

## Access Statement for Williamson Park, Lancaster

Williamson Park is situated on the outskirts of the City of Lancaster. It is home to the iconic Ashton Memorial and 54 acres of beautiful parkland with enchanting woodland walks, play areas and breath taking views to the Fylde Coast, Morecambe Bay and the Lake District. The park features a cafe and gift-shop, Butterfly House (formerly a tropical palm house), and is resident to a host of mini beasts, reptiles, birds and meerkats.

The park and all amenities are open all year except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Our opening times are:

- October to March: 10am to 4pm
- April to September: 10am to 5pm

The entry to Williamson Park grounds are free with entry to the Butterfly House, mini beasts and small animal zoo available for purchase at the gift shop.

There are two pay and display car parks in Williamson Park - at the Quernmore Road entrance (15 spaces, including disabled parking) and at the Wyresdale Road entrance (100 spaces).



*Quernmore Road Entrance which leads to parking including disabled parking,*

*The Pavillion Café, Butterfly House and Ashton Memorial.*

## Arrival and Car Parking Facilities

We have two Pay and Display car parks at Williamson Park; Quernmore Road and Wyresdale Road. We would encourage those with mobility problems to use the Quernmore Road entrance which leads to the car park closer to the park's facilities. There is no signed disabled parking but ample space for several cars. Our car park at Wyresdale road offers more parking spaces, however there is quite a walk uphill to reach the facilities.

## Terrain around the Park

The park is a stunning example of natural beauty, we ensure that the paths are clear but are in keeping with the scenery. Originally Williamsons Park was landscaped from an old quarry by James Williamson in 1880. This has left many undulations and levels to the landscape. Many of the paths and walk ways are tarmac and easily accessible if walking around the different areas of woodlands. We must point out that there are several steep hills around the park, along with steps to many of our shelters and The Ashton Memorial. At dusk the main walk ways are lit with lamps.



*Cobbled path to The Temple*



*Example of tarmac paths*

## The Pavillion Café, Gift Shop and Butterfly House

Entry to The Butterfly house is through our gift shop. The café has its own door but is also accessible from the shop. All have double doors that can be easily entered. Floor surfaces are smooth and without steps. Entrance to the mini-beast cave is up a ramp and although the paths in and around the Butterfly House and gardens are narrow, pushchairs and wheelchairs are able to manoeuvre around.



*A flat surfaced hill walk to our fantastic facilities*



*The Pavillion Café*



*The Gift Shop*



*The Butterfly House Gardens*

## The Ashton memorial

On every alcove, including the main entrance to the public are steps to the memorial. To gain disabled access to the ground floor of this building there is a lift (right hand side to the front of the building). There is a button to press for attention in order for the door to the lift to be opened. Please be aware this lift can only take you to the ground floor level. Access to the balcony or art gallery is up several floors of stairs.



*Lift access*

## Toilet Facilities

We have toilet facilities between our café and shop, these are open all year round. There are toilets at our Wyresdale Road car park which are open from the beginning of April to the end of September. We also have porta-cabin toilets available for weddings and other events. Baby changing facilities are available in the ladies toilet at Wyresdale Road and in the Gentlemen and Ladies at The Pavillion Café. All of the above have a disabled toilet with appropriate amenities.

## Other Information

Williamson Park is a member of Visit England, A quality assured Visitor Attraction.

All Lancashire County Council staff are trained in emergency evacuation procedures. They also receive the relevant quality and diversity training.

We welcome all dogs to the park, café and shop. Assistance dogs are able to enter the ground floor of the memorial building. However we are unable to allow entry to the zoo or Butterfly House as we have the welfare of our animals to consider.