



Grove Ferry Picnic Site - Accessibility Guide

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Take the opportunity to visit Grove Ferry Picnic Site to enjoy a picnic by the waterside and watch the boats go by – or take a gentle walk along the path and keep an eye out for the wildlife that can be found at home on the river.

Accessibility at a glance:

- Accessible unisex toilet
- Level access picnic area and play area
- Blue Badge holders can purchase a reduced annual parking ticket (can be used across all KCC Country Parks)

If you have other accessibility queries in advance of your visit, please call 03000 41 35 00 or email kentcountryparks@kent.gov.uk. If you require a text phone, [BT RelayUK offers](#) a free intermediary service.



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Facilities overview

Level Access

- 1 accessible toilet which requires a RADAR key
- Blue Badge holders can purchase an annual parking ticket. Visit [Parking season tickets - Kent County Council](#)

Hearing

- There should be no hearing related barriers in place at Grove Ferry Picnic Site.

Visual

- The main walking route does not have barriers and runs along the side of the river. It is advised that blind or partially sighted users take extra care when navigating this route.
- Outdoor areas of the park walking routes do not have lighting fixtures

Sensory

- Some areas of the park may be noisy at busy times, for example the play area.



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Getting there

Grove Ferry Picnic Site is located in Grove near Canterbury. The nearest bus stop is Grove Ferry Hill

[Find Grove Ferry Picnic Site and plan your journey.](#)

Parking

There are two car parks that include 2 hard standing allocated accessible Blue Badge parking spaces each (4 total) which are located nearest to car park entrances in both cases. Hatched area present at side only.

If you are a Blue Badge holder, you can purchase a reduced annual season ticket in advance of your visit. The annual season ticket gives you access to all 9 of our country park car parks free of charge during the year.

You can purchase your season ticket [online](#) or call 03000 41 72 72. Have your Blue Badge number and credit or debit card handy for reference.





Outdoor spaces

Play area

There is a play area in the park that can be reached by an easy access pathway. The path to the play area is located at the end of the main car park. The path turns left, you will pass 2 picnic benches on your left. The play area is located on your right.

The play area is on level ground, with rubber safety surfacing and is surrounded by a fence but can be accessed through a level gateway. The play area features low level games on a rubber all-weather, impact absorbing surfacing to help prevent injuries while children are playing.



Routes

The park is flat with grass pathways. This may not be suitable for wheelchairs. It can be muddy in winter and will inevitably be slightly bumpy, with twigs, stones, and puddles at times.

The path runs along the riverbank. Care should be taken at all times while nearby bodies of water.



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[View a map of Grove Ferry Picnic Site \(PDF, 1.5 MB\).](#)

Changing facilities

Grove Ferry Picnic Site also includes an active Canoe club. This building and facilities are not owned by Kent County Council (KCC).

Behind the Canoe club there is a set of 7 unisex changing cubicles open to the public for use at any time. The changing facilities are accessed by one step up from the car park.

The step may cause a barrier to wheelchair access.



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Cafe

Grove Ferry Picnic Site hosts a mobile cafe, which is not owned or managed by Kent County Council (KCC).



Fishing and water activities

Along the riverbank are several dedicated fishing swims.

From the car park entrance following the left-hand path around will lead you to a dedicated fishing area with disabled access. This hard standing can be accessed by wheelchair users.

There are also dedicated launch points for canoes or other water sports. The launch points can be accessed by a ramp or stairs. The stairs for the second launch point are uneven and do not have accompanying handrails.





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Toilets

There is one unisex accessible toilet located at the entrance to the main car park. The toilet is part of a toilet block accessible via a ramp at the car park entrance end of the block, and stairs with a handrail at the car park bays end of the toilet block. The accessible toilet requires a RADAR key. Right hand transfer. Toilet facilities are available at all times when the park is open to visitors.



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Fire safety and emergency evacuation procedures

Standard evac procedures include provision for disabled visitors. All Kent Country parks have muster point locations at each site which will be suitable for all visitors.

Assistance dog facilities

Assistance dog exercise facilities - dog friendly areas where dogs can be let off their lead.

