

## **Woodchester Park Outdoor Property Access Statement**

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### **Introduction**

Woodchester Park is located in a tranquil woodland valley in the remains of an 18<sup>th</sup> century landscaped park. There are way-marked trails through the park, some of which are steep in places as the property covers part of the valley sides. There is a marked play trail with equipment made from natural products. All dogs are welcome, including Assistance Dogs. Livestock do graze in some areas so please be alert to this and put dogs on short leads in these areas.

**NB** - Mobile phone reception is not very good across the site. In an emergency, please make contact on the phone number above as soon as you are able. A landline telephone is also available at Woodchester Mansion (not NT) during opening times.

### **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

The car park entrance is accessible 300 yards from a T-junction with the B4066. The road down to the car park is quite steep and uneven. The car park surface is firm with a top layer of loose gravel. There are no designated spaces available for disabled people.

There is a payment machine at the car park. The cost to park is £3, or free for National Trust members.

Access from the car park to the start of the walks and the play trail route is down a series of 12 steep steps. These steps have a handrail on one side, to the right as you descend the steps or the left as you climb up. There is a slope to the side of the steps which has a gradient of 1:12 and can be slippery if the weather is wet. The surface at the top of the slope is firm with a gravel covering, progressing to a firm surface underneath a general covering of leaves and some vegetation. If this access is difficult for you, please contact us in advance of your visit and we will do all we can to help.



There are refreshment and toilet facilities available, including an accessible toilet, at Woodchester Mansion, these are not managed by the National Trust but visitors are welcome to use them when the mansion is open.

## Trails

There are three way marked walks ranging from 2 – 7 miles in length. There is a map available to show these routes on the noticeboard in the car park. Way marker posts around the park indicate the direction of the routes. The easiest route to access for wheelchair users is to simply follow the main track down to the mansion.



## The main track

This out and back route leads from the car park down to the Mansion and the toilet facilities. The total distance is about 2 miles. It takes about 45 minutes to complete this walk at a moderate pace. There will be the sound of birdsong to accompany you on your way and, as you approach the lake, you might well encounter cattle and sheep grazing the land.

The walk starts from the base of the slope down from the car park and continues along a firm compacted stone track. The route has a gradual downward slope for about the first 50m. This will need to be completed in the other direction to return to the car park. The gradient of the slope is 1:8



About half way down the main track, the Blue trail leads off up to the left and heads through the woods before coming round to the Mansion further down, and then following the main track back up to the car park. The Blue trail leads up a woodland path through the trees on a surface of soil and leaves which can become muddy in wet weather. If you wish to follow the Blue trail, please be aware that the gradient here is 1:5 for the first 40m as the route sets off up the side of the valley. The trail does become more level after this although there will be branches and tree routes to negotiate along the way. You will need to come back down the steep gradient to return to the main track to your car. Alternatively, you can follow the main track down to the Mansion and then turn back the way you have come and head back to the car park. You will still be surrounded by trees and be able to enjoy the views in the bottom of the valley.

There are three seats along the main track to the Mansion, set back from the main thoroughfare. These are bench seats which will allow an opportunity to rest and take in the view of the surrounding trees.





Retrace your route following the markers back to the car park. Please be aware that during opening hours, the Mansion operates an hourly mini-bus service from the front of the Mansion to the bottom of the car park steps, and back.

Further information about trails around the property is available on our main website.  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/woodchester-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/woodchester-park)

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