



## **Bourne Mill Access Statement**

Originally a fishing lodge, converted many times Bourne Mill is a picturesque watermill set in tranquil grounds.

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### **Points to note:**

- The Mill is a watermill - located next to a large mill pond, with streams and wetlands across the site, and water running by the entrance, most water is unguarded.
- There is variable mobile phone reception across most of the site.
- Assistance dogs are welcome throughout the property.
- The external area of the mill is generally sloping, with a variety of surfaces (grass, gravel, wooden boardwalks) and uneven levels with steps.
- Internally: access to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is via a very narrow and steep internal ladder like staircase.
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## Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Sat Nav directions will take you straight to the property, there are limited brown tourist signs. The site is in a residential area and is only marked by a National Trust oak leaf logo and small sign at the entrance.
- There is no designated car park at site. There is room for approximately 4 cars on site, please park with consideration to others. The parking area is adjacent to the Mill a partially grassed area and tarmac surface with a slight gradient. All other parking is off site.

## Toilets

- There is an external composting toilet with level access located at the end of the tarmac outside the Mill, there is minimal light and no running water.
- The internal toilet is on the first floor.

## Access to the mill

- There is an approximately 1:6 gradient slope for 100m from the car parking area/site entrance to the main door of the Mill. Adjacent to this path is another path with 4 steps, the paths are gravel, and the steps are red brick.



- To the far side of the mill there is a path of 18 steps. The bricks can be slippery when wet.



- There is water from the Mill pond running by the door to the Mill, this is guarded with a single wooden rail.



## **Bourne Mill**

- There is one step into the Mill, ramps are available, please ask a member of the team.
- The door opens inwards and will be propped open during opening hours, with a width of 90cm.
- Bourne Mill ground floor consists of one large room – containing visitor admission, second-hand books at one end and interpretation and seating at the other end. The area is stone level floor. There is lots of room for buggies and wheelchairs, but when we're busy this becomes limited.
- The counter is 90cm high, staff can assist coming round the counter to assist with any other matters.
- The room has high ceilings and much natural light.

- A variety of chairs are available for use.
- First floor is accessed by a narrow (58cm) ladder like stairs. There is a toilet and some interpretation on this level.
- Basement Wheel Room – where you can see the water wheel turning is accessed from the car park level. There are three steps down, with a ramp provided.
- There are guided tours available.

## **External areas**

- There are picnic tables located directly outside the Bourne Mill entrance adjacent to the Mill Pond.
- The Mill Pond is bordered by vegetation and does not have any fixed barrier marking this edge.
- There are brick and earth steps, as well as uneven, grass paths across site.
- There is a small stream running through site, that is unguarded and crossed by a wooden, wire covered plank bridge – hand rail on one side. This may be slippery.
- There is a wooden wire covered boardwalk into the wetland area, this may be slippery when wet and has no hand rail.