

One Voice Access Guide Parks and Open Spaces in and around Wolverhampton

Introduction

This in two parts

Part 1 is text.

It is a guide to the parks and open spaces in the Wolverhampton area. For each venue, we look at car parking, whether there is a bus stop nearby, accessibility of the entrance, what the park is like inside (paths, seats, toilets, signposting and information, and so on), and sports and leisure facilities.

The pictures with each venue serve as a quick and easy guide, as to what facilities are available.

Part 3 is a list of all parks that were surveyed.

We got information for this guide by going to each of the places listed, and filling in a standard questionnaire about what we found. The survey was conducted on 16,23,25, and 30 of October and 6 November, 1997. It will be updated in 2003.

If you find any mistakes or omissions in this guide, or if changes have been made since the research was done, please let us know, so that we can update the information, and ensure that the guide remains useful.

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Survey of Parks and Open Spaces Part One - The Venues

Autherley Green, Blayden Road, Pendeford

Autherley Green is a large stretch of grassland leading down to the canal towpath.

There is no car parking space nearby; the 504 and 505 buses stop outside.

Entrance to the green is level, through an 'S-bend' gate. - There is enough room for a wheelchair or a scooter to enter. The bars are not well contrasted with their surrounds, and may therefore create difficulties for visually impaired people.

There is a firm path across the green, leading to the towpath. The path is in a contrasting colour, but not edged. It is wide enough for a wheelchair user or a person with crutches, but becomes steeper and loosely packed near the towpath, creating difficulties for people with motorised wheelchairs. The towpath itself is bumpy and narrow, with no change of surface or texture to indicate the edge - this may create problems for ambulant disabled, visually impaired, and blind people.

The minor paths on the green are narrow and uneven.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is no seating at Autherley Green.

There is no signposting or information inside.

There are no sports or leisure facilities.

Pendeford Park,

Pendeford Park is an area of grassland, trees, and children's play area.

There is no parking nearby, but it is on a bus route 504 and 505.

Entrance to the park is by a tarmac path which is fairly steep in places, and may create difficulties for wheelchair users and others with ambulant disabilities.

Inside there are firm paths in a contrasting colour, but with no edging.

There is no seating inside.

There is no signposting or information.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

The children's play area contains four swings (two for toddlers) and a see-saw, each with safety surface underneath. The play area is in tarmac, and reachable by wheelchair users.

Patshull Avenue, Wobaston

Patshull Avenue is a recreation ground with an old children's play area.

The recreation ground has a car park outside, but when surveyed the area mid-morning, the car park was locked with no indication of when it might open. The car park is uneven and has no Orange badge spaces.

The 506, 507, and 503A buses stop near the recreation ground.

Entrance is via a firm, wide footpath at the edge of the park, which

leads to the play area, however there is a bollard in the centre at the end of the path, with just enough room for a wheelchair to get by, but since the bollard is in the same colour and texture as it's surroundings, it may create difficulties for visually impaired people. The footpath is level, and is bordered on each side by a 2' wooden fence, which may be helpful to blind and visually impaired people.

There is no paths across the grass to the play area.

There are benches by the play area.

Sports and leisure facilities

There is a goalpost.

There is an old children's play area with climbing frames, swings, slide, see-saw, the play area is set in tarmac with no safety surfaces. The steps to the slide are of crumbling concrete, they are overgrown. The equipment is not colour contrasted.

Northwood Park, Busbury

Northwood park is a large fenced in park, open from dawn to dusk. The park contains tennis courts, cricket and football fields, and a children's play area.

There is no parking.

the 533 and 532A buses stop by the park.

Entrance is via a large level path that runs throughout the park, the path is edged to assist blind people.

There are benches dotted along the footpaths; the benches have no backs or arms.

There is an information board at the main entrance to the park, stating the opening and closing times in fairly large print; there is no other information.

There are standard toilets on the site, but they were locked at the time of the survey.

Sports and leisure facilities

The park has 3 tennis courts which are not in use. These courts are accessible to a wheelchair user.

There are two football pitches and a cricket wicket.

The changing rooms are via a small step which is not ramped. These and the football and cricket fields can be booked from the Local Authority's Sports and Leisure Services department; there is a charge.

