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Barleylands Farm Park Accessibility Guide



Welcome

At Barleylands, we want all our guests to have the best experience we can offer and want to make it accessible for all.

We work hard to try and create a relaxing and stress-free environment for parents and children to visit.

We have created this guide to help you plan your visit and to give you as much information as possible before you attend.

If you have any further questions please contact us via farmpark@barleylands.co.uk or tel: 01268 290229

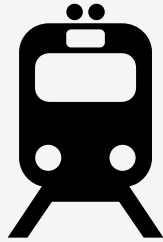
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At a glance....

- Staff have had Disability Awareness Training
- We offer a discounted ticket to carer's (Proof required upon entry).
- We have wheelchairs on site for your use, these can be collected from the Kiosk
- 85% Of Barleylands is flat concrete or tarmac pathways. This guide will help to show areas that are accessible and areas that may be a bit more difficult to manoeuvre.

Getting Here



The nearest Train Stations are Billericay and Basildon, which are equal distances from Barleylands. From both stations you can take the number 300 bus which stops outside Barleylands.



From M25 / A127

Exit at J29 onto A127 Southend bound. Exit at A176 junction for Basildon/Billericay. From here you can follow the brown signs. At the roundabout take the third exit on to South Wash Road. At the second mini roundabout turn left on to Barleylands Road. Barleylands car park is situated one mile down on the right hand side.

From A12

Exit at J16 onto B1007 towards Billericay. From here you can follow the brown signs. Drive through Billericay High Street and continue over the roundabout on to Laindon Road. At the roundabout take the 3rd exit on to Noak Hill Road and then take the 1st left on to Church Street. At the end of the road turn right on to Southend Road and then turn right again on to Barleylands Road. Barleylands car park is situated 1/2 mile down the road on the left hand side.



If you are travelling via public transport, bus stops are located outside the Village gates, with the number 300 bus linking Barleylands with Chelmsford, Billericay, Basildon, Grays and Thurrock. Find out more at www.firstgroup.com

Parking

We have a large, free, level car park with dedicated disabled parking bays close to the entrance of the craft village which leads on to the entrance of the Farm Park.

The car park is flat and on a surface.

We also have dedicated coach parking.

The distance from the disabled bays to the entrance of the craft village is 20m

The distance from the disabled bays to the entrance of the Farm Park entrance is 110m



Farm Park Entrance




The main entrance has level access.

The ticket office is on a flat carpet and is wheelchair accessible.

This is where you can pick up a wheelchair if required.

The ticket booths are 91cm (3ft) high.


Top Play Area



Once you have entered the kiosk on the left hand side is our top play area.

The top play area is on a flat surface.

Please note that this area is currently barked.



Kiosk Toilets and Hand Washing



As you go through the kiosk the hand washing facilities and toilets are located on the right.


They are located on a flat level surface.

The hand washing sinks are activated by pushing a lever underneath the sink with your knee.

The sinks are 70cm high.

There are separate ladies, men's and disabled toilets. The disabled toilets have a baby changing unit located in them.

Show Arena




If you continue down the pathway on the right hand side is our Show Arena.

This is where our Birds Of Prey flying displays are.

The viewing area has seats parallel to the Show Arena which are accessible from the main pathway.

There are gaps either side of the seated area for wheelchair users to park.



Pathways and Benches



The majority of Barleylands Farm Park is flat and has tarmac or concrete pathways.

Benches are strategically placed along the pathway if you need to stop and rest or just want to enjoy the view.

Some benches are wheelchair friendly and can be found at different areas around the park.

Duck Pond



If you continue down the pathway on the right hand side you will see our duck pond.



Barleylands Speedway



Further down the main pathway on the left hand side is the Barleylands Speedway.

You can ride one of the cars for an additional £1.

To make the car move there is an acceleration pedal on the base of the car on the right hand.

The cars are designed for children but adults can sit on the back which can make them a bit slower.

If you need assistance accessing the track please speak to our friendly team who can move a barrier out of the way if required.

Animal Paddocks

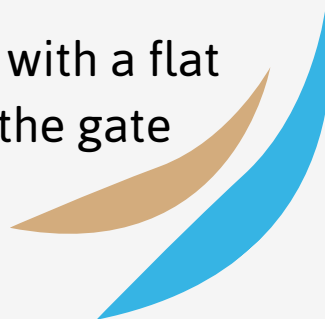


There are various animal paddocks around the farm.

Contact zones are clearly marked around the Farm Park.

Animal feed can be purchased from the kiosk for an additional £1 and can be fed to the sheep, goats, alpacas and cows.

