



Kingston Lacy Access Statement

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Introduction

- Kingston Lacy is a large 17 Century mansion set within 500 acres of garden, park and woodland 2.5 miles east of Wimborne, Dorset, situated in a rural location.
- Visitors are advised to allow at least three hours for the visit including house and garden.
- There is general poor mobile phone reception, especially within close proximity to the house.
- Assistance dogs are welcome throughout the property. This is signed at Visitor Reception, the house, shop and restaurant. Please ensure they are wearing their identity harnesses.
- Path and floor surfaces around the property are tarmac, concrete, gravel, flagstone, grass, tile, marble and carpet.
- Natural light levels in the house are controlled to comply with museum guidelines and standards.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There are brown signs from Wimborne Minster and Blandford Forum. The entrance is signed, and the main car park is located 0.25 miles from the main road down a tarmac driveway.
- There are 14 designated spaces for disabled people in a designated parking area. These are on a gravel surface and bays are not marked. The parking area is 21 metres (22 yards) from Visitor Reception up a tarmac slope with a 1:8 gradient.
- The car park consists of tarmac driveways and loose stone and gravel mix for parking bays. The overflow car park is grass.

WCs

- The WCs are located by the Stables buildings, 134 metres (146 yards) from Visitor Reception. These toilets have a 70mm step to access. There is an accessible WC situated in the Laundry courtyard.
- The accessible WC is located 121 metres (132 yards) from Visitor Reception and is 2.6 metres square. Access is level through a 1,110mm automatic (push button), outward opening door. It contains a left-hand transfer toilet with additional hand rail available on the right-hand side. There is space to turn a wheelchair through 1,500mm diameter circle. The floor is tiled and there is an emergency pull cord.



- There are no adult changing facilities but baby changing facilities are available in all WCs.
- All WCs are lit by light bulbs and natural lights and have automatic hand driers.

Visitor Reception

- The wooden building is located at least 21 metres (22 yards) from the main car park up a tarmac slope with a 1:8 gradient.
- All our visitors are welcomed by our team from outside the Visitor Reception building on the tarmac path where it levels off.
- Induction loop is in place.

