

Accessibility Statement on Ynysangharad War Memorial Park and The National Lido of Wales



The purpose of this statement is to inform visitors to the site of the facilities in advance of their visit.

It allows individuals with accessibility requirements to make an informed decision on whether the site is suited to their circumstances.

This is not defined to wheelchair users only but advisory for people with any disability/hearing loss/mental or visual impairment/older people as well as families with young children.

The statement is factual and correct at the time of writing.



Park Opening/Closing Times

JANUARY - 8.30am – 5.45pm

FEBRUARY - 8.30am – 5.45pm

MARCH – 8.30am – 6.45pm

APRIL – 8.30am – 7.45pm

MAY – 8.30am -8.45pm

JUNE – 8.30am -8.45pm

JULY – 8.30am -8.45pm

AUGUST – 8.30am -8.45pm

SEPTEMBER - 8.30am – 7.45pm

OCTOBER – 8.30am – 6.45pm

NOVEMBER – 8.30am – 5.45pm

DECEMBER – 8.30am – 5.45pm

Lido Seasonal Opening Times

Easter until September, see website www.lidoponty.co.uk for all opening times.

Getting to The Park.

The Park is located in the center of Pontypridd. There is no on-site parking for cars or bus trips. The nearest car parks are located at:

The National Lido of Wales, Lido Ponty telephones are open 6:30am-9am and 5pm-8pm weekdays and 7:30am-7pm weekends. Alternatively you could email us your query at Lidoponty@rctcbc.gov.uk.

BY ROAD

Follow M4 to junction 32, take A470 to Pontypridd. Lido Ponty, the National Lido of Wales, is situated in Ynysangharad War Memorial Park on the A4223. There is no parking on site, but there are several public car parks are within 5 minutes walk of Lido Ponty.

CAR PARKS

- Gas Road Car Park, Taff Street, Berw Road, CF37 2AA
Short Stay - 24 hours
- Goods Yard Car Park, CF37 5RG
Long Stay - 24 hours
- Sardis Road Car Park, Sardis Road, CF37 1LE
Long Stay - Opening 7.00am - 7.00pm (Mon-Sat, except Bank Holidays)
- Ty Pennant Car Park, Mill Street, CF37 2FW
See car park notices for opening hours

BY TRAIN

Pontypridd Train Station, 121 Broadway, Pontypridd, CF37 1BE
From Cardiff Central Station to Pontypridd Station. Enquiries: 08457 484 950.

BY BUS

Pontypridd Bus Station, Morgan Street, Pontypridd, CF37 2DS
From Cardiff Central to Pontypridd Bus Station. Enquiries: 0871 200 2233.

CONTACT US

We are here to help! There are a number of ways to get in touch with our friendly Lido Ponty Team.

By Email: mail@lidoponty.co.uk

By Phone: 0300 004 0000

By Post: Lido Ponty, Ynysangharad War Memorial Park, Pontypridd CF37 4PE

About The Park

The Park is home to the stunningly restored National Lido of Wales, Lido Ponty. It has three heated outdoor pools, inflatable slides and Zorbing Wheel and Hand Paddle Boats, lane swimming and a splash pool for the little ones.

The Park also has the neighboring Lido Play Area and is one of the best playgrounds in the area and the play equipment is themed to represent the industrial successes of the area.

If you fancy some refreshments, the park has the fabulous Café Lido which offers a great selection of delicious homemade meals, sandwiches, snacks and cakes as well as an amazing range of hot & cold drinks. The café has a Changing Places bathroom and offers views over both the lido and the lido play area.

The Park also boasts tennis courts, football and cricket pitch, bowls lawns and ample open space.

The Park often hosts family events and memorial services.

Facilities available at the park

1. Baby Changing
2. Bicycle Bays
3. Café
4. Disabled Changing Places Facility
5. Disabled Toilet Facility
6. Museum
7. Non 24/7 Toilets
8. Outdoor Seating
9. Visitors Centre

Wifi when near buildings.

Eating & Drinking

1. Café
2. Dog Friendly (outside)
3. Gluten Free Options
4. Vegetarian and Vegan Options.

Accessibility

1. Firm Pathways
2. Hearing Loops
3. Mixed Terrain
4. Bike Access
5. Wheelchair and Pushchair Access.

There are five principal into the park

There are three entrances to the front of the park. The main gates and two pedestrian entrances to the left and right.