There is a fenced in children's play area, including swings, rope bridges, slide, climbing frames and see-saw. The equipment is painted in bright colours, and stands out from it's surroundings, assisting visually impaired people. There are soft safety surfaces in contrasting colours around each piece of equipment. There is an old play area next to the end enclosed one, with roundabout and swings set in tarmac. There is a bench by the play area.

Bushbury Hill

Bushbury Hill is a natural green space near to Bushbury swimming bath. It is hilly and dotted with trees.

There is parking nearby, but no disabled parking. The car park is uneven, and contains rubble.

The 598 bus stops nearby.

A path leads from the car park into the area, but it is bumpy and uneven. The internal grassy paths are more even, but may cause difficulties in some weather conditions. The ground is hilly and uneven, and may create problems for most people with physical disabilities.

There are no toilets.

There are no sports or leisure facilities.

There is a lot of nature!

Northicote Farm Country Park, Underhill Lane, Bushbury.

Northicote farm is a restored farmhouse in grounds near to town.

With it's cafe and farm buildings it often serves as a venue for craft fairs and other events. It is also home to a number of farm animals.

It is open from 12-3pm in the winter , and from 9am-6pm in the summer. It may be open outside these times for special events, check the local press for details.

Northicote Farm is on the following bus routes: 616, 532, 533.

Entrance to the venue is via a level path. There is a free car park inside. The path leading from the car park has a bollard in the middle; wheelchair users should be able to get around this, but there is no colour or texture contrast, which may create difficulties for blind or visually impaired people.

Internal paths are wide and in a contrasting colour, but there are small loose stones on top, which may cause difficulties for some.

The farm grounds include 'walks' and woods; some of the area has paths, the rest is open fields.

The standard toilets are up 2 steps, but they are laid out in a disability-friendly way. The wheelchair accessible toilet is well designed and includes a pull-out baby changer. People wishing to use the toilets have to cross a lightly cobbled archway on a slight slope, which may cause difficulties for less agile people.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

The restored farm buildings, herb gardens, etc. are of interest, although some of them have only limited access: for example the herb garden is down one step, the step and paths are colour contrasted.

There is a cafeteria which is wheelchair accessible, with tables inside and outside.

There is an accessible education room which is sometimes used for craft displays and sales.

The animal pens house chickens, ducks, pigs etc. Paths run between and beside the animal pens, but paths are of loose material, which may cause difficulties for manual wheelchair users.

Bushbury Memorial Park, Bushbury Lane/Wingfoot Avenue, Bushbury.

Bushbury memorial Park is an open area of hilly grassland, with no facilities. There is no car park, but there is a small parking area outside the main entrance.

Bushbury Memorial Park is on the 532, and 533 bus routes.

Entrance is via level ground.

There is a tarmac path running across the site, which is very steep (around 1:2) in places. The path is not edged .

There are no toilets.

There are no sports or leisure facilities.

St. Christopher's Park, Low Hill

There is no car park.

St Christopher's Park is not on a bus route.

St Christopher's is an enclosed park containing a community recycling site.

The entrance is level.

Inside, tarmac footpaths run through the site; they are in a contrasting colour. Some of the paths are potholed, creating difficulties for many people with physical disabilities.

There is a community building onsite; the opening hours are:

Tuesday 9.am - 12.00noon

Wednesday 9.00am - 9.00pm

There is an accessible toilet available at these times.

There is seating dotted around the park.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

The site has many facilities for children and younger people; there is a children's play area including swings, tyre swings, climbing frames, all surrounded by sand; and exercise equipment such as chin-up bars and weaving poles. Each piece of exercise equipment has a sign explaining it's use. The facilities are all in bright colours, contrasting with other surroundings.

There are picnic tables on the site.

The area has an information board about what wildlife may be found at St Christopher's Park.

Fowler's Park, 9 Elms Lane, Park Village.

Fowler's Park is a large enclosed park with a play area and water features. It is open from dawn to dusk.

There is a CCTV security system in operation.

There is car parking nearby, but no orange badge parking.

It is not on a bus route.

The opening hours are from dawn to dusk.

Entrance is via a level path, - the surface is damaged in places.

