

Cannock Chase

Access Guide

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Welcome to this Destination Access Guide for Cannock Chase National Landscape. The purpose of the guide is to give you information on accessible leisure activities in this stunning protected landscape to help you explore and have a great day out.

At just 26 square miles (69 square kilometers) Cannock Chase is mainland England's smallest National Landscape but is packed with routes and paths, nature and heritage interest waiting to be discovered.

Six visitor hubs / centres make ideal starting points for your visit, with a range of easy to follow, self-guided trails. For the more energetic, a number of longer-distance trails pass through the area. Quieter places, cafés and areas to sit and relax can also be found. There are many parts of the Chase that are easy to visit if you have a disability or require assistance with access, or are a parent / guardian with small children and a buggy.

Accessing all parts of Cannock Chase is not possible, but pre-planning will help you enjoy your visit at any time of the year.

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	Reception Area
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	Induction Loop(s)
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	Toilet / Accessible WCs
	Information Centre
	Narrow Corridors / Areas (inside)
	Large Print
	Braille Information
	Virtual Tour
	Wayfinding

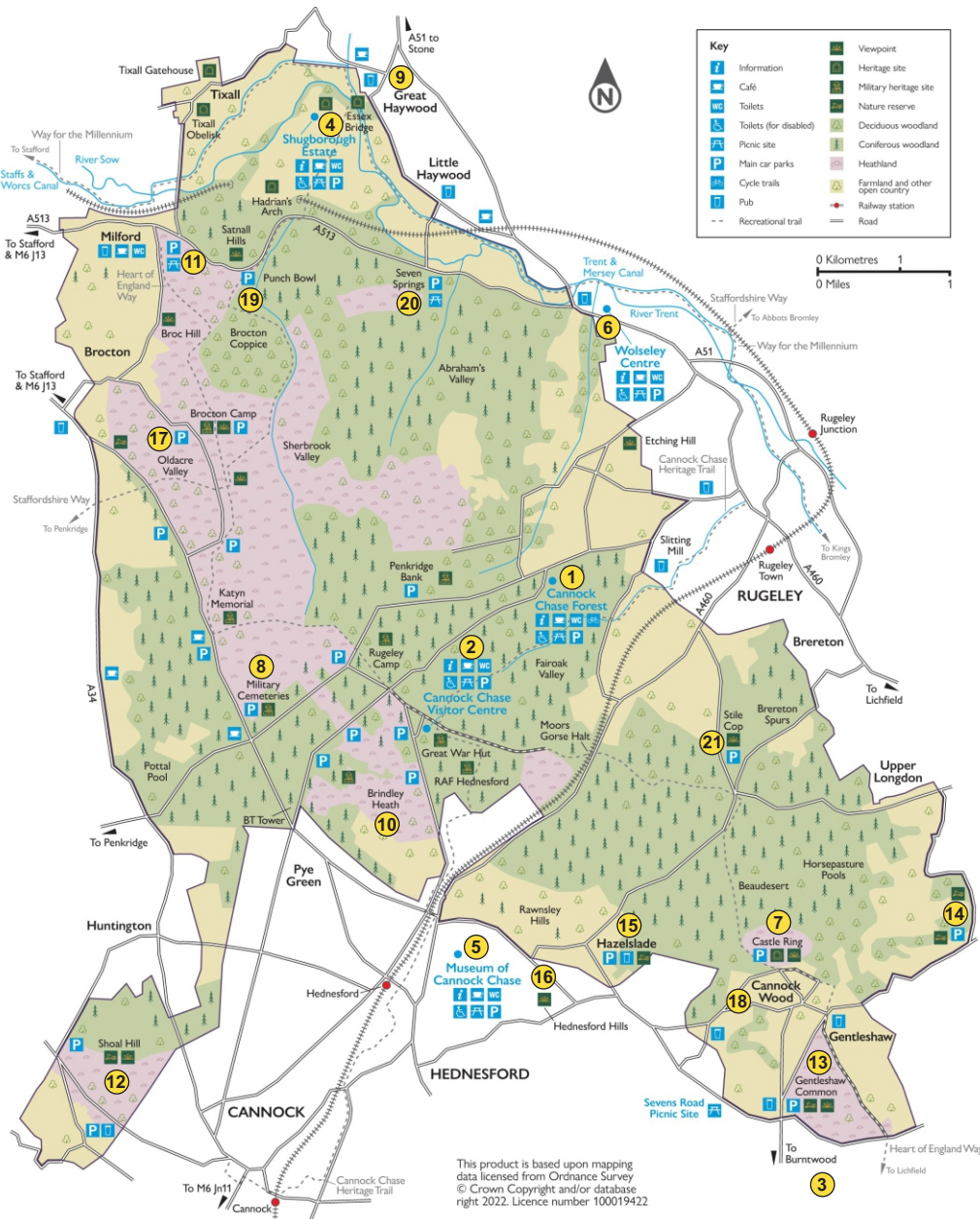
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	Accessible Trails
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	Sloped Routes / Trails
	Stepped Areas / Uneven Trails
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1 Cannock Chase Forest Centre



 Birches Valley, Rugeley WS15 2UQ
 info-cannock@forestryengland.uk
 forestryengland.uk

 0300 067 4340

W3W: [masters.registers.staging](https://www.masters.registers.staging)

Opening Times: Open 7:30am every day.