There is a bus stop directly in front of these entrances.

You can also enter the park through the new Taff Vale bridge at the top end of Pontypridd Town Centre and also across what is often referred to as the M&S bridge at the bottom end of Pontypridd Town Center which both link directly into the park.

There is a fifth entrance to the rear of the park located by the football pitch, this entrance forms part of the Taff Trail.

Moving Around the Park

The Park has a very good, firm tarmac path that covers the perimeter of the park and there are concrete paths that lead to the pavilion and war memorial. In places there are steep slopes, but the park does provide alternative routes that offer a manageable gradient.

There are a number of dropped kerbs in and around the park making moving around an easy and pleasurable experience.

Around the park you will find a very good provision of benches that allow you time and space to take in the tranquility of the location. Picnic benches are also provided to make the most of the park's beautiful surroundings.



The Lido Play Area

The play area offers a great opportunity for children to climb, run and play in the park with its soft, rubberized flooring and vast array of play equipment. The play area also offers a wheelchair accessible swing so that every child can enjoy playing in the park. There are picnic benches by the play area to enable families to have a fun day out.



The National Lido of Wales, Lido Ponty

The recently renovated lido offers a wide range of accessibility features. Accessing the lido is via a concrete ramp which has a handrail to one side, the ramp leads to a set of wooden, automatic entrance doors operated by an Infra-Red sensor on approach to the doors.



Lido Ponty Reception

The reception area has a reception desk with a reduced height section and an induction loop is available at the reception desk. Within reception there is a single leaf door which leads outside to the lido. This is a concrete area with a walkway around the pool leading to the accessible changing facilities.



Changing Facilities

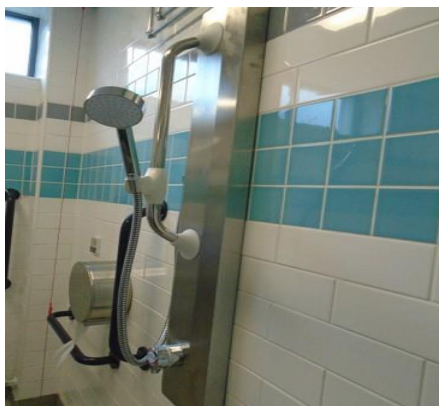
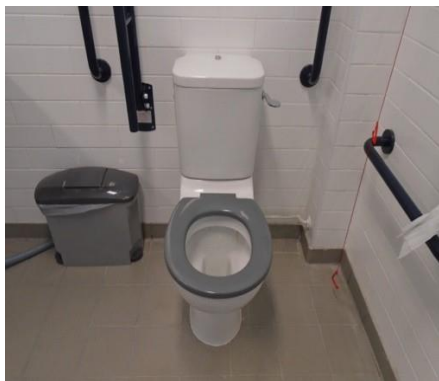
Changing facilities are accessed via a set of sliding automatic entrance doors. To the left is the changing rooms.

There is an ambulant-disabled changing room which incorporates a baby change station. The changing facility also offers the use of a changing places bathroom which requires a RADAR key to gain entrance.



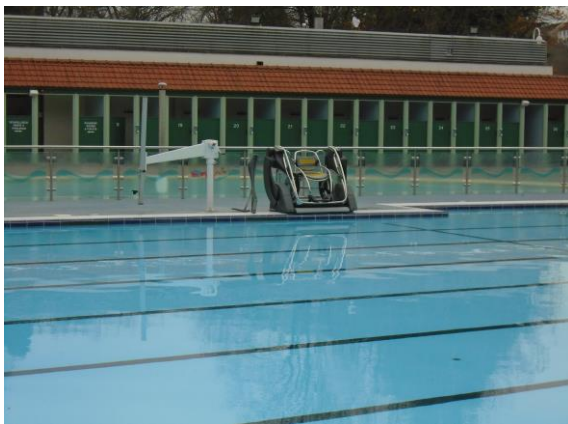
Changing Places Bathroom

This is a large room and offers the use of a height adjustable changing bed, a ceiling mounted electric hoist (users wishing to utilise the hoist will need to bring their own sling). There is a shower with a fold down shower seat fixed to the wall. The toilet has drop down rails to either side and the emergency pull cord is located next to the toilet, the flush is a spatula handle.



The Lido Ponty

The route around the pool is level and smooth. There is a great pool lift present that allows a disabled person to gain access into the swimming pool independently. The pool lift allows for access and egress from the pool in a controlled and dignified method to use the pool.



