

DISCLAIMER

To the best of our knowledge, the information included in the directory is correct at the time of printing. However details often change and it can be very difficult to ensure everything is completely up to date.

The editors have done their best to reproduce the information supplied to them faithfully. However they can accept no responsibility for the outcome of any approaches to the organisations named.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our thanks to the organisations included in the Directory for their assistance in compiling the information and to the carers who supplemented it with their own experiences.



ABOUT THE CARERS LEISURE DIRECTORY



To coincide with the 2017 Learning Disabilities Carers Development Day, and the focus on leisure and learning, we felt that it would be the perfect opportunity to update the Carers Leisure Directory, which was launched several years ago.

Whilst we would never proclaim that carers have more of a 'right' than anyone else to enjoy the facilities of the leisure providers included in this booklet, they do have the same rights. However actually accessing them can be something they consciously avoid and maybe even fear simply because they are unaware of the assistance that is in place.

Enjoying some of these activities with the person they care for can add a whole new dimension to that relationship and whilst still caring, give them the opportunity for a big change from the normal day to day routines.

It is good that an increasing number of organisations are taking on the needs of disabled people and their carers. Whilst we have endeavoured to be as comprehensive as possible in the details included in the Directory, if you are aware of any omissions please let us know so they can be included next time.

LOCAL

Since our remit is specifically to support carers in the Wakefield Council area we have focussed on amenities in the local area and the surrounding towns. Specific details of which, you'll find in the next few pages.

However we realise that more and more people venture further afield, so we have also included a small section on other 'more distant' venues, at the back of the Directory.

BINGO



Gala Bingo - Castleford

Park Road, Glasshoughton, Castleford WF10 4RW

☎ 01977 668000 **✉ castleford.club@galabingo.co.uk**

Admission prices apply and vary. Please contact the venue for details. Facilities include an accessible lift, low reception counter, accessible car parking, induction loop, disabled toilet. Staff assistance is available on request.

Gala Bingo - Wakefield

Denby Dale Road, Corner George Street, Wakefield WF1 1JN

☎ 01924 378478 **✉ wakefield.club@galabingo.co.uk**

Admission prices apply and vary. Please contact the venue for details. Facilities include an accessible lift, low reception counter, accessible car parking, induction loop, disabled toilet. Staff assistance is available on request.

Merlin

🌐 www.merlinentertainments.biz

Merlin is the company that operates Alton Towers, Legoland, Thorpe Park, The London Eye, Sea Life Centres and several other attractions. In general a carer is admitted free with a disabled person. Visit the website and click on the specific venue logos for full details.

🌐 www.merlinsmagicwand.org

Merlin's Magic Wand is a charity set up by the company to help with ticket and travel costs to help to create a magical moment for a disabled child. Visit the website to find out more and how to apply.

Open Britain

🌐 www.openbritain.net

Details of accessible accommodation and travel.

Rough Guide to Accessible Britain

🌐 www.accessibleguide.co.uk

Free online guide including accessible days out, tips for disabled visitors and locations of disabled parking.

Thomas Cook Travel

☎ 0800 1073 409

Have a Special Assistance Team to help guide you through booking your holiday and travel plans.

Tourism For All

🌐 www.tourismforall.org.uk

NATIONAL

Some of the information shown in the local pages is equally applicable to similar venues across the country, e.g. Cinemas, National Trust properties and other Diggerland locations.

The information that follows has been brought to our attention by carers. It is impossible to offer comprehensive information on this scale and we would suggest that you contact the organisation direct or view their website.

DisabledGO

 www.disabledgo.com

Offers lots of detail about access to a wide range of venues in Wakefield and many other UK towns and cities.

Knowsley Safari Park, Cadbury World, Beamish Museum

 www.knowsleysafariexperience.co.uk

 www.cadburyworld.co.uk

 www.beamish.org.uk

These are all places which admit a carer free of charge or at a reduced rate when the disabled person pays the appropriate normal admission fee. Proof of disability required. Please access their website for full details.



Mecca Bingo

**Westgate Retail & Leisure Park, Off Charlesworth Way,
Wakefield WF2 9SE**

 **01924 367333**  **mecca@listening.co.uk**

Disabled parking. Disabled toilets. Wheelchair accessible, flat floor venue. Hearing Loop.