Inside, the perimeter path is eroded in places. The other internal paths are of recently laid tarmac.

There is a seating by the play area - benches with backs but no arms. There are steps inside the park; the steps do not have colour contrasted edges. The alternative to the steps is a longer route. There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There are 4 football pitches, but no path leading to them. There is a changing room, but access is via steps with no textured or colour contrasted surface to assist blind and visually impaired people.

There is a charge for hiring the football pitches and changing room - by arrangement with Leisure Services.

There is a children's play area.

There is a large pond on the site, but the path around it is of earth and grass, presenting difficulties for people with mobility disabilities.

There is a brook running through some of the site, but it seems to be polluted, having purple furry rocks.

Grassy Lane, Underhill

Grassy Lane is a long tree-lined lane, leading to a playing field with goal posts.

Grassy Lane is not on a bus route.

There is no car park, although there is enough space to park a car at the entrance site.

Entrance is level, via a pavement with a dropped kerb. The site is a long lane of compacted earth, which may create difficulties for some ambulant disabled people in very wet or very dry conditions.

There is no seating.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

The lane leads to a playing field with two goal posts; no football pitch is marked out.

Kitchen Lane, Ashmore Park

Kitchen Lane is an expanse of grassed wasteland with trees dotted around.

There is no car parking,

It is on a bus route.

There are no paths, no toilets, and no sports or leisure facilities.

Ashmore Park

Ashmore park is a large enclosed park including gardens, with bowling greens, and a Cycle Speedway track.

There is no car park, but there is car parking at the shopping centre nearby. The following buses stop by the park: 327, 527, 559.

Entrance to the park is via level ground. The site has footpaths throughout, although some of them have sunk badly, and some are steep in places. The paths are edged, assisting blind and visually impaired people.

There are benches around the park, most have backs but no arms.

There are no toilets on site, although there are toilets at the shopping

precinct nearby, but these are not wheelchair accessible.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There are three bowling greens, 2 are in some disrepair, one is in good condition. The bowling greens are not currently accessible to wheelchair users, but could be made so with a portable ramp and rubber matting. The bowling greens are free. An attendant is available in the summer months.

There is a football pitch, with two goalposts.

There is a changing room nearby; the changing room and toilets are only available if pre-booked.

There is an enclosed children's play area, with a small step (2") into it. The play equipment is in bright colours, contrasting with its surrounds, and includes slides, swings, climbing frames, etc. Each thing is surrounded by colour contrasted safety surfaces.

There is a cycle mound and track, as well as cycle speedway.

The cycle speedway track and surrounding buildings belong to the Cycle Speedway club.

Fibbersley, Willenhall

Fibbersley is a grassy area, with football pitches on site.

It can be reached by the following buses: 327, 525, 527.

There is a car park beside the venue, but the surface is of very coarse gravel, which may create difficulties for people with ambulant disabilities.

Entrance is via a grassy slope.

There are no paths inside the space.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is a marked out football pitch, but no changing rooms.

Neachells Lane, Willenhall

Neachells Lane is a grassed over area of rough ground.

It does not meet any basic access requirements.

There are no facilities.

The 574 bus passes the site.

Wednesfield Park, and King George VI playing fields, Duke street/Aplys Green

Wednesfield park is a large enclosed park with bowling green, tennis courts, and football pitches, and formal gardens. It is open from dawn to dusk.

The 525 bus stops at the Amos Lane entrance.

There is a small parking area outside the entrance.

Entrance is via a level path. Inside there are gravel and tarmac paths running throughout the site.

There are benches around the park.

The park has toilets, including a wheelchair accessible toilet, however they are only available when an attendant is on duty - usually during the summer season.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

The park has two concrete Tennis Courts. One is reached via a steep

slope, the other is on level ground. The Courts are marked out but not colour contrasted. At present, the courts are not in use due to vandalism.

There is a bowling green, which could be made wheelchair accessible with a portable ramp and rubber matting. Benches are situated around the green, they have backs and arms.

There are football pitches marked out.

There is a play area, including an enclosed toddler's playground. The toddler's area includes swings, climbing frames, and bouncy rides.

