



# Forestry England

## Accessibility Guide for Sherwood Pines

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### Welcome

Sherwood Pines is a Forestry England woodland. We have regular walking activity trails and bikes to hire for people who want to explore the forest, or wild running trails and our red-graded Outlaw mountain bike trail for people who really want to push themselves.

We also have a number of adventure play areas, bushcraft experiences, Go Ape high ropes and nets courses.

Additionally, there is an on-site cafe, disabled and family toilet facilities, and a visitor information centre (open 7 days a week 9 til 4:00).

## At a Glance

### Level Access

- There is level access from the main entrance to:
  - Dining Table
  - Sherwood Pines Cycles
  - Visitor Centre
  - Unisex Accessible Toilets
  - Male Toilets
  - Female Toilets
  - Classroom
  - Go Ape
  - Play Areas and Equipment
  - Cycle trails
  - Cycling Skills Loop and Bike Park
- There is level access from the car park to:
  - Mushroom Village picnic area

### Access with steps

- There are steps from the main entrance to:
  - World War 1 Replica Trenches

### Hearing

- The fire alarm has flashing lights.
- Some staff have Next Generation Text and disability awareness training.

### General

- There is at least 1 public toilet for disabled visitors.
- Some staff have disability awareness training.

## Getting here

Sherwood Pines, Kings Clipstone  
Nottingham  
NG219JL

### Travel by public transport

- You can get to Sherwood Pines by bus.

- The nearest bus stop to Sherwood Pines is at Old Clipstone, Archway Road. This is just outside the Dog and Duck pub, and roughly a one mile walk from Sherwood Pines visitor centre. The bus stop is 1.0 miles / 1.6 km from Sherwood Pines.

#### *Travel by taxi*

- You can get a taxi with ACE-ABC Taxis by calling 01623 654321.

#### *Parking*

- We have a car park. There are accessible parking spaces. Parking is not free.
- The nearest drop off point is in the main car park - cars have 20 minutes free parking for pick-ups and drop offs. From the car park to the entrance, there is level access. The path is sloped.
- The route is 1000mm wide, or more.
- The main car park (Woodlark) has blue badge disabled parking on the first row opposite the Visitor Centre. There are four further car parks, Goshawk, Nightjar, Crossbill and Sparrowhawk with a total car park space for 2200 cars at peak times. In addition there is a coach parking bay to the eastern side of Woodlark car park which can provide ample parking for three 60 seater coaches. The car park is on a 'Pay on Exit' system - this means you dont need to do anything when you arrive, you just have to go to one of the wooden paystation huts as you are about to leave, follow the instructions on one of the touch-screen pay machines, and they will know how long you've been on site and how much you must pay. You can pay by coin, card, or Apple pay. The charges are; up to one hour £3, up to two hours £5, anything over two hours £8.



Pay on exit paystation



Disabled parking

## Arrival



### *Path to main entrance*

- From the street to the main entrance, there is level access.
- The path is 1000mm wide, or more.
- The path is sloped.



### *Main entrance*

- The main entrance has level access.



Visitor Centre (Front)

## Getting around inside



### *Ticket/ information desk*

### *Visitor Centre*

- From the main entrance to the desk, there is level access. The door is 1900mm wide, or more.

- The desk has a low section.
- There are double doors at the visitor centre main entrance; one door is usually secured open, except during extreme weather. When the door is closed it is a light, easy-to-use glass door, measuring 950mm wide x 2100mm high, with a lever handle. The second door can also be opened, creating an opening of 1900mm.



Visitor centre information point

#### *Sherwood Pines Cycles*

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The route is 600mm wide, or more. The door is 1010mm wide.
- Some display information is low, for wheelchair users.
- Sherwood Pines Cycles has a wide range of bikes for sale or hire as well as clothing, components and accessories. They also offer a workshop service with two Cytech qualified mechanics.

#### *Public toilet*

##### *Unisex Accessible Toilets*

- There is a public toilet for disabled visitors.
- You need a RADAR key to open the public toilet.
- From the main entrance to the public toilet, there is level access. The route is 1000mm wide, or more.
- The toilet door is 860mm wide.
- The direction of transfer onto the toilet is to the right.
- There is 1400mm in front of the toilet. The toilet seat is 470mm high. The toilets have handrails.
- There are 5 unisex accessible toilets. Four of the doors pull open outwards. Inside each has a hand rail, emergency pull cord and sink with hot running water. The fifth disabled toilet door (also measuring 900/2050/44mm) is operated by handle and opens inwards, this is a larger space for individuals with specific needs/need of a carer. These too have hand rails, emergency pull cords and a sink with hot running water.



Inside of unisex accessible toilet



External image of unisex accessible toilets

## Public toilet

### Male Toilets

- From the main entrance to the public toilet, there is level access. The route is 1000mm wide, or more.
- The toilet door is 825mm wide.
- The direction of transfer onto the toilet is to the front only.
- There is 900mm in front of the toilet. The toilet seat is 470mm high.
- The male toilets have two external doors and one internal door. They have 8 cubicles, one large communal urinal and one single urinal. There are 10 sinks providing hot water with four hand dryers. The male toilets also have one baby change facility.