Closing times vary through the year. Check website for information.



What is there to see and do?

Cannock Chase Forest Centre features a range of beautiful woodland walks and bike trails, suitable for all ages and abilities.

Accessibility / Site Description


















Accessible trails, such as the Lady Hill Trail and Fair Oak Trail provide mostly level, circular routes around the forest.

The main car park features a total of eighteen accessible bays. Those by the main vehicle entrance (off Birches Valley), are on a level, tarmacked surface. The Grounds Café provides level access, with a range of picnic benches on a firm or grassed surface.





Trails are well signposted and most trail surfaces are compacted gravel, compacted mud / earth and some wooden boardwalks.

Additional services such as the Cycle Centre and Go Ape are located within the grounds.

Accessibility Features


 Accessible / Paid Parking Provided	 Drop-off Area
 Free Site Entry	 Accessible Reception Area
 Level Main Entrance	 Induction loop in the Visitor's Office
 Toilets / Accessible WCs Provided	 Step Free Route(s) with Map
 Information / Visitor Centre	 Accessible Trails provided. Mostly Mixed Trail Surfaces (natural woodland, wood, loose, smooth)
 Seating Provided	 Wayfinding Provided: • Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille) • Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille) • Colour Coded Waymarkers Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Sloped Routes	
 Staff Available	
 Lake	
 Accessible Play Area	
 Accessible Picnic Area Provided	 Café with level access

Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark, leaves and plantation.
 Trails within the trees, open fields, ponds.
 Earthy and woody aromas.
 Wind blowing through the trees. Visitors on Go Ape. Light talking of other visitors. Wildlife such as ducks by the ponds and birds in the trees.

2 Cannock Chase Visitor Centre

 Marquis Drive, Hednesford, Near Cannock, WS12 4PW
 cannockchasemarquisdrive@staffordshire.gov.uk
 staffordshire.gov.uk

 01543 876741
W3W: [fluffed.pets.stapled](https://www.w3w.co.uk/fluffed.pets.stapled)
Opening Times: (See details below).



What is there to see and do?

There are several trails in the area, including routes for disabled people. Electric scooters are available, there is an adventure playground and a historic Great War Hut.

Accessibility / Site Description

There is a level route consisting mainly of compacted gravel along the RAF Hednesford Trail. Some of this route is tarmacked road. There are finger post signs to assist with wayfinding.

The RAF Hednesford Trail video and download of the walking trail leaflet can be found [here](#).

There is an accessible toilet on-site and five accessible bays. Parking is free for blue badge holders.

There is an adventure playground with some accessible equipment for young disabled people.

There is a historic Great War Hut with level access at the rear.

Opening Times

Summer: Weekdays 10:00am - 4:00pm.

Weekends 10:00am - 5:00pm. Closed on Wednesday.





Winter: Weekdays 10:00am - 3:00pm. Weekends 10:00am - 4:00pm.

Closed on Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday.

Accessibility Features


 Accessible / Free Parking Provided	 Wayfinding Provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille)• Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille)• Colour Coded Waymarkers Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Free Site Entry	
 Ramped Main Entrance	
 Toilets / Accessible WCs Provided	
 Information / Visitor Centre	 2 Trampers Available (contact on arrival)
 Seating Provided	 Accessible Trails provided. Mostly Mixed Surfaces (natural woodland, wood, loose, smooth)
 Accessible Reception Area	
 Staff Available	 Accessible Play Area
 Café with level access	

Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark, leaves, and plantation.
 Birds in the trees, the occasional squirrel.
 Earthy and woody aromas mainly where there are trees.
 Wildlife, particularly birds in the woods. Young people playing in the playground area.

