

Sheringham Park - Access Statement

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Introduction

1. There is a network of undulating paths enabling visitors to explore this 1000 acre estate, including a 1 ½ mile sealed surface path which leads down to the parkland.
2. The mobile reception is patchy but by moving a short distance you can normally get a reception. Visitor reception can be contacted during opening hours on 01263 820550.
3. Dogs including assistance dogs are permitted throughout the property (assistance dogs only in the Bower). We ask they are kept on a lead where cattle are grazing, in the car park and around the visitor facilities.



Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. Follow the brown signs on A148 and from the town of Sheringham
2. There are 5 designated spaces for disabled visitors in the main car park approximately 70 metres from the visitor reception building and cafe.
3. Disabled parking is in the main car park which has a hard surface with a grassed overflow area.
4. We have wheelchairs available for transfer to the visitor reception from the car park. There is a free phone in the car park to enable you to contact visitor reception on arrival to arrange this.

WCs

There are WCs next to the Visitor Reception building, including a left-hand transfer disabled WC measuring 1.38m x 2.10m. There are no adult changing facilities but baby changing facilities are available here. All the WCs have automatic hand driers and automatic LED lighting, with stone floors and brick walls surfaces.

Visitor Reception & Shop

1. Situated 100 metres from the car park also containing an exhibition about landscape gardener Humphry Repton. Entry into the building is on a level surface from the main path and a small concrete ramp from the courtyard. The floor is a stone surface and level throughout.
2. There are 3 manual doors to the visitor reception area ranging from 78cm to 91cm wide. Our staff and volunteers can assist with opening the doors if required?
3. The reception desk is 95cm high but there is a lower area, approximately 75cm high.
4. The area lit by natural light supplemented by LED lighting.
5. 3 manual wheelchairs and 4 powered mobility vehicles are available for loan up to 90 minutes at a time. The first hire of the day at 10am (11am during winter) can be booked otherwise they are let out on a first come first served basis to maximise their use.
6. Staff and volunteers are available to help with lifting and carrying goods as well as reading labels and prices.