The equipment is mounted in sand. The main play area has climbing frames, swings etc. There are picnic tables nearby. There is an empty paddling pool.

Heath Town Park, Lawrence Avenue (off Coronation Road)

Heath Town Park is a large enclosed park, some of its facilities have fallen into disrepair. It is open from dawn to dusk.

The following buses stop by the Wolverhampton road side of the park: 559,562,563,573,613.

There is no car park nearby. Although there is room to park by the roadside.

Entrance to the site is via level ground. There are edged tarmac paths running throughout the park.

There are no toilets.

There is seating in the form of benches dotted around the park.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

The tennis courts and bowling green are damaged.

There is a play area, although the path to it disappears into a hedge.

The play area has swings and a climbing frame, all set in tarmac.

There is a marked out football pitch and goal posts, but no changing rooms.

East Park, Parklands Road

East Park is a large enclosed park with good sports and leisure facilities, as well as gardens and wooded areas. It is open from dawn to dusk.

Parking is available around the perimeter of the park; there are no Orange Badge spaces.

The 574 bus stops on Stowlheath Lane, there is a footpath from here to the park.

Entrance is via a level path. Paths run throughout the site, although some of it is a bit hilly.

There is seating dotted around the park.

There are standard toilets, but these are very basic, and in poor state of repair. There are no wheelchair accessible toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

The park has tarmac tennis courts, however there is a 10" step up to the courts, so they are not wheelchair accessible.

There are 5-a-side and full-sized football pitches, as well as a hockey pitch. The 5-a-side and hockey pitches are enclosed and must be booked via Aldersley Stadium (Tel. 756774)

There are changing rooms, which may be booked for a fee. They are inaccessible to wheelchair users, and possibly other people with ambulant disabilities, as the path to the changing rooms is half

cobbled.

There is a golf course; golf clubs may be hired from May to September at £1.70 per round, with a deposit of £3.10.

The park also contains a "trim trail" - a set of outdoor exercising equipment. The trim trail is signposted.

There is a paddling pool, but this was empty at the time of the survey.

There is a children's play area, including slide, swing, playhouse, climbing frames, as well as an infants play area with sand surrounds.

Bantock Park, Merridale road

Bantock park is a large open park, including formal gardens, sports facilities such as golfing, and the Bantock House Museum and Library. It may be reached by bus on the 513 and 543, and is also on a Ring and Ride route.

There is free car parking on site, there are no orange badge parking spaces.

There are several entrances to the site, all of which are level.

There are wide, edged paths throughout the site.

There are steps inside the site, as it is on several levels, but there are alternatives to the steps. The steps do not have colour contrasted edges.

There are seats in the formal gardens, they are benches with backs and arms.

There is an information board outside Bantock House, the print is fairly large, and gives details of opening times and forthcoming events.

There are toilets in the changing room block, but they are not wheelchair accessible, and they are only open when the changing rooms are open, from May to September.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

Bantock Park has a children's play area including a slide, swings, roundabout and climbing frame. The equipment is in a tarmac area with safety surfaces in contrasting colours.

The Park also has a pitch and put golfing green which is not wheelchair accessible. Golfing equipment can be hired in season £3.10 to hire clubs, £1.70 per round, from the changing room block.

There are football pitches and a cricket wicket on the site.

The Bantock Museum and library are also in the park. They are open 10-5 weekdays and Saturdays. Entrance to the Museum is free, and wheelchair accessible.

The ground floor of the museum is accessible. The upper floors can be reached by steep staircases only.

There is a rose garden on site.

St Chads Recreation Ground, Upper Zoar Street

St Chads is an open space with children's play area.

There is no parking nearby.

The nearest bus stop is for the 512 on Lea Road.

Entrance is level via a dropped kerb/pavement onto a path. There are tarmac paths inside the space, which are edged, assisting blind people with canes.

There are a few benches dotted around the site, and one picnic table set in level tarmac.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure facilities

There is a play area on site, including climbing frame, swing, and a 'fives' wall. All the equipment is set in level tarmac.

West Park, Park Road, Wolverhampton

West Park is the premier town park of Wolverhampton. Situated near the centre of town, it has many facilities, including formal gardens, tennis courts, and boating lake, and is the venue for many Council events such as the November bonfire and the Summer Fiesta. It is an enclosed park open from dawn to dusk.