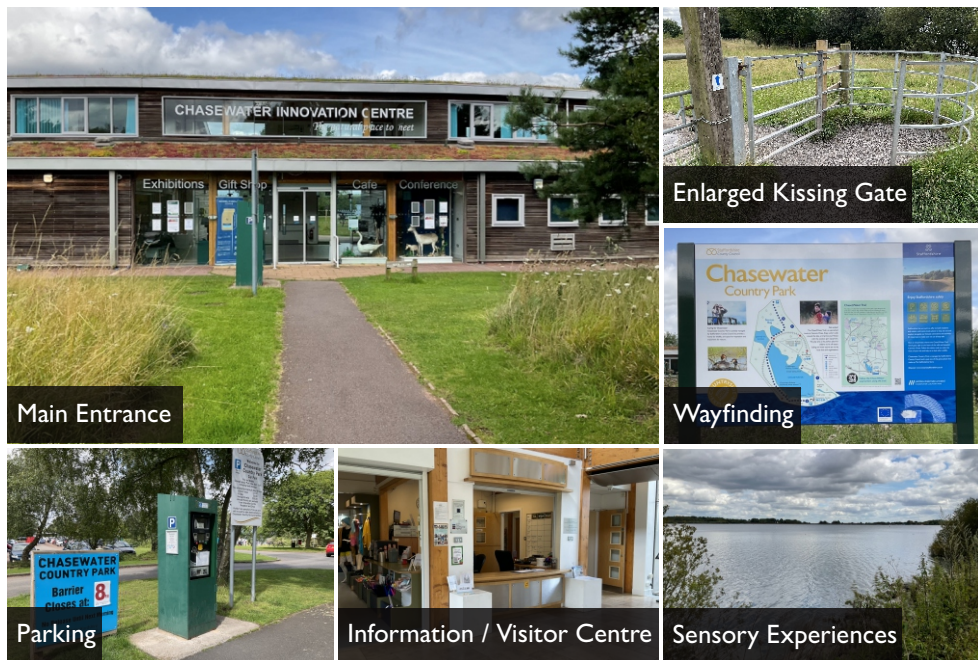
3 Chasewater Innovation Centre

 Chasewater Country Park, Pool Road, Burntwood, Brownhills, WS8 7NL
 chasewater.ic@staffordshire.gov.uk
 staffordshire.gov.uk

 01543 370737

W3W: aware.origin.owned

Opening Times: 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday,
10:00am - 3:00pm Saturday - Sunday.



What is there to see and do?

Chasewater Innovation Centre is situated in Chasewater Country Park and Reservoir, with walking, cycling, and water sports opportunities.

Accessibility / Site Description

An accessible, level route, consisting mainly of compacted gravel, is provided around the reservoir. Maps to identify this trail are provided at the information desk. This route features kissing gates, which can be fully opened using a RADAR key system.

The car park features three accessible bays, with level access towards the main entrance.

Accessible WC facilities are provided on site, as well as lift access to the first floor of the centre.





There are leisure activities such as water skiing and sailing, which can take place from Pier 52 and the Watersports Centre.

Level access is provided to the picnic areas and the play area, which have fantastic views of the reservoir.

Accessibility Features




 Accessible / Paid Parking Provided	 Wayfinding Provided:
 Free Site Entry	• Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Level Main Entrance	• Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Toilets / Accessible WCs Provided	• Colour Coded Waymarkers Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Information / Visitor Centre	 Induction loop at Reception / Information Desk
 Lifts Provided	 1 Tramper Available (contact on arrival)
 Seating Provided	 Sloped Routes
 Accessible Reception Area	 Step Free Route(s) with Map
 Staff Available	 Accessible Trails provided. Mostly Mixed Surfaces (natural woodland, wood, loose, smooth)
 Lake	 Accessible Play Area
 Café with level access	
 Accessible Picnic Area Provided	


Sensory Experience

 Woodland features at the far end of the lake.
 The large, central lake. Sometimes deer grazing along the trail. Woodland trails.
 Earthy aromas and the fresh water lake.
 Wildlife such as birds by the lake. Wind rustling in the treetops. Visitors talking.

4 Shugborough Estate National Trust



 Milford, Near Stafford, Staffordshire, ST17 0UP
 shugborough@nationaltrust.org.uk
 nationaltrust.org.uk

 01889 880160
W3W: [strides.showcases.wider](https://www.w3w.co.uk/strides/showcases/wider)
Opening Times: Main estate 9:00am - 5:00pm (Times may vary).



What is there to see and do?

National Trust Shugborough Estate's Grade I listed Georgian Mansion is nestled in gardens and parkland, with its own arboretum, monuments, cafés and woodland play area.

Accessibility / Site Description

The main parkland consists of relatively flat parkland, with compacted gravel, tarmac or cobbled surfaces. Regular signposting provides direction to each area of the estate.

The car park features eighteen accessible bays and a regular mobility shuttle bus is available to assist with the route between the ticket office and the mansion.

Accessible WC facilities are provided to the site, alongside a Changing Places facility, requiring a RADAR key.





The Zen Den, located near the mansion, can be used as a quiet place.

Accessible routes for the mansion and servants quarters are provided on A4 paper maps, which visitors can take with them as they explore.

Accessibility Features




 Accessible / Free Parking Provided	 Wayfinding Provided:
 Bus Stop, Within 0.5 miles	• Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Paid Site Entry	• Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Level Main Entrance	 Induction loop at The Ticket Office, Plant Centre, Park Farm Café and Mansion Café
 Toilets / Accessible WCs Provided	 Buggy Service and Trampers Available (contact on arrival)
 Information / Visitor Centre	 Stepped Areas
 Narrow Corridors / Areas	 Step Free Route(s) with Map
 Seating Provided	 Accessible Trails provided.
 Accessible Reception Area	Mostly Loose Surfaces (sand, gravel, stones)
 Staff Available	 Accessible Play Area
 Large Print Available	
 Café with level access	


Sensory Experience

	Sensory stations have items that can be borrowed around the exhibition areas.
	The site consists of a large, ornate mansion with beautiful parkland, gardens and historic buildings.
	Earthy, woody and floral aromas particularly in the garden areas.
	Chiming clocks in the mansion are on a timer, shown on a sensory map.

