

# Rockaway Accessibility

## Physical Mobility

### Parking

If you, or the person you are with, is in a wheelchair and you're arriving with a WAV, it may be best to drop off in the main yard, nearby the cafe/stage because this terrain is the flattest (and possible with ramps). If arriving with another driver, you could then park the WAV at the main parking area just outside the event space.



The main everyday parking are (not when events is on) is on a bit of an incline, which may be difficult for some. However, others with aids such as walking sticks and crutches have been able to manage this well.



During events, the main parking is usually in the field adjacent to Rockaway (NB: check event flyer/info.) This field is grass, usually kept fairly short. It's usually manageable for most manual wheelchairs and scooters, however some power chairs may struggle. Please note from the field to the main event area you do have to travel down a short section of a downwards incline. If this will be an issue for you, it's best to arrange a drop off/parking space in the main event area before arriving. This can be done by contacting the team at [getinvolved@rockawaypark.co.uk](mailto:getinvolved@rockawaypark.co.uk)



## Terrain

The majority of the main space at Rockaway is one level, step free. There are only steps to some additional seating and a couple of art spaces/workshops. There is one step into the rehearsal studio.

Most of the terrain in the main event space is rough hardstanding on a slight incline. Don't worry it is not deep gravel! It should be manageable for most wheelchairs/scooters and disability aids. However, it may be tricky for some power chairs or chairs with very small wheels.



There is an area which is flat, smooth concrete, both around the art installations and by the stage/directly outside the cafe. This should be much easier for power chairs. If you need dropping off to this area, it's best to ask in advance so the area can be kept clear.



There are some very small lips/bumps to navigate. These are mostly when moving from the hardstanding to concrete or into the cafe. See pics below.



The picture below leads into the cafe. If this is too difficult for your chair, there is seating/tables outside too.



### **Toilets/Hygiene Changes**

There is now a disabled toilet. This can be accessed across from the cafe/main event space. The terrain is rough hardstanding to the toilets. There is a bit of an incline to the toilet, however it should be manageable for most. There are grab rails as seen in photo below. There is a sink outside the toilet which can be accessed by most.



Note: There currently is no changing space for adult hygiene changes or baby changing table, plus there is no hoist. These are being looked into!  
You are welcome to bring a mat for the floor and Rockaway is looking into putting one in this toilet.

### **Sensory Needs**

During events it can be quite busy, which could be overwhelming for some. There is a variety of quieter spaces for down time if needed. The caravan library is perfect for this. There are also some quieter spaces with art installations, as well as quieter seating areas.

All sensory seeking behaviours are welcomed and not judged! Rockaway is a very neurodiverse space.