

Access Statement Watersports Centre Strathclyde Country Park



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Welcome

The Watersports Centre is located within Strathclyde Country Park on the banks of Strathclyde Loch which is the focal point for many park activities. The Watersports centre is a licensed outdoor activity centre and thousands of visitors every year come to enjoy the huge range of activities available.



Facilities Include:

- Accessible Toilets
- Changing Place Facilities
- Accessible Bike Hire
- Accessible Boat Rides
- Step free walking routes
- Ample Seating

We endeavour to ensure that the park is accessible to all of our visitors and have developed this guide to assist you in planning your visit.



Strathclyde Country Park



Getting Here

Travelling by Car

Exit the M74 at Junction 6 follow signs for Strathclyde Country Park. If you are using satellite navigation our postcode is ML1 3ED. Upon entering the park take the first left and follow the road round. The Watersports Centre is the first building on the right

Car Parking

There is parking available at the Watersports Centre, with two designated accessible bays to the front of the building at the left hand side of the main door.

There is a drop off point immediately outside the main door, this area also benefits from seating.

There is no charge for parking

The car park is not lit at night and is closed from 9.30pm to 7am.

There are additional parking places throughout Strathclyde Country Park, additional information can be found in the park access statement here <http://www.visitlanarkshire.com/lanarkshire/accessibility/>



Travelling by Rail

Airbles Train Station

Accessible for wheelchair users

No accessible toilets at the station

The distance from Airbles Train Station to the Strathclyde Country Park entrance is 3 miles

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/AIR.aspx

Motherwell Train Station

Accessible for wheelchair users

No accessible toilets at the station

The distance from Motherwell Station to the Strathclyde Country Park entrance is 2.7 miles

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/MTH.aspx

Bellshill Train Station

Accessible for wheelchair users

No accessible toilets at the station

The distance from Bellshill Train Station to the Strathclyde Country Park entrance is 2.5 miles

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/BLH.aspx

Hamilton Central Train Station

Accessible for wheelchair users

No accessible toilets at the station

The distance from Hamilton Central Train Station to the Strathclyde Country Park entrance is 2.8 miles

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/HNC.aspx

More information at www.nationalrail.co.uk

Helpline: 0800 912 2901 18001 0800 912 2901 (hearing impairment)

Arriving by Bus / Taxi

The boundary of Strathclyde Country Park is served by local bus routes which stop close to the park, however local busses do not run through the park. Please Note – Visitors would have to walk from the park boundary or take a taxi from train or bus stop.

Hamilton Central or Motherwell Stations - 41, 56, 107/109, 201, 253 and 266, all of which run between neighbouring towns.

Please check <http://www.firstgroup.com> for bus availability and timetables

A seasonal bus X7 runs direct from Buchanan Bus Station to M and D's. Please check <http://www.firstgroup.com> to confirm availability.

<http://www.travelinescotland.com/welcome.do>

Travelling by Taxi

There are a variety of local taxi companies in the area

Club Taxi's - 01698 834545

Can accommodate wheelchairs, buggies and assistance dogs

Penny Cars - 01236 752752

Can accommodate wheelchairs, buggies and assistance dogs

Red Line Cab's - 01698 261330

Advance booking required can accommodate wheelchairs, buggies and assistance dogs

Maxi's Taxi's - 01698 842525

Advance booking required can accommodate wheelchairs, buggies and assistance dogs

Main Entrance

Double automatic doors at both the front and rear of the building measuring at 76inches/ 1.93 meters wide.

The reception is located on the ground floor which is tiled and has step free access throughout.

There is a lowered counter at reception which measures at 33 inches/ .83 meters wide.

Lighting at the reception is low

There is a hearing loop available with visible signage



Lift

The lift is located to the right as you enter through main door at the front of the building.

This requires entry through one door that is not automatic the door pushes outward and is light.

The lift measures at 37inches/ .94meters wide.

There are tactile buttons and audio within the lift



Meeting Rooms



Accessible Bikes and Boats



Catering

The cafe is located on the 1st floor.