5 The Museum of Cannock Chase



 Valley Road, Hednesford, Cannock, WS12 1TD
 museumofcannockchase@ihlmail.org
 inspiringhealthylifestyles.org

 01543 877666
W3W: [disputes.visit.streak](https://www.disputes.visit.streak)
Opening Times: 11:00am - 4:30pm Tuesday - Sunday (Times may vary).



What is there to see and do?

The Museum of Cannock Chase is home to the history of Cannock Chase Mining, Life on the Chase and Historic Toys and Games.

Accessibility / Site Description

The museum features three accessible parking bays, within close proximity to the main entrance, as well as a level entrance route via a ramp.

An accessible WC facility can be found in each area of the museum, including the main building and education rooms.

The museum has interactive sessions, with tactile experiences as well as induction loop systems that can be found in the reception / gift shop, and Conference Room.





Some parts of the museum have low lighting.

An external sculpture trail is available, some of which is located on grassed surfaces.

Accessibility Features

 Accessible / Free Parking Provided	 Bus Stop, Within 0.5 miles. Train Station, within 1 mile.
 Drop-off Area	
 Free Site Entry	 Wayfinding Provided:
 Ramped Main Entrance	• Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Toilets / Accessible WCs Provided	• Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Information / Visitor Centre	 Accessible Reception Area
 Seating Provided	 Induction loop at Reception / Gift Shop and Conference Room
 Staff Available	
 Sign Language Support Available	 Lifts Provided
 Braille Available	 Stepped Areas
 Café with level access	 Step Free Route(s)

Sensory Experience

 Tactile experiences are provided within some of the exhibition areas.
 Exhibition items such as toys and mining memorabilia. Some areas have reduced lighting.
 No particular smells.
 Explanations of exhibitions within designated areas, including the mining noises within the first-floor Mining exhibition.

6 The Wolsley Centre



Wolsley Bridge, Stafford, ST17 0WT
info@staffs-wildlife.org.uk
staffs-wildlife.org.uk



01889 880100

W3W: [essential.surfed.eggshell](https://www.essential.surfed.eggshell)

Opening Times: 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Sunday.



Accessibility Features

Accessible Parking Provided	Wayfinding Provided:
Drop-off Area	• Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
Free Site Entry	• Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
Level Main Entrance	• Colour Coded Waymarkers Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
Toilets / Accessible WCs Provided	Accessible Trails provided.
Information / Visitor Centre	Mostly Wooden Surfaces (boardwalks, walkways)
Induction loop at Reception desk	Sloped Routes
Accessible Reception Area	Seating Provided
Staff Available	Accessible Picnic Area Provided
Café with level access	

What is there to see and do?

A Visitor centre and on-site café, alongside several trails including a boardwalk around the lake.

Accessibility / Site Description

There are several trails around the site including from the main entrance to the visitor centre. Trails are generally compacted earth or gravel. There is also a boardwalk to one area of the site. The trail to the far end of the site contains kissing gates which are wider than standard with 1100mm space. There are picnic tables that are wheelchair accessible on grass at the point furthest from the visitor centre.

There is an accessible café with seating both inside and outside.

There is accessible parking on-site with three bays.

Within the 26 acres of beautiful grounds to explore, there is a sensory garden that will provide opportunities to smell, taste, touch, see and hear in a multi-sensory approach to nature.


Sensory Experience

There is a tactile wooden fish on one route. The boardwalk has wooden bannisters.
There is a bird watching hut from which various animals can be observed. Information is displayed on what to look for.
Mild earthy aromas and water.
Wildlife, particularly birds in and around the water. Wind rustling in the treetops.



7 Castle Ring

 Castle Ring, Holly Hill Road, Rugeley, WS15 4JJ
 Contact via Cannock Chase Council online form
 cannockchasedc.gov.uk

 01543 462621

W3W: [trip.poker.shout](https://www.trip.poker.shout)

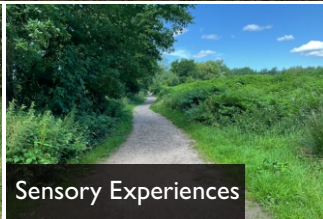
Opening Times: 1st April - 30th September: 8:00am - 9:30pm
 1st October - 31st March: 8:00am - 6:00pm.



Castle Ring Hill Fort



Parking



Sensory Experiences



Wayfinding

What is there to see and do?

Castle Ring is an Iron Age Hill Fort located at the southern end of Cannock Chase. Circular walks overlook the monument and surrounding woodlands.

Accessibility / Site Description

The site is found just at the edge of the village of Cannock Wood. There is a large free car park, off Holly Hill Road and opposite the Park Gate Inn.









WC facilities are not provided on site.

A circular route can be taken around the top of the monument via steps from the car park.





Castle Ring is a great place to start longer walks off into the adjoining Beaudesert Old Park and Cannock Chase.

There is a route down to Hazelslade Local Nature Reserve. Castle Ring is a registered Earthcache published on geocaching.com.

