



Reserve Accessibility Assessment Form

Part I

ARRIVING AT THE RESERVE

I.1 Your Name:

Your contact details:

Date & time:

Weather notes:

I.2 Name of reserve:

I.3 Location:

I.3 National Grid Reference: (if known)

I.4 Opening Hours:

I.5 Public Transport links:

I.6 Parking:
Parking for orange badge holders? (Extra wide spaces):
Are accessible spaces signposted?
Parking charge? (any exemptions)
Are any parking charge machines at a suitable height?
Is there a drop off facility?
Are there spaces for minibuses?
Does the car park have a firm, well draining surface?
I.7 Warden/ Ranger on site?
Is there a member of staff who could give help and/or information on site if needed?
If staffed: part time or full time?
Contact details:
I.8 Accessible toilets:
Yes/ No
Open at all times?
Locked ?
RADAR key scheme ?
I.9 Accessible payphone available?
At suitable height? (please measure)
10 Visitor Centre?
Accessible?
Induction loop?
Notes:
I.11 Information available for disabled:
Leaflets

Information boards
I.12 Are Guide Dogs allowed?
Part II
TRAILS AND PATHS
II.1 How long is the trail(s)/ path?
II.2 What surface?
II.3 Path width:
Is any part of the path below 700mm wide?
Proportion of path less than 1000mm wide:
Proportion of path at least 1200 mm wide:
II.4 Steepness of path or trail: (qualify with distance)
Steep slope:
Medium slope:
Low gradient:
II.5 Cross slope of path or trail:
Length of path with noticeable cross slope
II.6 Surface breaks:
Number of breaks in the surface of the path more than 12 mm wide measured along the line of the path.

II.7 Barriers:
List number of barriers and whether they are passable
II.8 Clear walking tunnel:
Path clear of overhanging branches etc. for a width of 1 meter and a height of 2.1 meters.
II.9 Distance between passing places (if path less than 2 meters)
100 meters or less?
Over 100 meters?
II.10 Distance between resting places
(level area near to the path that is at least 1.2 meters × 1.5 meters with a seat or perch with room for a wheelchair)
less than 300 m?
over 300 m?
Part III
HIDES
Name of hide:
III.1 Path to hide accessible?
Level (or ramp), stable, firm/compact, non-slip and obstacle free
III.2 Hide entrance:
Is the area/ platform outside the hide at least 1.5 × 2 meters?
Is there a threshold or step ?
III.3 Hide door:
sliding?
opens outwards?
open inwards?
please give width of door

III.4 Wheelchair users :
Clear access (or moveable seats) to viewing points?
Viewing point at least 900mm wide per person?
Viewing point: knee space at least 600mm deep × 680mm high? (is it angled ?)
At viewing slots: shelf provided? Height from the floor and depth?
Bottom edge of window no more than 920 mm high?
Window with at least a 380mm gap?
Viewing flap no wider than 1 meter wide?
Viewing flaps: (can be split in half)
Are they light?
Are the fasteners easy to grip and within reach of user?
III.5 Other users :
seating:
Gaps between seats to allow easy entry and exit?
Free of obstruction at ground level?
Any seating with backrest?
Any other comments?
Part IV
BOARDWALKS AND BRIDGES
IV.1 Start of boardwalk:
Level with the ground (lip of up to 5 mm allowed)?
Lip greater than 5 mm?
IV.2 Width:
under 1.2 meters?
More than 1.2 meters?
At least 2 meters?
IV.3 Boards at right angle to the direction of pedestrian flow?

IV.4 Gaps between boards
Yes/ no
If yes: are the gaps more than 12 mm wide?
IV.5 Edge board/rail to boardwalk
Yes/ no
If yes: is the deck level edging at least 75 mm high? OR
If rail present: is the bottom edge no more than 75 mm from boardwalk
IV.6 Handrails:
Are handrails present at "risky" locations: where there are gradients, sharp turns, more elevated areas etc.?
IV.7 Condition:
Are the boards in good condition?
Any non-slip treatment ?
Are the boards stable and non-springy?
Are the boards obstructed in any way (ex: sand)?
IV.8 Passing places and rest points:
If the boardwalk is under 2 meters wide, are there sufficient passing places?
On long boardwalks, any resting points? (seating and places for wheelchairs)
NOTES FOR ACCESS QUESTIONNAIRE
PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES BEFORE ATTEMPTING THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE.
Part I: Arriving at the reserve.
I.1. Your details.
Date and time of visit. Weather - anything you feel might be relevant to the condition of the paths etc.

I.5. Public Transport Links
Include distance to site from station or bus stop and transport company name and phone number.
Part II: Trails and Paths
II.1 How long is the trail or path?
We are looking for your best estimate of length of trail or path and how long it takes to complete. Also include number of different trails where relevant, and if they are circular.
II.2 What surface
Describe the surface - for example tarmac, grass, stone, timber, sand, loose gravel, woodchips.
We are looking for a surface that is compact and firm, stable, non slip and obstacle free so please indicate if the surface is any of the above.
In many cases you will find loose stones and chippings; do these cover the whole surface and are the stones bigger than 10mm?
II.4 Steepness
This can be difficult to measure accurately - however, an indication of whether a path is steep, flat or has a mild gradient will be useful. We also need to know the length of the incline.
II.5 Cross slope of path or trail
We also need information about any incline across the width of the path/trail as these can pose difficulties. Again, an indication of the steepness and distance will be useful.
II.6 Surface Breaks
These include grills, cattle grids and gaps in boards
Part III Hides
III.4 Wheelchair users
Assessing the suitability of a viewing point for a wheelchair users involves a lot of measuring - a tape measure would be a real help.
If you have access to the Internet, you may find it helpful to visit the following web site to get a diagram of how an ideal hide should look: http://www.fieldfare.org.uk/fieldfare/bt/ check out "information sheets" and "birdwatching hides"
III.5 Other Users
Any other comments gives you the opportunity to list your overall impression of the hide - how comfortable it is, the height of the windows, seating etc.

Part IV Boardwalks and Bridges
IV.7 Condition
Non slip treatment can include a wire/mesh covering or special paint treatment which should be visible
If you want to add further comments or information, please feel free - the more information you give us, the better the overall picture we have. Many thanks for taking the time to do this questionnaire.