

## Clent Hills Access Statement

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### Introduction

The Clent Hills is an area of 500 acres made up of acid grassland and mixed woodland that sit just on the edge of Birmingham and the Black Country. This Clent Hills offers panoramic views and is a perfect visit for a refreshing walk.

Follow in the footsteps of Edwardian day trippers at Adams Hill or head off the beaten track to the peaceful Walton Hill. Whichever you choose you'll be rewarded with stunning views across several counties and an abundance of wildlife.

The pathways are made of red sandstone and the paths can be uneven with natural trip hazards and muddy in wet weather.

The extensive network of bridleways and permissive tracks are shared by walkers, horses and cyclists.

The easy access path from Nimmings will be the best route if you have a pushchair or wheelchair, this path is also red sandstone (compacted gravel).

Mobile reception is good at Nimmings Wood car park and variable in the wider countryside.

All dogs are welcome, including assistance dogs. Dogs must be on leads in the car park, natural play area, café area and whilst on the easy access path.

Livestock do graze in some areas so please be alert to this and put dogs on leads in these areas.

### Arrival & Parking Facilities

There are brown signs to follow for the Clent Hills on the A456 and A491.

Nimmings Wood Car Park is the main car park which has toilet facilities available.

There is a charge of £3 per day per car and no charge for National Trust members.

The car park is open 09:00-16:00 01<sup>st</sup> November – 29<sup>th</sup> February and 09:00-17:00 01<sup>st</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> October, the car park is gated and there is no out of hours service if you return to your vehicle after it is locked. If you are locked onto the car park you are advised to move your vehicle to the top of the car park near the Café area and return to pick up your car the next day.

If you require a taxi service, you can call 01562 818123.

The car park is closed on Christmas Day.

There are three designated parking spaces for disabled visitors at Nimmings Wood car park, as you enter the car park keep to your left and drive up towards the Café and the spaces are on your left.

The car park is a gravel car park and has uneven surfaces.

Additional free parking is available via Adams Hill (30-minute walk to facilities at Nimmings) and Walton Hill (5-10-minute walk to facilities at Nimmings), these car park areas are not staffed and are open 24 hours per day.

The car park is not lit at night.

## **WCs**

1. There are WC's at Nimmings Wood Car Park. There is a larger toilet in the ladies and gents' toilets which measures 1.55m x1.75m with left hand transfers.
2. There are no adult changing facilities due to space.
3. All the WC's have automatic hand driers and brick wall surfaces.
4. All the WC's have artificial lighting with no natural light when the door is closed.
5. There are baby changing facilities.

## **Catering**

There are catering facilities available at Nimmings Wood Car Park and this is a tenanted Café and not a National Trust Cafe.

The Café serves freshly prepared food with locally sourced ingredients, drinks and ice cream.

## **Countryside**

The countryside consists of acid grassland and mixed woodland, with a network of paths and gates.

There is a map available on the notice board at Nimmings Wood Car Park indicating a variety of walking routes.

Walking routes are also available via the Clent Hills website detailing terrain and distance.

There is a designate bike route: The Dark Pool Descent.

Bridleways are marked with a standard rights of way blue arrow.

There are cattle grazing at certain times in the year and signage will be onsite to highlight this.

Across the Hills there are plenty of benches to stop and take a break.

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