There is car parking around the perimeter of the park, including 4 'un-policed' orange badge spaces by Landsdowne Road entrance. The 525 and 525a buses stop by the park.

There are many entrances to the park, all of which are through gates, and all of which are accessible. Each entrance is via a firm level path which is edged, and in a contrasting colour to its surrounds.

There are benches throughout the park, including a covered seating area by the lake.

There are standard print signposts throughout the park. There is information about opening times, and a map of the park. There is information about opening times, and a map of the park at the main entrance (opposite the West Park Hospital).

There are men's and women's toilets, opening during park hours.

Each toilet is ramped. Both have wheelchair accessible toilet, operated by RADAR key. The 'disabled' toilets are not well laid out for people without the use of their legs, but they are useable. The women's toilet block has a wall – mounted litter bin inside the entrance, which will prevent many wheelchair users from getting to the women's wheelchair accessible toilet.

Sports and Leisure facilities

West Park has formal gardens and a conservatory. The conservatory has been adapted, having a ramp and steps. The steps do not have colour contrasted edges. Inside the conservatory are plants from other countries.

Next to the conservatory is a newly laid garden. This has many features to the benefit of disabled people, such as clearly defined paths, and raised flower beds at wheelchair height. There is a central feature made up of individually designed clay tiles, which has a tactile quality, as well as being interesting to look at. There is seating all around it. The main fault with this garden is that one of the main paths has a grating in the centre, and a blind person's cane could easily get stuck in the grating, which may also create difficulties for people who use sticks/crutches.

The children's play area in West Park is enclosed and has climbing frames, slide, roundabout, swings, etc. Each piece of equipment is surrounded by safety surfaces. There is plenty of seating around the play area.

West Park has a small lake, which is host to a number of water bird, Including Canada geese, Red Crested Pochards, and Coots. By the lake there are information boards about the birds, including their

dietary requirements.

The lake doesn't have a safety edge, although there is a change in surface 6 inches from the edge. Lifebelts are in place around the lake, and can be reached from a seated position. However, at the time of the survey the lifebelt holders were all empty.

In the summer season there is boating available on West Park lake.

The cost is £1.60 per adult, and 80p per junior for half an hour.

The rowing boats are not accessible.

There are 6 Tennis Courts open in season in West Park, as well as a changing hut. There is one ramped entrance to the tennis courts, but it is very difficult for wheelchair user to use it independently, as there is a small ditch at the beginning of the ramp. The courts are useful for visually impaired people because they are a different colour from their surrounds, so it is easier to see when a ball lands out of court.

There is a putting green open from May to September, the cost per Round is 65p.

The fee for use of the tennis courts is £2.70 per court for adults, and £1.35 per court for juniors, but you must provide your own raquets and balls.

Glaisdale Gardens, Farndale

The space at Glaisdale gardens is a tarmac area with a strip of grass surrounding it.

There is no car park, but there is space outside to park a car/van.

It is not on a bus route.

Access to the site is via level ground.

There are no seats.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure facilities

The tarmac area leads to a steep slope onto a grassed area which includes a football field. There is no indication of whether this is part of the site.

There are some swings.

Claregate Playing Fields, Knight's Crescent

Claregate playing field is an open space with cricket and football pitches, tennis courts, and a children's play area.

There is a car park adjacent to the site, but there are no Orange Badge spaces.

The playing field is not on a bus route.

Entrance is via level ground. There is a central path leading to the toilets.

There are benches with backs situated around the sports areas.

There are toilets on the site but they are not wheelchair accessible.

Inside the toilets have white tiled walls, which may cause glare when bright sunlight comes through the windows.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

The children's play area has slides and swings, all set in safety surfaces of a contrasting colour.

In season there is a cricket pitch laid out which is used exclusively by club cricketers at weekends.

There are football posts on site, but no pitch was marked out at the time of the survey.

The cricket and football pitches can be booked for a fee by telephoning the Parks Department on 756774 – this will include use of the changing rooms, which are ramped.