Accessibility Features

 Free Parking Area Provided	 Seating Provided
 Free Site Entry	 Ambulant Accessible Trails.
 Wayfinding Provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille) • Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille) 	 Stepped Areas and Uneven Trails  Sloped Routes  Step Free Route(s)

Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plantation within the open areas.
 Woodland areas. Species such as the black darter dragonfly, green hairstreak butterfly and lizards.
 Earthy aromas of the woodland and flowers when in season.
 Wind blowing. Wildlife such as birds and bees in the Spring and Summer months.

8 German Military Cemetery



Brocton, Cannock, WS12 4PT
see cwgc.org/contact-us
cwgc.org

W3W: nightcap.poses.pushes
Opening Times: (See details below site description).



What is there to see and do?

Graves of German Nationals who lost their lives in the United Kingdom during the two World Wars. A bronze sculpture of a fallen warrior can also be seen.

Accessibility / Site Description

There are over 5,000 graves which are accessed via grass. To access this area is via cobbled paths through the entrance building which is uneven. Steps down to the grassed area exists.

Opening Times

Summer (1st April to 30th September) Weekdays: 8:00am - 3:45pm

Summer Weekends: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Winter (1st October to 31st March) Weekdays: 8:00am - 3:45pm or dusk, whichever is earlier.



Winter Weekends: 11:00am - 4:00pm or dusk, whichever is earlier.

Limited access during the Christmas / New Year holiday period.




Accessibility Features


 Free Parking Area Provided	 Free Site Entry
 Level Main Entrance	

Sensory Experience

 Rows of graves.
 No obvious smell.
 Occasional bird. This is a quiet space for people to reflect therefore noise is minimal.

9 Great Haywood Canal Junction

 Mill Lane, Great Haywood, Staffordshire, ST18 0RQ
 See Canal and River Trust online form
 canalrivertrust.org.uk

 0303 040 4040

W3W: Access to Great Haywood Canal: samplers.sector.fluid

Access to parking: attaching.gosh.spoil

Opening Times: 24 hours, seven days a week.



Canal Towpath



What is there to see and do?

Great Haywood Junction was built as a great interchange between two major canals – the Trent & Mersey and the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canals.








Accessibility / Site Description

Path surfaces next to the Haywood Junction include cobbled areas and a steep bridge. Access can be gained from Shugborough Estate, across the Essex Bridge.




Path widths vary along the canal, widening near to Great Haywood Junction. Surfaces vary from compact gravel to compact soil. Some waymarking is provided by the Canal and River Trust.

From Great Haywood, WC facilities can be found in the Canalside Café. Parking is also available in this area, which requires payment if not visiting the Farm Shop or Café. Buses are available from this area.

Accessibility Features


 Seating Provided	  Uneven Trails
 Free Site Entry	 Sloped Routes
 Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille)	 Step Free Route(s)

Sensory Experience

 Boats travelling along the Canal. You may see birds such as ducks, geese and swans.
 Natural, earthy and musky aromas.
 Boats as they travel down the canal. Birds such as ducks, geese, coots and kingfishers.

10 Brindley Heath

 Brindley Heath, Rugeley WS15 1QP
 cannockchasemarquisdrive@staffordshire.gov.uk
 cannock-chase.co.uk

 01543 876741

W3W: (See details below)

Opening Times: 24 hours, seven days a week.



What is there to see and do?

Brindley Heath is a heathland and woodland site with waymarked Red, Blue and Green trails. Great War remains can be found across the site.

Accessibility / Site Description

Brindley Heath Trails can be reached from various car parks in the area, including Brindley Bottom, Brindley Village, Duffields and Camp Field.

Brindley Heath trail videos and download of the walking trail leaflet can be found [here](#).

The nearest accessible WC facility is in Cannock Chase Visitor Centre, positioned less than 0.2 miles from Camp Field car park. A designated crossing between the two is not provided.

The trails are waymarked with colour coded fingerposts.

Trail surfacing consists mostly of natural, grassed, earth and woodland surfaces. There are tracks that may take off-road mobility scooters; however, some trails are uneven and steep due to the topography of the site.

W3W








Brindley Bottom car park: [sponge.livid.tucked](#)

Brindley Village car park: [tumblers.agreeing.extra](#)





Duffields car park: [dividers.coasted.abundance](#)

Camp Field car park: [proposal.sports.covenants](#)

Accessibility Features

 Free Parking Area Provided	 Wayfinding Provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille)• Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille)• Colour Coded Waymarkers Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Seating Provided	
 Free Site Entry	
 Accessible Trails provided. Mostly Mixed Surfaces (natural woodland, wood, loose, smooth)	
 Step Free Route(s)	 Sloped Routes

Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plantation within the open areas.
 Various trail paths, some within woodland areas.
 Earthy aromas of the woodland and flowers when in season.
 Wind blowing. Wildlife such as birds and bees in the Spring and Summer months.

11 Milford Common

 Brocton Road, Milford, Stafford, ST17 0UH
 cannockchasemarquisdrive@staffordshire.gov.uk
 cannock-chase.co.uk

W3W: [bakers.crunched.radiates](#)

Opening Times: Car park opening times vary.

