

## ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION: *Shorne Woods Country Park*

### Pre-arrival

- **Location** - for full contact details and maps of how to reach us, please see the 'Find us' information on [www.kent.gov.uk/shornewoods](http://www.kent.gov.uk/shornewoods)
- **Arriving by car** – the park is signposted from the A2 between Gravesend and Rochester; exit the A2 at the Cobham/Shorne junction. There is a large pay and display car park available at the park (see the "Arrival" section below for details). If you are a Blue Badge holder, you can obtain an annual season ticket in advance of your visit, which gives you access to all the Kent Country Park car parks free of charge during the year. There is a £3 admin fee for this service. To obtain your season ticket, please call 03000 41 72 72, and have your Blue Badge number and credit/debit card handy for reference.
- **Arriving by public transport** - nearest train stations are Meopham (4.2 miles) Sole Street (2.6 miles) Higham (2.3 miles) and Gravesend (5.4 miles). All of these are served by buses on the 416/417 route and there are taxi ranks available at both Meopham and Gravesend stations.
- **Queries** – if you have any specific queries in advance of your visit, please feel free to call us on 03000 413500, or email [kentcountryparks@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentcountryparks@kent.gov.uk).

### Arrival

- There are 20 allocated disabled parking spaces. These are all hard standing spaces within the car park closest to the visitor centre. The visitor centre entrance is approximately 20 metres away and can be accessed via a ramp to the main entrance. In addition, there are a further 45 spaces on hard standing that are within 50 metres of the visitor centre entrance and a further 200 spaces on loose stone surfaces.
- The parking fee at Shorne Woods is £2 Monday – Friday and £3 at weekends and on Bank Holidays. Coach parking is available at the park but must be pre-booked in advance by calling 03000 414747. Coach parking is charged at a rate of £5 per day off peak (Monday – Friday outside of school holidays) and £10 per day peak time (weekends, Bank Holidays and school holidays).

### Visitor Facilities

- **Toilets**  
There is a unisex accessible toilet within the main Visitor Centre which is open at all times and also a further unisex accessible toilet in the toilet block serving the playground which is open at peak times. Both of these facilities can be reached via easy access pathways and ramps and do not require a Radar key to access them. Toilet facilities are available at all times when the park is open to visitors, even if the café and shop are closed.
- **Cafe**  
The café is on the ground floor of the Visitor Centre and accessible through automatic double doors at the main entrance or via single manual doors at the café serving hatch. Seating is available both inside the visitor centre for customers using the café facilities as well as at picnic benches in the café garden that are accessible to wheelchair users.

- **Gift Shop / Information Point**

The gift shop / information point is on the ground floor of the visitor centre and accessible through automatic double doors at the main entrance.

- **Meeting Room**

The Chestnut Room is on the first floor of the visitor centre and is available for hire on weekdays and weekends. The Chestnut Room is accessible via a lift and has its own unisex accessible toilet within the room. Also available within the Chestnut Room is a hearing induction loop.

## **Park Facilities**

- There are 2.5 kilometres of Easy Access pathway that are way marked with orange and orange chequered arrows and provide access to some of the central areas of park as well as the view point, the playgrounds and the Trim Trail. The purple trail in the main park is unsurfaced in places but has no steps so is the most accessible of the other way marked trails.
- We have three Trampler mobility scooters available for hire. Our Trampers are rough terrain mobility vehicles that can help you explore more of Shorne Woods Country Park. Before you can hire one of our Trampers, you will be asked to complete a short induction. This will be a practical training session lasting approximately 25 minutes. (Please note that you must be able to get onto and off the Trampler unaided, in order to hire it). You can book your training session in advance by calling 03000 414747. Once you have completed your training session, you will become a registered user and you will be able to book and hire a Trampler whenever the visitor centre is open. Hire of the Trampler should be pre-booked with the centre by calling 03000 414747 and there is a charge of £2 for a two hour session. (Please note that you must be capable of getting onto and off of the Trampler unaided in order to use it, as our staff are not trained to assist in this).
- There are two play areas in the park that can be reached by the Easy Access pathway. One of the areas is on level ground, with rubber safety surfacing and surrounded by a fence but can be accessed through a level gateway. The other is on a small incline with bark surface which makes the ground underfoot more uneven.