CINEMA



Cineworld - Castleford (Xscape)

Colorado Way, Glasshoughton, Castleford WF10 4TA

 **0871 200 2000**

Cineworld - Wakefield

**Westgate Retail & Leisure Park, Off Charlesworth Way,
Wakefield WF2 9SH**

 **0871 200 2000**

Both these cinemas (plus many more around the country) accept the Cinema Exhibitors Card, which entitles the disabled holder to one free ticket for a person accompanying them to the cinema. Cards are valid for a year and cost £6.00. Applicants must supply a passport sized photo, and documentary evidence of eligibility. (In receipt of Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Personal Independence Payment or be a registered blind person.)

Application forms are available from participating cinemas or can be downloaded at www.ceacard.co.uk. Forms should be returned to CEACARD, PO Box 199, Deeside, CH5 9BW. For further information telephone 01244 526016 or e-mail info@ceacard.co.uk. The processing of applications will take about three weeks.

HISTORY & CULTURE



Harewood House

Harewood, Leeds LS17 9LG

☎ **0113 2181010** ✉ info@harewood.org

Designated parking area for blue badge holders. Wheelchair lift available to house entrance. Wheelchairs available to loan on a first come first served basis. House is fully accessible through use of ramps and wheelchair lift. Hearing loops available. Accessible toilets available in the main car park and in the courtyard. A free shuttle bus runs around the estate. Service dogs welcome.

The Hepworth Gallery

Wakefield

☎ **01924 247360** ✉ hello@hepworthwakefield.org
🌐 www.hepworthwakefield.com

Fully accessible. Disabled parking on site (other parking across the footbridge). Disabled toilets on both floors. Function space fitted with induction loop. Low level service points for wheelchair users.

Lotherton Hall & Bird Garden

Off Collier Lane, Aberford, Leeds LS25 3EB

☎ **0113 3782959** ✉ lotherton.hall@leeds.gov.uk

Disabled toilets available in the courtyard. Accessible trails around the estate and Bird Garden. House is not fully accessible as it is on several levels, but there is a lift in the house which can access almost all visitor areas. Guide dogs welcome. Please contact the Visitors Services Team to discuss any specific needs prior to your visit.

Theatre Royal - Wakefield

Drury Lane, Wakefield WF1 2TE

☎ **01924 211311**

✉ box.office@theatreroyalwakefield.co.uk

8 wheelchair spaces in the stalls. The wheelchair occupant and one companion are entitled to discounted tickets for all performances, if stated when booking. Documentary evidence such as PIP, DLA or AA entitlement letter, or a cinema CEA card will be requested. Induction loop system installed. Guide dogs are admitted.

MISCELLANEOUS



Diggerland

Willowbridge Lane, Whitwood, Castleford WF10 5NW

☎ **0871 2277007** ✉ mail@diggerland.com

Disabled parking available and disabled toilets.

Each disabled visitor (who pays full admission charge) is able to bring one carer / helper free of charge on proof of eligibility. See website for full details.

Diggerland is a member of 'Connect to Autism' and is committed to providing an autism friendly environment.

Some machines may not be suitable or provide easy access for the disabled. Marshals will supervise and advise but are not able to lift or assist disabled visitors.

THEATRE



Alhambra Theatre - Bradford

Morley Street, Bradford BD7 1AJ

☎ **01274 432000** (Box Office)

✉ **Administration@bradford-theatres.co.uk**

Carers can receive a reduction on ticket prices and disabled persons may also receive a reduction. In order to qualify, applicants must join the Access & Carer Membership Scheme, details of which can be obtained from the theatre. Proof of eligibility must be provided. Having won the award for the 'Most Welcoming Theatre' in recent years, The Alhambra has made the theatre very accessible. Please see www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/venues/the-alhambra-theatre/seating-accessibility for further details.

Grand Theatre - Leeds

46 New Briggate, Leeds LS1 6NZ

☎ **0844 848 2700** ✉ **boxoffice@leedsgrandtheatre.com**

The theatre operates an Access Membership Scheme which enables customers with access requirements to fully participate in theatre events. Application forms can be found on the theatre website and the relevant qualifying proof of eligibility must be provided. There is a 50% discount on ticket prices for both the disabled patron and their carer/helper.

There is lift access to most areas of the theatre and there are disabled toilets on the Stall and Dress Circles levels. An infrared system is in operation for deaf and hearing impaired patrons. Head sets are available for a £5.00 refundable deposit. Guide dogs are welcome. There are some audio described or signed performances. Please see the website for details.