There is step free access to the cafe area. The furniture throughout is not fixed and can be moved to accommodate any specific requirements.

The cafe is self-service, however staff are always willing to assist and table service can be provided.

The cafe are able to accommodate dietary requirements, we would recommend that you contact us in advance to avoid disappointment.



Public Toilets

Public toilets are located on the first floor of the centre, these can be accessed via the stairs or lift.

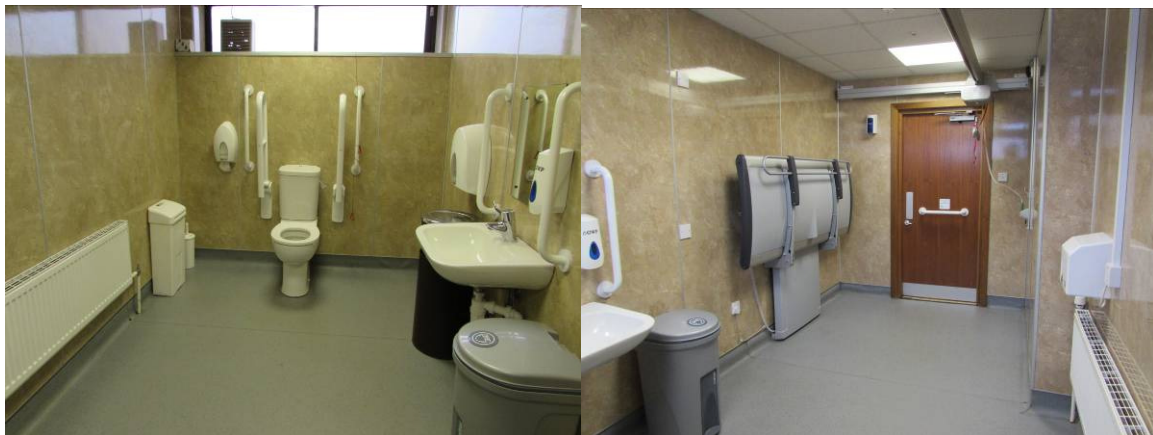
Changing Places

Located on the 1st floor is a unisex changing place/ toilet which contains a hoist and adult size plinth and baby change facilities.

The changing place door opens outwards and measures at 31 inches/ 90cm wide.

There is in excess of 38 inches clear space at either side of the toilet which measures 17 inches from the floor. There are also vertical and horizontal grab rails at the toilet and sink area.

The sink has lever taps.



Assistance Dogs

All dogs are welcome in the park; please note that the loch is prone to blue/green algae throughout the year which is toxic to dogs it is advised that dogs do not enter or drink from the loch.

Registered assistance dogs are also welcome within the Watersports Centre.

Drinking water bowls are available from the boat shed at the Watersports centre.

There is currently no designated spending area for assistance dogs.

Future Plans

All car parks throughout the park are to be relined.

Local Information

There are to be significant improvements to the M73, M74 and M8, due for completion in spring 2017. If you are travelling by car it is likely that these roadworks' will have an impact on your journey to Strathclyde Country Park. More information on the upgrades can be found here; www.transportscotland.gov.uk/m8m73m74.

Additionally you can receive live traffic updates at <http://trafficscotland.org/>

Attractions/ Facilities within the park

Holiday Inn Express 01698 858585

Toby Carvery 01698 854715

AlonA Hotel 01698 333888 reception@alonahotel.co.uk

M&D's Theme Park 01698 333778 info@scotlandsthemepark.com

Watersports Centre 01698 402060 strathclydepark@northlan.gov.uk

Nearby Attractions

M&D's Theme Park
Hamilton Mausoleum
Strathclyde Park Golf Course
Hamilton Park Racecourse
North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre

For further information on nearby attractions visit
www.visitlanarkshire.com

We hope that this information pack has been useful. We welcome any comments/ suggestions that you may have. Furthermore if you feel that we have not provided enough information with regards to your access requirements we encourage you to contact us on 01698 402060 or strathclydepark@northlan.gov.uk