There are 4 Tennis Courts, but the slope to get to them is very steep, also there is a high step (about 8 inches) up to the courts.

Penk Rise, Tettenhall Wood

Penk rise is a large grassed area with few facilities.

There is no car park, and it is not on a bus route.

Entrance is level.

There are no paths, no toilets, and no seating.

Sports and Leisure facilities

There is a children's play area with swings and climbing frames set in very fine gravel.

Dunstall Hill

The Dunstall Hill site is a well hidden area with children's play area and a small woodland walk.

There is no car park, but road side parking may be possible.

It is not on a bus route.

There are two entrances to the site: The Dunstall Avenue entrance is via safety bars, and leads to a very steep path – it is not wheelchair accessible. The Glenworth Gardens entrance is accessible to wheelchair users.

There is a central tarmac path running through the site, which is very steep at one end.

There are no toilets.

There are some seats by the play area.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is a wooded area with an accessible walkway running through it – but it may be too dark in the winter and cause problems for visually impaired people.

There is a children's play area which includes climbing frames, slide, and swings. The equipment is surrounded by woodchip. There are picnic tables and benches nearby.

There is a 'fives' wall.

There is 1 goalpost on site.

Upper Green Tettenhall

Upper Green is a large stretch of grassland including a sizeable paddling pool which is filled with water in the summer.

There is a car park at the edge of the site, which closes at 8.00pm.

There are no Orange Badge spaces. To get to the Green from the car park, you must use steps or a long path. The 501 bus stops by the Green.

The entrance is via level ground. There is a path across the site, but it doesn't lead to car park or toilets.

There are benches and picnic tables by the pond.

There are wheelchair accessible toilets near the car park, at the edge

of the green. The toilets are opened by RADAR key. They are well lit, and the walls contrast with the floor. However, when you leave the toilets you have to go down a sloped pavement which has a bollard in the centre at each end, creating problems for many disabled people.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is a paddling pool.

There is a football pitch

There are many trees.

Stowheath, Stowheath Lane, Bilston

The Stowheath site is an uneven grassed area with a fishing lake, next to Stowlawn Wood.

Entrance is level via a dropped kerb.

There is no parking.

The 574 bus goes along Stowheath lane.

There are no paths inside the space.

There are no seats.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

The fishing lake includes fishing platforms, but they are not independently wheelchair accessible. The fishing rights belong to the Heart Fishing Club, for more information, contact Dave Rogers on 315135.

Prouds Lane, Bilston

The Prouds Lane site is a fishing lake surrounded by grass

There is a car parking nearby, but no Orange Badge parking.

The site is served by- the 334 and 526 buses.

Entrance is level, via a dropped kerb pavement.

There is a path along the top of the lake which should be accessible for people with mobility problems.

There are brick paths inside the site leading to the fishing platforms.

The paths are not edged.

There are benches along the top of the lake.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is a fishing lake, for use by season ticket holders. For more information contact Dave Rogers on 315135

The main platforms are wheelchair accessible, but the individual fishing platforms are not.

The lake is host to ducks, Canada geese, and swans.

Hickman Park, Hickman Avenue

Hickman park is a pretty and undulating enclosed park, open from dawn to dusk.

It is not on a bus route.

Entrances to the site are via gates on level paths.

There are tarmac paths inside the park, some of which are sloping.

The paths are in contrasting colours with their surrounds.

There are benches with backs and arms around the park. Some

benches are on the level ground at the edge of paths, some are mounted, and reached by steps.

There are toilets on site, but at the time of the survey they were boarded up.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is an overgrown running track, with seating which is not disability friendly, as it is banked, and with no backs or arms.

There are 2 pen tarmac tennis courts, with access via a sloped path.

There is a children's play area, reached by a steep slope. The play area has swings, slide, and climbing frames. There is a newer enclosed play area with safety surfaces around the swings, roundabout, slide, climbing frames etc. There is a bench nearby.

Carder Crescent, Bilston

Carder Crescent is an area of grassland with trees.

There is car parking outside, but no Orange Badge spaces.

There are 2 entrances, one is up a step, the other is via a broken path.

There is a path of loose gravel through the site.

There are no seats.

There are no toilets.