National Coal Mining Museum

Caphouse Colliery, New Road, Overton, Wakefield WF4 4RH

☎ **01924 848806** ✉ **info@ncm.org.uk**

Free entry. Disabled toilet next to café. Each of the several toilet areas has an accessible toilet. Guide dogs welcome. Underground tour is accessible to wheelchair users. Contact the booking office to discuss arrangements. Only two wheelchairs allowed per tour, no electric wheelchairs permitted. The museum has two lightweight wheelchairs for the use of visitors. Call to discuss accessibility in advance.

Nostell Priory

Doncaster Road, Nostell, Nr Wakefield WF4 1QE

☎ **01924 863892** ✉ **nostell.priory@nationaltrust.org.uk**

Separate parking, half mile. Drop-off point. Electric buggy runs between the car park and visitor reception upon request. House has level entry, lift available to other floors. Toilets on ground floor of house and in car park. 3 wheelchairs available and 1 single seater motorised scooter, (booking required). Working dogs allowed. An 'Admit One' card can be issued, which can be used at other National Trust locations. This is made out in the name of the disabled person, so that there is not a restriction to take the same companion on each visit. To request a card, email the name and full postal address of the disabled person to enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 01793 817634.

RSPB Fairburn Ings

Newton Lane, Ledston, West Yorkshire WF10 2BH

☎ **01977 628191** ✉ **fairburnings@rspb.org.uk**

Dedicated disabled parking bays. Free entry, but car parking charges apply. Visitor centre has ramp access and an adapted unisex toilet. Two of the picnic tables have wheelchair access and the main lake has a wheelchair accessible viewing platform. Mobility scooter available to hire - call to book.

Tropical World

Canal Gardens, Roundhay Park, Leeds LS8 1ER

☎ 0113 2370754

Disabled toilet. Disabled parking nearby. Fully accessible.

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

West Bretton, Wakefield WF4 4LG

☎ 01924 832631 📧 info@yvsp.co.uk

Free disabled parking. Disabled toilet. Electric scooters available to loan free of charge (must be pre-booked).

Galleries fully accessible, some difficulties may be encountered within the park with certain types of wheelchairs.

The Access Sculpture Trail is a sensory landscape area, designed to be particularly accessible to everyone.

Seek advice from staff at the information desk in the Yorkshire Sculpture Park Centre.

RETAIL



Carlton Lanes Shopping Centre

Castleford WF10 1AD

☎ 01977 603338 📧 info@carltonlanes.com

Wheelchair and motorised scooters available for free hire. (ID required and pre-booking recommended).

Disabled toilet. All on one level.

Pontefract Race Course

Pontefract Park, Park Road, Pontefract WF8 4QD

☎ 01977 781307 (Office) 📧 info@pontefract-races.co.uk

There is no discount for disabled racegoers. However, if a disability requires a racegoer to be accompanied by a carer, then one complimentary admission will be provided for the carer at the entrance on the day. Disabled facilities vary according to the specific area of the course, please contact the office on the above number or see the website: www.pontefract-races.co.uk.

Wakefield Trinity Rugby League Club

Beaumont Legal Stadium, Belle Vue, Doncaster Road, Wakefield WF1 5EY

☎ 01924 211611 📧 info@wakefieldtrinity.com

Due to uncertainty about where the club will be playing after the end of the 2017 season, it is not possible to provide details.

We suggest that you contact the club as detailed above, refer to their website: <http://wakefieldtrinity.com> or speak to someone in the club shop which is situated on the top floor of the Ridings Shopping Centre: tel 01924 201548.



Featherstone Rovers Rugby League Club

The LD Nutrition Stadium, Post Office Road,
Featherstone WF7 5EN

☎ 01977 702386 ✉ info@featherstonerovers.co.uk

Carer admitted free with all disabled patrons, who will pay normal admission price. Proof of disability required: letter showing receipt of DLA or PIP at standard or enhanced rate (mobility component) or at enhanced rate (care component). Ramps. Disabled toilets in ground and clubhouse. Lift to access both floors of clubhouse. Specified wheelchair viewing areas.