Information Hut: Saturdays and Sundays 11:00am - 2:00pm.



What is there to see and do?

Milford Common is a popular, countryside destination, with waymarked trails that lead into woodlands and parkland, which is managed as a nature reserve.

Accessibility / Site Description

The trails leading from Milford Common car park consist of varying gradients, some of which are steep, and include a variety of surface types ranging from loose stones, woodland floor and grass.



Milford Common trail videos and download of the walking trail leaflet can be found [here](#).

The waymarked trails are Red and Green and both start from the car park in Milford. Both of which are approximately 2 miles. This car park does not include designated accessible bays, and has paid parking.





An information hut is provided near to Milford Common, as well as WC facilities, including two accessible WCs.

Benches are provided near to the car park, but are infrequent along these trails.



Accessibility Features

 Paid Parking Area Provided	 Bus Stop, Within 0.5 miles.
 Drop-off Area	 Wayfinding Provided:
 Free Site Entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille) • Colour Coded Waymarkers: Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
  Toilets / Accessible WCs Provided	 Sloped Routes
 Information / Visitor Centre	 Step Free Route(s)
 Seating Provided	 Mostly Mixed Trail Surfaces (natural woodland, wood, loose, smooth)
 Accessible Picnic Area Provided	

Sensory Experience

	Woodland features such as bark, leaves, and plantation.
	An array of woodland trees and plantation including Silver Birch, Red Oak and Swedish Whitebeam.
	Earthy aromas of the woodland and the distinct smell of heather.
	Wildlife such as birds in the pools and meres. Wind rustling in the treetops.

12 Shoal Hill Common

 Hatherton, Cannock, WS11 1JJ
 cannock.co.uk

W3W: [pulse.catch.mess](https://www.pulse.catch.mess)

Opening Times: Barrier Closed at 8:00pm.



Shoal Hill Common



Parking



Sensory Experiences



Wayfinding

What is there to see and do?

Shoal Hill Common consists of woodland and lowland heath. Walking trails are mostly loose stone paths and some steep gradients depending on routes taken.

Accessibility / Site Description








There are several options to join walks around the common but the most convenient will be the main, gravel car park off Cocksparrow Lane.

A bus running the length of the A34 from Cannock provides access to the north edge of the Common.





The common has a mixture of heathland and woodland, with plenty of hills and flat open areas.

There are tracks that may take off-road mobility scooters; however, some trails are uneven and steep due to the topography of the site.

Accessibility Features




 Free Parking Area Provided	 Seating Provided
 Free Site Entry	 Accessible Trails Provided. Mostly Mixed Surfaces (natural woodland, wood, loose, smooth)
 Wayfinding Provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille)• Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille)	 Sloped Routes
	 Step Free Route(s)


Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plantation.
 Views overlooking the common. Stone and sand paths between the low-lying flora.
 Earthy aromas of woodland and flowers when in season, alongside the distinct smell of heather.
 Wildlife: birds and bees in the Spring and Summer months. Wind blowing through the plantation.

13 Gentleshaw Common Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Reserve



 Rugeley Road, Rugeley, WS15 4NG
 info@staffs-wildlife.org.uk
 staffs-wildlife.org.uk

 01889 880100
W3W: [haven.elbow.flying](https://www.w3w.co.uk/haven.elbow.flying)
Opening Times: 24 hours, seven days a week.



What is there to see and do?

Gentleshaw Common is one of the largest areas of lowland heath in Staffordshire. It consists of a network of trails and is a haven for a variety of wildlife, including many species of birds and bees as well as of plants including bog asphodel and heather.

Accessibility / Site Description






Parking can be found in laybys around the Common and a small car park which can be found at WS15 4RU, opposite the Redmoor Inn.

There are a network of paths crossing the heathland. These can be muddy and uneven in places. These are not waymarked or signposted.





There are no gates on the site and there are tracks that may take off-road mobility scooters; however, some trails are uneven and steep due to the topography of the site.

WC facilities are not provided on site.

Accessibility Features


 Free Parking Area Provided	 Wayfinding Provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille)• Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Bus Stop, Within 100m	
 Free Site Entry	
 Ambulant Accessible Trails. Mostly Mixed Surfaces (natural woodland, wood, loose, smooth)	 Sloped Routes
	 Step Free Route(s)


Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plantation within the open areas.
 Trails and open grassed areas, views over the Common.
 Earthy aromas of the woodland and flowers when in season, including heather.
 Wildlife: birds and insects such as bees in the Spring and Summer months.

14 George's Hayes and Piggot's Bottom Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Reserve



 Upper Longdon, Staffordshire, WS15 4LW
 info@staffs-wildlife.org.uk
 staffs-wildlife.org.uk

 01889 880100
W3W: [tidal.assess.renewals](https://www.tidal.assess.renewals)
Opening Times: 24 hours, seven days a week.



What is there to see and do?

Walking trails are provided through fields and woodlands, leading from the car park located at Piggot's Bottom.







Accessibility / Site Description

The car park is located at Piggot's Bottom and has an earthen surface which can be muddy.





