LONGSHAW ACCESS STATEMENT
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Introduction

Longshaw Estate is an area of moorland, woodland and farmland located within the Peak District National Park, Derbyshire, England. Longshaw Estate with Longshaw Lodge was once the Duke of Rutland's shooting estate.

The Estate has been owned by the National Trust since 1931, after being first bought by the people of Sheffield in 1928. It is part of the larger National Trust Peak District Estate and is run along with the High (Dark) Peak Estate and White Peak Estate. At Longshaw, there is a cafe, shop and a learning facility called the Moorland Discovery Centre, which is a joint venture between National Trust and the Peak National Park. The Estate is open 365 days a year. - Longshaw Lodge is now private accommodation and not open to the public.

General Information for Visitors with Additional Needs

- Mobile phone reception is variable across the property. Please contact the Estate Office on 01433 631757 for advice.

- Assistance dogs are made very welcome; the estate has a dog friendly policy to all well controlled dogs. Please be aware that livestock will be grazing from March to October across the estate, and ground nesting birds will be nesting, and so all dogs must be on short 2m leads.

- There are water bowls outside the Welcome Building and Café. Dog waste bags are not provided but bins are located in Woodcroft car park and outside the Café. Dogs are not permitted in the Café (except Assistance Dogs), however there are tethering rings available outside the café.

- The estate is large with some well-defined paths and way-marked routes. Not all routes are accessible by those with limited mobility or wheelchairs/pushchairs. Please see our free Longshaw map available from the welcome building and the café, or ask at the Welcome Building for details. Surfaces may erode in wet weather, and we our best try to maintain key routes throughout the year.

- Breastfeeding is welcomed in all areas of our property. If you require a quiet space, please ask a member of the team who will be happy to arrange this for you.

- We encourage visitors to touch, feel and smell the fauna around the estate and Kitchen Garden. Please be sensitive to delicate flora and fungi.

- We welcome visitors with autism. If you, or somebody in your party are on the Autism Spectrum and you would like to discuss your visit in advance please contact the Estate Office (01433 631757) or email peakdistrict@nationaltrust.org.uk.

- We encourage visitors with additional needs to participate in our events, trails and activities and are committed to ensuring that everyone can enjoy all that Longshaw has to offer. Please contact us (01433 631757) if you require further information about the accessibility of a particular event.
- Longshaw and our visitor facilities can be busy, especially on weekends and school holidays, and some visitors choose to come at quieter times such as midweek during school term time.

**Arrival & Parking Facilities**

Longshaw is open daily but closing times vary seasonally. Full details of our opening times can be viewed on our website. The site is clearly marked from the nearby A6187 and all on local roads with the historic buildings brown tourist signage.

Fifteen designated disabled/young family extra-wide spaces are available within the Woodcroft car park and they are approximately 250m from the café and 60m from the Moorland Discovery Centre.

The Woodcroft car park has a mixture of chipped tarmac and a hard bound gritstone surface (a compactable groundcover which binds firmly when compacted) with permeable plastic paving grids under parking bays. Surfacing of the accessible car parking is the same as for the rest of the car park. We have one short-stay space adjacent to the café, please call the Estate Office (01433 631757) to pre-book.

The path from the car park to the café is gently sloped and can be uneven, especially after heavy rain. Visitors with limited mobility may also be dropped off at the café.

The car parks at Wooden Pole and Haywood are located further from the hub and are less accessible. There are parking charges payable in all our car parks, please see the website for current charges. Parking is free for National Trust members.

Cycle racks are available in front of the Welcome Building and at the side of the Café. There is also coach parking in Woodcroft car park. Spaces are limited and must be pre-booked through the Moorland Discovery Centre (01433 637 907).

**Welcome Building**

This is wooden building located at the bottom of Woodcroft car park. It has level access through double doors (which open outwards) with a smooth wooden surface within. Staff and volunteers can assist with opening doors if required.
The building is well lit with natural and LED lighting. There is a small reception desk 106cm high and there is a clipboard available to write on if needed.

There is currently no seating within or outside the Welcome Building. Staff/volunteers can assist reaching down retail items to view if needed.