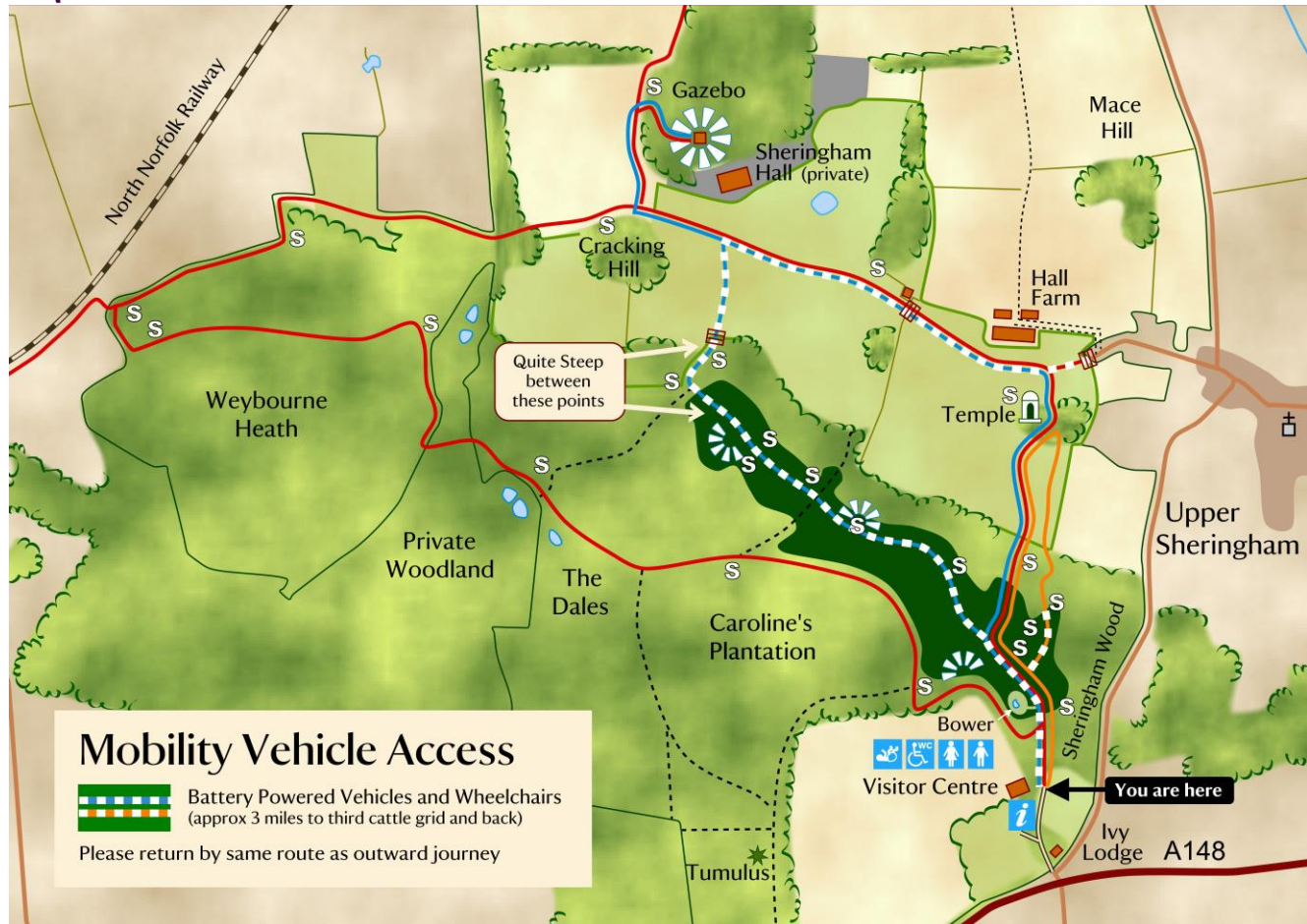


Catering

1. The Courtyard Café is situated approximately 100 metres from the car park accessible by a level hard surface path.
2. The doorway is 90cm wide. This is usually open to at least 90 degrees and is non-power assisted. The door opens outwards; catering team members can assist if required.
3. There is a level access into the café which has a level hard surface.
4. The counter is 90cm high. Catering team members are available to assist with service and carrying trays.
5. All seating is outdoors with some tables that can accommodate wheelchair users. These tables have ample circulation space for wheelchairs.

Wild Garden & Wider Estate

1. A map of the estate is displayed in the car park. Copies of this can be obtained from visitor reception and also maps (see below) showing recommended routes for wheelchair and powered mobility vehicle users.
2. A 1 ½ miles sealed surface path passes through the wild garden and down to the parkland. For wheelchair and powered mobility vehicle users you will have to return to the visitor centre on the same route. All other paths have a natural surface.
3. The landscape is undulating gradually going downhill from the visitor centre which means there is a gradual ascent when returning. When following any of the circular routes there is a steep valley path with an approximate 12.5% to negotiate towards the end of the walks.
4. The temple circular route (one mile) does have steps to take you down into the parkland, there are no handrails.
5. There a number of gates on the estate, all gates on the sealed surface path can be accessed by wheelchair and powered mobility vehicle users. There are numerous seats on all marked routes
6. Cattle graze the parkland from April to October
7. The estate does contain a few ponds.



Learning Centre

1. Located in the Bower situated 320 metres from the car park on a level hard surface path.
2. A concrete ramp provides wheelchair access to one of two entrances through an 85cm wide door. The door is manual and opens inwards, staff members are available to assist if required.
3. The floor in the centre is level and on a hard surface with space to turn a wheelchair through 1500mm diameter circle at the door end of the centre. Desks are 75cm high.
4. Lighting is mix of natural light supplemented by fluorescent lighting.
4. There is a disabled WC at the rear of the Learning Centre with 88cm manual door opening out. It measures 1.95m x 2.17m with a right hand transfer. It has fluorescent lighting and a paper towel dispenser for drying hands.
5. The majority of the learning visits and family events take place in the Bower which has hard surfaced paths. Wheelchair and powered mobility scooter access is provided to the pond dipping and bug hunting areas.



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Click [here](#) for a map of Sheringham Park.