Male toilets

#### *Public toilet*

#### *Female Toilets*

- From the main entrance to the public toilet, there is level access. The route is 1000mm wide, or more.
- The toilet door is 825mm wide.
- The direction of transfer onto the toilet is to the front only.
- There is 900mm in front of the toilet. The toilet seat is 470mm high.
- The female toilets also have two external doors and an internal door. They have 18 cubicles and 12 sinks providing hot running water, they also have two hand dryers and a separate toilet with baby change.



Female toilets

#### *Place to eat and drink*

#### *Sherwood Pines Cafe*

- From the main entrance to the dining area, there is level access. There is a permanent ramp. The route is 1500mm wide, or more. The door is 1400mm wide.
- To get to a table, there are no steps.

- The route through the dining area is 800mm wide, or more.
- There is no background music.
- We cater for sugar free (diabetic), vegetarian, gluten free (celiacs), lactose free (dairy free), nut free and vegan specific diets.
- The cafe has seating for 60 customers inside and approximately 30 more outside on the decked area. The café has wooden parquet flooring with an outside raised deck seating area. There are a number of large heavy wooden picnic benches in the immediate vicinity of the café.



Cafe (external, front)



Cafe (external, back)





Cafe (internal)

### *Classroom*

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. There is a permanent ramp. The route is 1000mm wide, or more.
- The classroom is a room available to hire for events/meetings.



Classroom (Front)



Classroom (Inside)

## Getting around outside



### *Designated Walking Trail*

#### *Archer's Stroll*

- The trail is 1600metres long. The trail has a hard surface. The trail is sloped. The trail has seats.
- An all weather surfaced trail, suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. This walk takes in some of the oldest trees in the forest with seating and a picnic bench along the way. Follow the white waymarker plaques along the trail.



### *Designated Walking Trail*

#### *Castle Walk*

- The trail is 4800metres long. Some of the trail has a loose surface. Some parts of the trail have large roots protruding from the ground which may impact wheelchair users. The trail is sloped. The trail has seats.
- This unsurfaced trail starts in the same place as the Archers Stroll to begin with and then takes you through a variety of the habitats within the forest. Follow the pink plaque waymarkers.



### *Designated Walking Trail*

#### *Ranger's Path*

- The trail is 7242metres long. Some of the trail has a loose surface. Some parts of the trail have large roots protruding from the ground which may impact wheelchair users. The trail is sloped. The trail has seats.
- Our longest walk on site, the Ranger's Path offers a real chance to get some solitude amongst the rich historical and natural features of this area. Follow brown waymarker plaques.

## Picnic Area

### *Mushroom Village picnic area*

- From the car park to the picnic area, there is level access. The path is 1000mm wide, or more.
- Some tables have space for wheelchair users. You can bring your own food to the picnic area.

### *Go Ape*

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The route is 1000mm wide, or more.
- Go Ape is a High ropes course and nets experience, in the trees. Call in at the Go Ape cabin on site to discuss any accessibility needs that you or your group may have.



Go Ape booking cabin

### *Play Areas and Equipment*

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The route is 1500mm wide, or more.
- Sherwood Pines has several out door play areas; Mushroom Village, Insects and the Spider, Play Huts, and the Robin Hoods Hideout. All of these are within 0.5miles of the Visitor Centre and are surfaced and walkable with a wheelchair.



Mushroom Village play area



Robin Hood's Hideout

### *Cycle trails*

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The route is 1000mm wide, or more.
- Sherwood Pines has three waymarked cycle routes which are colour coded to represent difficulty. The easiest route is the three mile surfaced family cycle trail, the moderate six mile Robin Hood trail is graded blue to represent it's more challenging nature, a mixture of surfaced narrow track with often loose natural surfacing. The red graded Outlaw trail is eight miles long, consists of narrow singletrack of natural trail and reinforced surfacing and features exposed roots, off camber turns, blind corners and technical trail features such as rocks, jumps and berms.

### *Cycling Skills Loop and Bike Park*

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The route is 1000mm wide, or more.
- The Bikepark is a dirt jump area and downhill trail, for accomplished cyclists. The skills loop offers beginners and new visitors an opportunity to experience typical technical trail features found on the Outlaw trail.

### *World War 1 Replica Trenches*

- From the main entrance to the area, there are 6 steps.
- Walking from the visitor centre to the trenches is level access, however to walk through the trenches you have to go up and down several steps. There is some information about the trenches without needing to negotiate steps, attached to the fencing on the side.

## **Customer care support**

### *Accessibility equipment*

- We have a hearing loop in Visitor Centre.

### *Emergency evacuation procedures*

- We have emergency evacuation procedures for disabled visitors.
- The fire alarm has flashing lights.

### *Customer care support*

- Some staff have disability awareness training.
- Some staff have Next Generation Text training.

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