The car park may be padlocked, call 01889 880100 for code.

There are earthen walking trails through the woodland and open fields. There is no formal path therefore soil and foliage is underfoot.

Accessibility Features




 Free Parking Area Provided	 Mostly Uneven Trails
 Free Site Entry	 Sloped Routes
 Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille)	 Step Free Route(s)

Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plantation within the open areas.
 Woodland flowers: wild daffodils, bluebells, yellow archangel and wild garlic. Deer can be seen here.
 Earthy aromas of the woodland and flowers when in season.
 Wildlife such as birds and bees in the Spring and Summer months.

15 Hazelslade Local Nature Reserve



 Cannock Wood Street, Hazelslade, Cannock, WS12 0PQ
 Contact via Cannock Chase Council online form
 cannockchasedc.gov.uk

 01543 462621

W3W: [nanny.submit.decisive](https://www.w3w.co.uk/nanny.submit.decisive)

Opening Times: Car Park closes just after dusk.



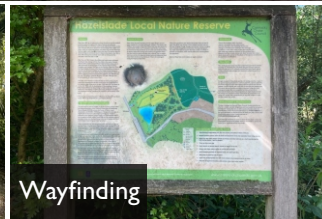
Hazelslade Local Nature Reserve Lake



Parking



Sensory Experiences



Wayfinding

What is there to see and do?

Hazelslade Nature Reserve is home to woodlands and grasslands, surrounding a lake with several marked footpaths.

Accessibility / Site Description

A small, car park is provided to Hazelslade Nature Reserve, with no marked out bays.










A kissing gate is provided towards the nature reserve; however, this can be fully opened with a RADAR key.

There are several routes surrounding the lake, including into the woodland areas and meadows and paddocks. There are various trail surfaces, including tarmacked, natural woodland, compact gravel and grass.





Benches are provided for you to stop and admire the scenery and wildlife.

There are no WC facilities at this site.

Accessibility Features



 Free Parking Area Provided	 Wayfinding Provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille)• Interpretation Boards Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Bus Stop, Within 0.5 miles	
 Free Site Entry	
 Seating Provided	 Accessible Trails provided. Mostly Mixed Surfaces (natural woodland, wood, loose, smooth)
 Lake	
 Sloped Routes	 Step Free Route(s)


Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark and leaves. Plantation in the field areas.
 The central lake, birds along main routes, woodland areas, plantation in the fields.
 Earthy and floral aromas. The fresh water lake.
 Wildlife such as ducks and geese by the ponds and birds in the trees.

16 Hednesford Hills Local Nature Reserve



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W3W: [rolling.parks.somewhere](https://www.rolling.parks.somewhere)
Opening Times: 24 hours, seven days a week.



What is there to see and do?

The Hednesford Hills Local Nature Reserve supports nationally important areas of heathland. The Chase Heritage Trail runs through the site from Cannock to Rugeley.









Accessibility / Site Description

Trails along the Hednesford Hills are varied both in gradient, which can be steep in some areas, and surface type. The site has no formal paths and consists of uneven tracks and paths criss-crossing the site.





The Chase Heritage Trail can be accessed from The Museum of Cannock Chase, where parking is available and interpretation boards provide descriptions and maps of the available heritage trail. There are other entrances and small pull-ins around the rest of the site but parking elsewhere is limited.

Accessible WC facilities can be found at various key areas along the heritage trail, including in the Museum of Cannock Chase, the Cannock Chase Visitor Centre and Cannock Chase Forest Centre.




Accessibility Features


 Free Parking Area Provided	 Maps Provided (no Tactile / Braille)
 Bus Stop, Within 0.5 miles	 Step Free Route(s)
 Level Main Entrance	 Sloped Routes
 Free Site Entry	 Mostly Mixed Trail Surfaces (natural woodland, wood, loose, smooth)

Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plantation within the open areas.
 A combination of trail paths, some with views across the Hednesford Hills area.
 Earthy aromas of the woodland and the distinct smell of heather.
 Wildlife such as birds and bees in the Spring and Summer months.

17 Chase Vista

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Opening Times: 24 hours, seven days a week.



Benches and views at Chase Vista



Parking



Sensory Experiences



Footpaths

What is there to see and do?

Viewpoint and walking trails through woodland and grassed areas from car park. Near Brocton Coppice.







Accessibility / Site Description

There are some walking trails from a small open car park through woodland with open grassed areas and shrubbery.





Trails are not sign posted.

The car park is near Brocton, Oldacre Valley, Brocton Coppice and the site of the Great War Brocton Camp.

Accessibility Features

 Free Parking Area Provided	 Mostly Uneven Trails
 Free Site Entry	 Sloped Routes
 Seating Provided	 Step Free Route(s)


Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plantation within the open areas.
 Views over Oldacre Valley, trees and plantation lining the trail. Deer can be seen here.
 Earthy aromas of the woodland and the distinct smell of heather.
 Wildlife such as birds and bees in the Spring and Summer months.