We advise feeding the animals with a flat hand and access is easier at the gate locations.



Big Barleylands Barn



There is a slight slope going down to access this barn.

Once at the entrance it is on a flat level surface and is wheelchair accessible.

This is our events barn so it could be lambing at Easter, a maze at Halloween or a Christmas Grotto. Check the daily timetable to see what's going on for more information.

Big Barleylands Barn Toilets and Hand Washing



As you go in to The Big Barleylands Barn the hand washing stations and toilets are on the left hand side.


They are located on a flat level surface.

The hand washing sinks are activated by pushing a lever underneath the sink with your knee.

The hand wash sinks are 90cm high.

There are separate ladies, men's and disabled toilets. The disabled toilets is the largest we have on site and it has a baby changing unit located inside.


The New Barn



There is a slight slope going down to access this barn.

Once at the entrance it is on a flat level surface and is wheelchair accessible.

This barn is currently housing the farm-ula 1 jeep rides. Check the daily timetable to see what's going on for more information.



Animal Barn



The animal barn is on a flat level surface and is wheelchair accessible.

You can feed the animals in here.

As you go in to the animal barn the hand washing facilities are located on the right hand side.

The hand washing sinks are activated by pushing the button on top of the tap.

The sinks are 63cm high.

Wildlife Walk



The Wildlife Walk is located on a flat surface.

Once inside the pathway is flat but it is made of loose gravel.

This area is accessible by wheelchair however due to the locations of the trees some may find it difficult to manoeuvre with a wheelchair.

This is a great place to come if you need a time out or somewhere calm and quiet to relax.

Poultry Corner



Poultry Corner is on a flat uneven surface made of large gravel.

We don't recommend this area for visitors with a standard wheelchair. It is accessible with an off-road wheelchair.



Showdown Shed



The showdown shed has a flat level surface.

As you go in to the barn the sandpit is on the left hand side. There is a gate at the far left to access the sandpit.

The shooting cannons are located in the middle of the barn. The ground is flat but there is a step to step over to gain access into the ball blaster pit. To access the cannons there are three steps either side as shown in the picture.

Outdoor Play Area



Our outdoor play area is on a flat level surface of grass.

Please note that after lots of rain this area can become quite muddy.

There is woodchip underneath most of the play equipment.

The bouncy pillow is surrounded by play sand.

There are steps to access the zip wire. There is a hill that the zip wire glides down.

We have a basket swing at the back of the play area.

Country Cabin



The Country Cabin is located on a flat level surface.

It can be accessed via the grass or on the woodchip pathway leading to it.

There is flat wooden decking outside the front of the Country Cabin.

Once inside the area is flat and carpeted.

Please note we sometimes host animal handling down here in which case we will bring the animals outside for people to see.

Summer House

The Summer House is located on a flat level surface.

It can be accessed via the grass or on the woodchip pathway leading to it.

There is a step to get in to the Summer house.

We sometimes host our small animal handling sessions here, in which case we will have bales placed outside for people to sit on to then hold and/or stroke the animals.



Toilets by Bouncy Pillow



As you go past the bouncy pillow the toilets are located just past the green gates. They are located on a flat level tarmac surface, but there are two steps to gain entry. At present there are no disabled toilets in this area, but we are currently developing a fully accessible toilet with Changing Places. There are separate ladies and men's toilets. The baby changing is located in the ladies toilets.

Changing places toilet



As you go past the bouncy pillow, through the green gates, this toilet is located at the side of the main toilets.

It is situated on a flat level tarmac surface path.

This is a fully accessible toilet with Changing Places, with an assisted hoist.

There are separate ladies and men's toilets. The baby changing is located in the ladies toilets.

Farm-ula 1 Jeeps

Just past the Bouncy Pillow through the green gates the Farm-ula 1 Jeep area is on the right hand side.

They are located on a flat level tarmac surface.

You can ride one of the Jeeps for an additional £2.

To enter the car you step into it. To make the car move there is an acceleration pedal and a brake pedal on the floor of the vehicle.

The cars are designed for two people so one person can be a passenger.

If you need assistance accessing the track please speak to our friendly team who can move a barrier out of the way if required.



Aviary



The Aviary on a flat level surface.

Birds are loose and free flying in here.

To access the aviary your must slide the doors to the right hand side.

Once inside the pathway is flat but it is made of loose gravel.

This is a great place to come if you need a time out or somewhere calm and quiet to relax.

Cattle Field

The are various animal paddocks around the farm.

The cow field is next to the aviary.

It is accessible via a flat pathway made of loose gravel.