Greenway Road Playing Fields, Greenway Road,

Greenway road is a grassed area with playground and goalposts.

There is no car parking – the site is by the roadside.

Entrance is via a dropped kerb pavement.

There are no paths running through the site.

There are no seats and no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is a tarmac playground with swings, slide and climbing frame.

There are two goal posts and a marked out football pitch.

Wilkinson Avenue, Bradley, Bilston

Wilkinson Avenue is an open grassy area, the Bradley Senior Citizens' Centre is on site.

There is car parking inside the main gate.

It is serviced by the 401 bus.

Access is via level ground.

There are paths inside the space, but they are very steep in places, and not edged.

There is seating by the play area.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is a 5-a-side football area with goal posts.

The play area is enclosed and includes climbing frames, slide, swings, and a see-saw, all of which are set in colour-contrasted safety surfaces.

There are benches around the play area.

Bradley Senior Citizens Centre on site is ramped and has toilets.

Great Bridge Playing Fields, Great Bridge Road, Bilston

Great Bridge is a green area with new facilities.

There is no car parking.

It is on the bus route for the 262,263, and 530 buses.

Entrance is via level ground.
There are no paths inside the space.
There are benches with backs by the play area.
There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There are two sets of goal posts.
There is a play area with swings, slides and a see-saw. All the equipment is in bright colours and set in tarmac.

Rocket Pool, off Stirling Road, Bilston

Rocket Pool is a fenced in fishing lake with few facilities for many disabled people.

There is no car parking nearby.

It is on the 530 bus route.

Entrance is via a step which is not a contrasting colour.

There is a path around the inner perimeter of the site, which is of fine compacted gravel, and contrasts in colour with its surrounds. It is not edged.

There are some benches inside.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is a large fishing pond. The fishing platforms can only be reached by steps. The steps do not have colour contrasted edges.

Memorial Square, Wellington Road/Walsall street, Bilston

This is a small square of grass with a war memorial.

There is roadside parking nearby.

The 78 and 79 buses stop outside.

Entrance is via steps. There are no alternative to the steps.

There is a path running through the space, which is edged.

There are benches with backs.

There are no toilets.

Holcroft Park, Holcroft Street, Off Ettingshall Road, Bilston

Holcroft is a small park with some trees and bushes enclosing it.

There is no car park, but roadside parking may be available.

There is no bus stop nearby.

Entrance is via one high step.

There are gravel and tarmac paths in the park.

There are steps to the playground, but there are alternatives to the steps.

There is some basic seating.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is a goal post.

There is a play area set in tarmac with swings slide and climbing frame.

Blakenhall Recreation Ground, Blakenhall

Blakenhall Recreation Ground is an open grassy area, mainly used for dog-walking, with play area and goal posts.

There is no car park, but there is roadside parking at the edge of the

site.

Entrance is via level ground, on a concrete pathway level with the pavement, which slopes gently upwards into the park.

There is a tarmac path inside the recreation ground, which is in a contrasting colour to its surrounds.

There are metal benches by the play area.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There are two 'fives' walls.

There is a play area with climbing frames and a see-saw, set in safety surfaces.

There are two goalposts.

Windsor Playing Fields, Pinfold Lane, Warstones.

Windsor playing fields is a long grassy area, including a football pitch and a children's play area.

There is no car parking nearby.

The 512 bus goes down Coalway Road, which borders onto the playing field.

Entrance is level, via a dropped kerb pavement.

There are tarmac paths inside the field, which is not edged.

There is a wooden bench by the play area.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is a children's play area with slide roundabout, swings, see-saw, and climbing frame – they are painted in bright colours, and set in colour contrasted safety surfaces.

There is a football pitch.

There is a changing area, but it is not wheelchair accessible.

Woodlands Walk, Ashley Road, Penn

Woodland Walk is a peaceful area; it is long expanse of grassland with trees.

There is space to park at the entrance to the site. It is not on a bus route.

Entrance is via a dropped kerb pavement.

There is a central path running through the site, it is tarmac and contrasts with its surrounds. The walk through wooded area is via a grassy slope, and may not be possible for manual wheelchair users.

There are benches with backs and no arms dotted around the wooded area.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There are no sports facilities.