There is currently no induction loop in the Welcome Building.

Welcome Building in Woodcroft car park

Retail space inside the Welcome Building

WCs

Accessible facilities are available in the courtyard by the Café and at the Moorland Discovery Centre (with alarm). Accessible toilets are all appropriate size (at least 1.5m x 2.2m).

The accessible WC closest to the Café has left hand transfer the one in the Moorland Discovery Centre right hand transfer. Baby changing facilities are available in the accessible WCs. Currently we have no adult changing facilities on the estate.

The WCs (both accessible and non-accessible) have automatic hand driers and fluorescent lighting.
Café

The Café with seating for approximately 56 people is approximately 250 metres or 5 minute walk each way from the Woodcroft car park. The paths to the Café are bound gritstone (a compactable groundcover which binds firmly when compacted) or paving stones.

The entrance door is manually operated. Café staff/volunteers will assist you with door opening and they can be fixed open. Doors open outwards with an opening width 93cm. The entrance has a gently sloping ramp to level; hard washable non-slip flooring throughout the Café but acoustically there is no sound damping. There is adequate natural light and LED lighting. The servery height is 90cm with a 30cm tray slide in front. There is no induction loop available at the servery. Staff are available to serve visitors away from the servery. Chairs in the Café are upright and don’t have armrests. There is limited turning space for wheelchairs inside the Café. Circulation space between the tables can be less than 120cm. Maneuverability could be further restricted on busier days.

We do our best to cater for any dietary requirements so please ask. Where possible our food produce is sourced locally. We always offer at least one gluten-free and vegan/vegetarian option. Menus are handwritten on chalk boards with characters approximately 50mm high. Menus are not currently available in large print and Braille. Outdoor seating for 60 people is available in front of the Café. There are 4 highchairs available to borrow.
Retail

There are retail areas located within both the Café and the Welcome Building. Circulation space between the display stands in the Café is less than 120cm. Staff/volunteers will assist reaching down items to view if needed. There are currently no induction loops at till points or large print versions of the price list.

![Retail space within the Café](image)

The Estate

A colour map is available for all paths. Staff/volunteers offer orientation to routes and timings around the estate depending on weather conditions. Advice can be tailored to the needs of visitors so please ask our team at the welcome building. The parkland may be closed in adverse weather conditions.

Paths are mainly bound gravel tracks. Due to the rural nature of the estate, some paths have gradients greater that 1:12 and are therefore not accessible to wheelchair users. Our welcome team are able to give advice on the most accessible routes.

The woodland path (beginning opposite the Welcome Building) is a short accessible route. The gradient at the end of the path is 1:12 and can become uneven and weathered. The orange way-marked route is our most accessible (see the Longshaw leaflet) but this can be weather dependent.

Bridges have hand rails and there are gates and stiles along some routes. Directional signage is available throughout the estate and is monitored and updated where appropriate.

There is limited seating available around the parkland generally on boulders and fallen trees. The natural play “Boggart” trail is made of natural materials. Some parts of the trail are off paths with uneven surfaces. The Kitchen Garden is currently only accessible by a short flight of stone steps.
Stone steps to Kitchen Garden  
Slope at the end of the woodland path  
Bridge on the woodland path  
Step and accessible route on the woodland path  
Typical paths on the estate
Moorland Discovery Centre

The Moorland Discovery Centre (MDC) is a purpose built learning space. Access is by a gently sloping hoggin path, which is sometimes difficult for wheelchair access, especially after heavy rain when the path is prone to erosion. The entrance door (82cm) opens inwards onto a level wooden floor. The building is well lit with natural and LED lighting. There are 3 toilets. One is accessible with right hand transfer. Baby changing facilities are available in the accessible WC. Furniture can be arranged to accommodate the easy movement of wheelchairs and walking frames. Seating is on benches and upright chairs without arms.

Visual resources (including the day’s timetable) are provided to support children with additional needs.

Please contact the staff at the centre (01433 637907) to discuss accessibility requirements, or any adaptations to the educational programmes on offer to schools.

Contact details for more information
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