

Facilities at Gilfach for people with limited mobility



Welcome!

Gilfach is an old upland farm nature reserve in a scenic valley, just off the A470. Due to the nature of the terrain (nearly all sloping) access is not easy for wheelchairs or people with limited mobility. However, as the Disabled Holiday Information website says, “the breathtaking scenery along the drive through the reserve up to the farm makes this site well worth a visit”.

Disabled parking

At the Welcome Gateway there is space for disabled parking in the main car park with close access to the Caban, where information about the reserve can be found. The car park slopes slightly.

In the Old Farmyard, parking is available next to the farmyard buildings. Again the car park is sloping. Unless it is really busy, you should be able to park on the flat ground alongside the wall or by gate. Please check with a member of staff whether access to the gate is required on that particular day.

Accessible toilet

In the byre (in the Old Farmyard) is a wheelchair accessible toilet with space for left-transfer to the toilet and room for one carer. Access to the byre is on partially compacted surfaces and stone flagstones. The toilet is open all year during daylight hours.

Dipper hide

There is wheelchair access via a ramp into the hide. There is foldable seating to enable space in front of a lower window. There is designated space for one car by the hide.

Easier Access Path

This compacted path goes up a ramp from the farmyard and runs a short distance in either direction to viewpoints. Go to the right and find a bench and space for a wheelchair. To the left is a wheelchair accessible picnic table.

Mobility scooters

Visitors with mobility scooters sometimes park at the Welcome Gateway and drive through the reserve along the public road. You can turn onto the drive to go up to the Old Farmyard but please note, you will need to cross the cattle grid and the slope of the drive is 20-25% and single tracked with passing places. There is space for parking a mobility scooter by the hide. It is not possible to take a mobility scooter into fields or on the trails.

For more information, please contact the office on 01597 823298.