The area has wildlife in the form of birds, squirrels, and butterflies in summer.

North Green/South Green, Warstones

There is a very long expanse of grassland with few trees, and two goalposts.

There is no car park.

The green is close to the 512 bus route.

Entrance is via a dropped kerb at the North Green end. The dropped kerb entrance at the South Green side is at a distance from any

drop – off point.

There is a tarmac path running along the edge of the site.

There is no seating in the area.

There are no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There are two goalposts.

Bradmore Recreation Ground, Victoria Crescent

Bradmore Recreation Ground, Victoria Crescent is a fairly large, open site with sports facilities such as tennis courts and bowling, and a children's play area.

There is a car park at the Church Road end, but no Orange Badge spaces.

Entrance is via an 'S-bend' system of bars, which is wheelchair accessible, but may create problems for scooter users. The bars are not mounted, and not in a colour that stands out, so they may create difficulties for the blind and visually impaired people.

There is no main tarmac path which is edged, assisting visually impaired people. The path leads to the play area and other facilities.

There are benches with backs and no arms by the bowling green, and a bench by the play area.

Toilets are available at weekends in the season, but they are not wheelchair accessible.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is a potentially wheelchair accessible bowling green. The green is close to the tennis court, so may be too noisy for visually impaired people in the tennis season.

There are 6 tennis courts, which can only be reached by a high (8") step. The tennis and bowling greens are available from May to September. Equipment may be hired from the changing hut in season.

There is a limited children's play area with climbing frames.

Muchall Park, Mount Road, Penn

There is limited car parking space at the Manor Road end of the park.

Entrance is via a dropped kerb/pavement.

There is one central path running through the site, but the surface is damaged and broken in places.

There is seating by the play area, in the form of benches, some of the benches have backs.

There are no toilets at Muchall Park.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

There is an enclosed children's play area with brightly coloured swings, slides, see-saw, and climbing frames. The equipment is set in colour contrasted safety surfaces.

Phoenix Park, Birmingham New Road/Dudley Road

Phoenix park is an open, hilly stretch of grass.

There is car parking nearby, but no orange badge spaces.

The park is on the 125 and 126 bus routes.

Entrance is via a dropped kerb/pavement.

There is a tarmac path running through the site, which has a raised edge.

There are no seats, no toilets, and no sports or leisure facilities.

Kent Road, Parkfield

Kent Road is a large, open stretch of grass. It is basic.

There is a car park nearby (by the pub).

There are no paths, so access will be difficult for many people with mobility problems.

There is a picnic table and benches.

There are no toilets, and no sports or leisure facilities.

Taylor Road Parkfields

The Taylor road site is a grassy area with no facilities.

There is no car parking.

Entrance is level.

There are no toilets and no seating.

Hilton Road, Lanesfield

There is a car park, but no Orange Badge spaces.

Entrance is level from the car park.

There are no paths, no seating, no toilets.

Sports and Leisure Facilities

A grassy hill leads to some marked out 5-a-side and standard football pitches.

Woodcross Park, Childs Avenue, Woodcross

Woodcross is a sloped park, with a children's play area at the top.

There is no car parking.

Entrance is level via a dropped kerb/pavement.

There are tarmac paths across the park.

There is seating in the form of benches with backs but no arms.

Sport and Leisure Facilities

There is a child's play area at the top end of the site – people with ambulant disabilities who want to use the play area should enter the park at the top, this will avoid a lengthy slope.

The play area has a climbing frame and slide. There are no safety surfaces.

Hurst Hill

Hurst Hill is an open space with play area and goal posts.

There is no car parking.

Entrance is via level ground.

There are firm level paths through the site.

There is no seating.

There are no toilets.

Sport and Leisure Facilities

There is a goal post.

There is a play area with a swing and climbing frames. There are no safety surfaces.

John Roberts, Ettingshall

John Roberts is a park open twenty-four a day.

There is no car park, but a roadside parking may be possible.

Entrance is via a pavement; there is no dropped kerb.

There are firm edged paths in the park.

There are no seats and no toilets.

Sport and Leisure Facilities

There is a play area with a swing and climbing frames in bright colours. There are no safety surfaces.

There is a goalpost.

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