair with push handles, seatbelt, armrests, footrests and wheel brakes is available.

It is free to borrow on a first-come, first-served basis (please ask a member of staff on arrival), or by emailing bathassemblyrooms@nationaltrust.org.uk to reserve on a specific date:







WCs

There is an accessible toilet available on the ground floor. The accessible toilet is accessed from the Little Octagon (as shown on the floor plan above) from the carpet runner across a short section of wooden floor. This area is lit with a mixture of natural light and artificial light.





(View through door to accessible toilet from Little Octagon)

The accessible toilet is 150cm x 220cm and it lit with artificial light that will turn on when it detects motion in the room.

The accessible WC is a left hand transfer.

An automatic hand drier and paper towels available.

An emergency pull cord is located beside the WC and staff are on-hand to respond as required.