18 Nun's Well Car Park



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W3W: [spoon.repeat.products](https://www.spoon.repeat.products)

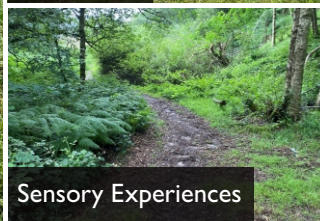
Opening Times: 24 hours, seven days a week.



Bench



Grassy Path



Sensory Experiences

What is there to see and do?

There are walking trails around grassed field and through the woodland.

Accessibility / Site Description

There is a fenced off and currently closed car park forms the start of the route through an open grassed area that leads to a variety of earthen trails through woodland. These are not marked or signposted.

Accessibility Features



- Bus Stop 1, Within 100m
- Bus Stop 2, Within 0.5 miles



Seating Provided



Mostly Uneven Trails



Free Site Entry



Sloped Routes

Sensory Experience



Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plantation within the open areas.



Open grassed areas, woodland with a combination of trails.






Earthy aromas of the woodland and flowers when in season.




Wildlife such as birds and bees in the Spring and Summer months.

19 Punch Bowl Car Park



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W3W: [mammal.goats.stunt](https://www.w3w.co.uk/mammal.goats.stunt)

Opening Times: 24 hours, seven days a week.



Entrance to Car Park



Parking



Sensory Experiences



Wayfinding

What is there to see and do?

Various trails start / finish at Punch Bowl car park, including those linked with Milford Common.

Accessibility / Site Description

Marked out bays are not provided to this car park. The surface is a combination of large and small gravel.






The route towards the trail has a steep, uneven gradient.

The trail from Punch Bowl car park links directly with the Green, Milford Common trail, next to waymarker 7.





The trails consist of varying gradients, some of which are steep, and include a variety of surface types ranging from loose stones, woodland floor and grass.

WC facilities are not provided. Horse riders often use this car park, so horse boxes and horses may be encountered.




Accessibility Features


 Free Parking Area Provided	 Mostly Loose Trail Surfaces (sand, gravel, stones)
 Free Site Entry	 Sloped Routes
 Colour Coded Waymarkers Provided (no Tactile / Braille)	

Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plantation.
 An array of woodland trees and plantation including Silver Birch, Red Oak and Swedish Whitebeam.
 Earthy aromas of the woodland and flowers when in season.
 Wildlife such as birds in the pools and meres. Wind rustling in the treetops.

20 Seven Springs Car Park

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W3W: [cook.shirtless.windy](https://www.w3w.co.uk/cook.shirtless.windy)
Opening Times: 24 hours, seven days a week.



Path from Car Park



Parking



Sensory Experiences



Wayfinding

What is there to see and do?

Various trails onto Cannock Chase start / finish at Seven Springs car park. Some areas of the trail may be challenging.

Accessibility / Site Description








The trail leading from Seven Springs car park can link to the trail leading from Brocton Coppice car park.

It is a fairly challenging route, with varying gradients, but is also a wonderful walk that takes you along woodland paths.





Bays are not highlighted within the car park, which features a graveled surface.

WC facilities are not available at this site.

Accessibility Features


 Free Parking Area Provided	 Mostly Mixed Trail Surfaces (natural woodland, wood, loose, smooth)
 Bus Stop, Within 0.5 miles	 Sloped Routes
 Free Site Entry	 Step Free Route(s)
 Seating Provided	

Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plantation.
 Open grassed areas, woodland with a combination of trails provided.
 Earthy aromas of the woodland and flowers when in season.
 Wildlife such as birds and bees in the Spring and Summer months.

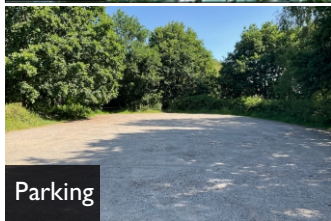
21 Stile Cop Car Park

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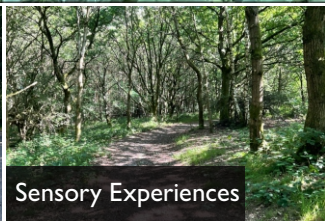
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W3W: [union.spun.overjoyed](https://www.union.spun.overjoyed)
Opening Times: 24 hours, seven days a week.



Signage



Parking



Sensory Experiences



Wayfinding

What is there to see and do?

Stile Cop car park leads to woodland trails with natural floor surfaces.

Accessibility / Site Description

Trails from this site are uneven and sometimes narrow within the woodlands.

Cyclists use these trails for mountain biking, as they link to the Stile Cop MTB Trails.

<https://stilecop.com/>





Trails from this area are designated for cyclists.

WC facilities are not provided from Stile Cop car park.

Accessibility Features

 Free Parking Area Provided	 Mostly Natural Woodland Trail Surfaces (dirt, earth)
 Free Site Entry	 Step Free Route(s)
 Sloped Routes	

Sensory Experience

 Woodland features such as bark and leaves, and plantation.
 Cyclists using these routes. Trees within the woodland area.
 Earthy aromas of the woodland and flowers when in season.
 Wildlife such as birds and bees in the Spring and Summer months.



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