Contact zones are clearly marked around the Farm Park.

Animal feed can be purchased from the kiosk for an additional £1 and can be fed to the sheep, goats, alpacas and cows.

We advise feeding the animals with a flat hand and access is easier at the gates.



Tractor and Trailer Rides



Tractor and Trailer Rides are located at the end of the pathway from the Bouncy Pillow Toilets, next to the Cattle Field.

The pathway leading to the tractors is flat with loose gravel.

Our Tractor and Trailer rides has an accessibility ramp that a Wheelchair can be put on and lifted up. Please note, only two wheelchairs per ride are permitted due to fire risks. The other tractor is accessible to those who can climb two steps with assistance.

The ride lasts for approx 15 minutes and takes a tour past/ around our Adventure Golf, Campsite and Equestrian Centre.

Wallaby Enclosure

Wallaby Enclosure is situated to the right hand side of the farm.

The wallabies are on a flat uneven surface made of large gravel.

We don't recommend this area for visitors with a standard wheelchair. It is accessible with an off-road wheelchair.



Indoor Play Barn



The Play Barn is on a flat level surface.

There is a separate under 5's area on the right hand side.

Tiptree café is located in here.

Here you can purchase hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and snacks.

Discovery Centre (DC)



The Discovery Centre is on a flat level surface.

The Nocturnal House is found at the back of the DC through a curtain. The Nocturnal House is dark.

The reptile house is located upstairs in the DC. This can be accessed by the stairs or the lift to the right hand side of the nocturnal house.

Nocturnal House



The Nocturnal House is on a flat level surface.

The Nocturnal House is dark.

To access the meerkats and the birds of prey you must go through the nocturnal house.

Reptile House

The Reptile House is located upstairs in the Discovery Centre which can be accessed via a lift.

It is on a flat level surface.

The reptile talk is located up here and can be accessed through a gate.



Meerkats



The meerkats are on a flat level surface.

The pathway is made of loose gravel which some wheelchair users may find difficult.

To access the meerkats and the birds of prey you must go through the nocturnal house in the Discovery Centre.

Birds Of Prey Walk

The Birds of Prey are on a flat uneven surface made of large gravel.

We don't recommend this area for visitors with a standard wheelchair. It is accessible with an off-road wheelchair.

To access the meerkats and the birds of prey you must go through the nocturnal house in the Discovery Centre.



Other Useful Information

Bringing a large group?

Are you thinking of bringing a large group down? We can organize visits for SEND groups. Registered groups bringing a minimum of 15 paying visitors during term time, are offered reduced entry fee, and we also offer free adult places depending on the size of your group. You can enjoy the daily activities in the park, and enjoy our indoor and outdoor play.

Want a VIP experience?

Did you know we also host VIP experiences? Why not treat yourself or group to one of our VIP Experiences and spend time with one of our expert farmers?

A great opportunity to get up close and personal to some of our farm animals. Small groups of up to 10 can book a Barleylands VIP Experience lasting 1 hour.

We will tailor make this package to suit you and your guests. Each season brings new opportunities, from new baby animals, to old farm favorites. Get to meet the animals up close, find out their different personalities, and see what really happens behind the scenes. You can get stuck in mucking out or just enjoy cuddling a baby animal for an hour – the choice is yours.

Great for small groups but also a fabulous gift idea for the animal lover in your life. Find out more information here; <https://www.barleylands.co.uk/farm-park/vipexperience/>

In Need of a Time Out?

We understand that a busy visitor attraction can be overwhelming for some of our guests so we recommend these quiet areas if you need a time out; Wildlife Walk, Aviary and Reptile House.

Furthermore, just outside the Farm Park Entrance is a Sensory Toy shop called 'To The Moon and Back.'

Should your child be feeling overwhelmed and in need of a 'time out' Jane the owner is more than happy to help by turning the lights off and using a sensor, colour changing, fish bubble lamp to help calm the situation. She also has a supply of sensory toys. More information can be found here:

<https://tothemoonsensory.com/>



Places To Eat



We welcome visitors to bring their own picnics but we also have Tiptree Tearooms on site.

Within the Farm Park Tiptree has a small café that is located in the Indoor Play Area. Here they serve hot and cold drinks, and have a small selection of sandwiches and snacks. No hot food is available here. You are welcome to eat in or takeaway.

With The Village at Barleylands Tiptree has a larger café that is located opposite the Farm Park entrance. Here they serve hot and cold drinks, a selection of sandwiches, snacks, hot food, and other confectionary. For more information please visit;

<https://www.tiptree.com/locations>