Stables Café

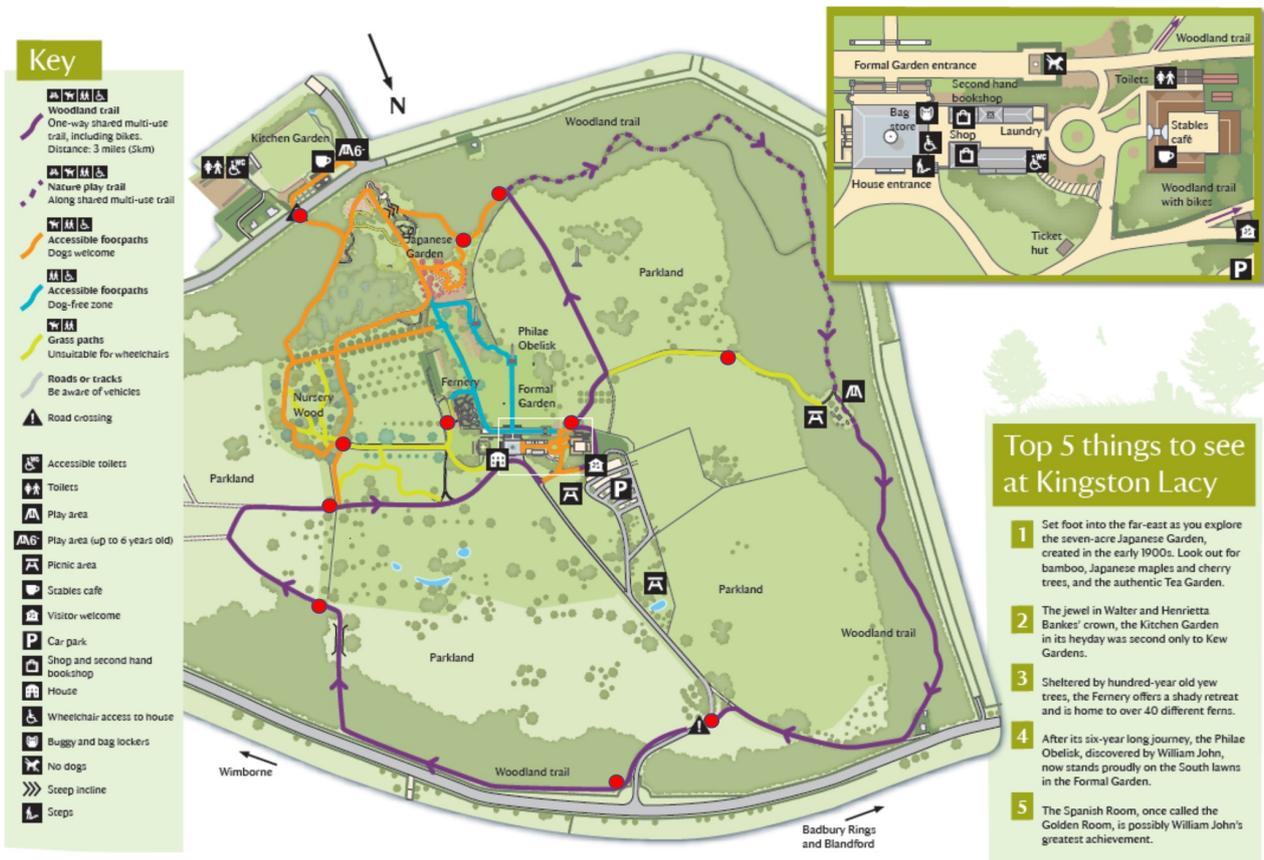
- The café is located approximately 112 metres (122 yards) from Visitor Reception along tarmac paths.
- The flooring within the restaurants are cobble stones (Stables and Horse-shoe) and wood (Coach House).
- The café is open for takeaway only.
- Staff and volunteers can assist with entry as required.
- Main food counter height is 990mm.
- Menus are available in large print.
- Large handled cutlery and straws are available.

Garden and parkland

- A map of the garden and parkland is available for all visitors.
- The majority of paths around the formal gardens are gravel. The paths on the woodland trail are compacted gravel and are suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.
- There are many different sections to the garden. Below are the distances from Visitor Reception along the most commonly used routes:
 - The Fernery – 263 metres (287 yards)
 - Lime Avenue – 476 metres (520 yards)
 - Lady's Walk / Japanese Garden – 522 metres (570 yards)
 - Japanese Tea Garden – 660 metres (720 yards)
 - Kitchen Garden – 960 metres (1,049 yards)
- Steps are located in the following locations:
 - 8 stone steps lead from the Laundry courtyard to the main north side of house with handrail. These steps are between 150mm-190mm high.
 - 8 stone steps lead down from the terrace with no handrail. These steps are between 100mm – 150mm high.
 - 3 stone steps lead from the gravel terrace path towards the obelisk with no handrail. These steps are approximately 100mm high.
 - 2 stone steps lead out of the Fernery with no handrail. These steps are between 60-80mm high.

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- Level access to the obelisk can be obtained over the grass lawns.
- The Woodland Walk is a circular route of approximately 5 kilometres (3 miles) with a mix of tarmac, wood walk, mud paths and gravel.
- There are several gates in the garden and parkland. Please see map below for locations (red dots):



- There are printed interpretation boards located around the formal garden. Two 'talking posts' provide audial commentary, one located above the Heavenly Seat in the Japanese Garden and one located within the Kitchen Garden.
- Benches and seats positioned around the gardens ranging from Edwardian deck chairs, wooden benches, ornamental stone seats and picnic benches.

Date

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