Leeds United Football Club

Elland Road, Leeds LS11 0ES

☎ 0113 3676178 ✉ disabledinfo@leedsunited.com

Wheelchair spaces and seats available for disabled supporters. Limited car parking spaces available alongside the East Stand. Disabled toilets available. Keys can be obtained from stewards. Disabled supporters are entitled to a concession on ticket prices if in receipt of DLA or PIP. Disabled Help Stewards are available to assist on match day. Carers are admitted free of charge. Proof of disability is required when applying for tickets. The disabled supporter should be in receipt of medium or high rate DLA or enhanced rate PIP. The carer and disabled supporter must enter the stadium together to take advantage of this offer. In addition, for a deposit, headsets are available for visually impaired supporters if pre-booked.

Junction 32 Outlet Shopping Village

Tomahawk Trail, Glasshoughton, Castleford WF10 4FR

☎ 01977 520153 🌐 www.junction32.com

Wheelchairs for hire. Ring 01977 520972 or use one of the call points in the car park.

Guide, hearing and assistance dogs allowed.

Disabled toilets available.

Ridings Shopping Centre

Wakefield WF1 1YA

☎ 01924 291001

Shopmobility scheme for wheelchair / scooter loan (01924 787788).

Disabled parking. Disabled toilets. Changing places disabled toilet.

Ramp access throughout the centre.

White Rose Shopping Centre

Dewsbury Road, Leeds LS11 8LU

☎ 0113 229 1234 🌐 www.white-rose.co.uk

Disabled parking is located in every car park.

Free shopmobility scheme is available.

Wheelchairs and electric scooters can be hired.

Please ring 0113 277 3636 to book in advance.

SPORT - PARTICIPANT



Tenpin Bowling - Castleford

Xscape, Colorado Way, Glasshoughton, Castleford WF10 4TA

☎ 0871 2223675

🌐 <https://www.tenpin.co.uk/our-location/castleford>

Disabled access. Disabled parking in main Xscape car park.

Sno'Zone

Xscape, Colorado Way, Glasshoughton, Castleford WF10 4TA

☎ 0871 2225671 📧 enquiriescastleford@snozoneuk.com

We have 88 free car park spaces for customers who require disabled access in line with Blue Badge criteria.

Disabled toilets. Wheelchair loan (1 only).

Sport and Active Lifestyles, Wakefield Council

☎ 01924 307820

📧 SportandActiveLifestyles@wakefield.gov.uk

🌐 www.wakefield.gov.uk/residents/sport-and-leisure

Carers admitted free when accompanying a disabled person who needs their assistance. Applies for centres at Featherstone, Pontefract, Sun Lane Wakefield, Normanton, Thornes Park Stadium, Pugneys Country Park and Minsthorpe (opens early 2018). Facilities and accessibility vary, please contact venue for full details. Aspire Membership from £17 per month, includes fully inclusive use of all our gyms, swimming pool and Fitness classes within the district.

SPORT - SPECTATOR



Barnsley Football Club

Oakwell Stadium, Barnsley S71 1ET

☎ 01226 211211 🌐 www.barnsleyfc.co.uk

Dedicated floor in stand for disabled supporters and spaces for wheelchairs. Ramps and disabled toilets. Disabled parking available. Concessions available and carers admitted free with fee paying disabled supporter. Proof of eligibility required. See website for full details.

Castleford Tigers Rugby League Club

The Jungle, Wheldon Road, Castleford WF10 2SD

☎ 01977 552674 📧 info@castigers.com

Disabled supporter pays full price, accompanying carer admitted free of charge on presentation of accepted proof of disability. A Disabled Spectator Pass has to be applied for in advance. Accepted proof of disability: claiming DLA at standard or enhanced rate, claiming Attendance Allowance or in receipt of blind or partially sighted registration certificate. Physical assistance available on request. Disabled parking, spaces are limited and supporters must be in receipt of an Accessible Car Park Pass. These have to be applied for in advance with proof of Blue Badge ownership. Disabled toilets. Dedicated disabled entrance and dedicated disabled help stewards to assist.

Dewsbury Rams RLFC

The Tetley's Stadium, Owl Lane, Dewsbury WF12 7RH

☎ 01924 465489 📧 info@dewsburyrams.co.uk

Disabled car parking available behind the North Stand. Dedicated area for disabled supporters on second floor of the main stand. Lift and disabled toilet available. Concessions for disabled supporters. One carer admitted free of charge. Proof of eligibility required. See website for details.