

# **Hare Hill Access Statement**

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### Introduction

- 1. 10 acre woodland garden and permissive path set within rolling countryside.
- 2. Mobile phone signal generally good though can be intermittent.
- 3. Assistance dogs only are welcome in the garden. Dogs under very close control (at heel) welcome on the permissive path, information about cows is in the car park.
- 4. Visitors should be aware there are large areas of deep water in the garden.

## **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

- 1. Brown signs direct visitors to the site, and there is a black and white sign at the main gate.
- 2. There are 6 disabled parking spaces, less than 10 meters from the garden entrance.
- 3. The overflow car park surface is reinforced grass, the main car park surface is 10mm aggregate and the disabled area is the same.
- 4. The nature of the car park is such that the farthest parking spaces from the garden entrance. are around 70 meters away. Cars are able to drop visitors closer to the garden entrance before parking.

#### WCs

- 1. There is one accessible toilet located in the back sheds area of the garden.
- 2. The accessible toilet measures approx. 1.65m X 3m.
- 3. The accessible WC is a right hand transfer.
- 4. There is no Changing Places facility.
- 5. The area is artificially lit with one covered light.
- 6. The WCs have LED tube lighting.

# **Visitor Reception**

- 1. The building is constructed of wood with a ceramic tiled floor
- 2. There is a gentle slope in line with the natural gradient of the car park, up to the visitor building and then level access into the building itself
- 3. The entrance doors are 900mm wide on the front, and 1000m wide on the side entrances.
- 4. The entrance door is manually opened, 900mm wide and slides open. The side door is 1000mm wide and opens outwards. Staff/volunteers can assist with opening the doors if required.
- 5. The height of the reception desk is around 700mm, generally visitors are met by staff/volunteers at the door and so it is not necessary for visitors to see over the desk. Staff/volunteers will come to the front of the desk if necessary.



- 6. The reception building has windows on all four sides, there is a lot of natural light, additional lighting is LED.
- 7. There is an induction loop available in the visitor reception.
- 8. There is one manual wheelchair available for loan. Visitors do not need to book.

### Garden

- 1. There is a level access route in place in the garden. Visitors with mobility difficulties please contact Hare Hill for more information and assistance.
- 2. There is a mixture of path surface material used in the garden: gravel, grass, woodchip and bare earth paths.
- 3. Most of the garden is level, except the entrance/ exit where there is a gradient for a distance of around 30m, and a similar gradient to the North Park view.
- 4. There are two set of steps in the garden.
- 5. The two sets of steps have handrails.
- 6. There are seats in place around the garden, these include picnic benches.
- 7. There are 4 large, deep ponds in the garden. The area they are in is marked with deep water signs.

## Contact details for more information

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