The Café Lido

Access into the café is via a smooth, tarmac path that has a slight incline. The café is then entered by automatic entrance doors that open outwards.

The café offers a wide range of homemade meals, sandwiches, snacks and cakes as well as a very good selection of hot & cold drinks.

The counter has a reduced height section, staff offer disabled customers assistance such as bringing food and drinks to the table once ordered and paid for.

Within the café, there are a number of tables, chairs, armchairs and sofas. The flooring is easy to move around on and spatial allowances between tables is good.



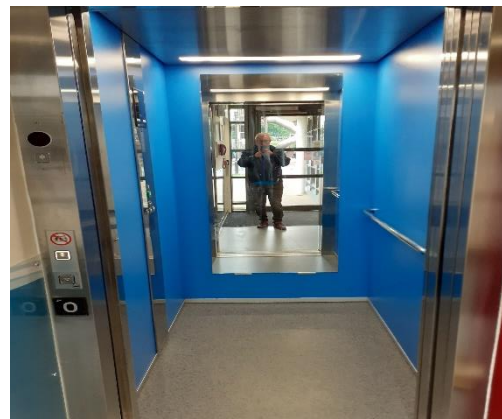
WC Within Café

The accessibility of the toilets consists of a changing places toilet which is accessed via the use of a RADAR key (if you do not have a key staff have one behind the counter). The room consists of a hydraulic height adjustable changing bed. The room also has the provision of a hoist (users must bring their own sling should they wish to utilise this facility). The room is very spacious and offers good levels of circulation space. The toilet has drop rails either side and one horizontal fixed rail. Shower seat is a large fold down seat again with drop down rails either side.



Lift to Upper Level of Café (Museum/Exhibition Space)

The upper level has lift access, the lift is big enough for one wheelchair user and a non-chair user. The buttons in the lift are tactile and there is a visual display. There is a mirror to the rear wall of the lift to aide users who may need to reverse out of the lift.



Museum Space

This is a large, open space which offers good access to all of the displays and information boards. There is very good maneuverability around the whole space.

The floor is smooth and even and the space allows for excellent levels of natural light within the space.



Meeting/Conference Facilities

This is a large, open-plan space which allows for a multitude of table layouts. There is an acoustic partition that can be opened to create an even larger space. There is also the provision of an induction loop system.



Access to The War Memorial

Whichever route is chosen to gain access to the memorial, it is a concrete or tarmac path which have good firm and level surfaces. There are a number of benches along the way for those who may need a rest. The memorial space is a quiet and tranquil space.



The War Memorial

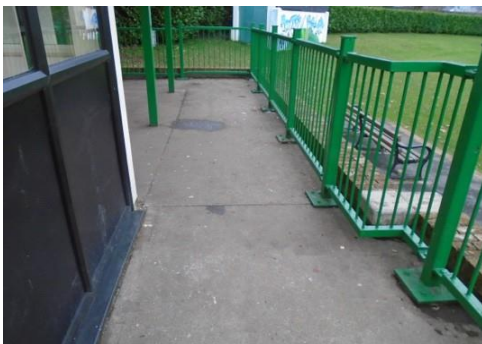
The war memorial consists of marble structures with plaques bearing the names of those lost during various conflicts. It is accessible to get to the memorial plaques. This area is one that is quite emotional to visit. There is a bench in the memorial space and full tarmac path all around the memorial which is in a good condition as of the time of the visit.



Access to The Cricket Pavilion

As with the war memorial, there is a concrete path that leads to a narrow pathway. This takes a person to the main ramp to gain access. This area has both ramped and stepped access. The doors to the pavilion consist of two wooden, double leaf, part glazed doors. There is a threshold which would require a wheelchair user to tilt back.

The provision of an accessible toilet is by the entrance and provides grab rails to the sides of the toilet.



Football Pitch

Access to Football Pitch

There is a carpark at the rear of the park adjacent to the pitch. This carpark does not have any designated parking spaces and is literally just a piece of waste ground that is a mixture of rocks and gravel. This is not suitable for a wheelchair user.

Access to the pitch side for spectators is either through a gate which is grassed on an incline which is unsuitable to be used in wet weather conditions, there is also a concrete path but access is via steps to the path to be able to be pitch side.



Bowling Pavilion

Access to the bowling pavilion is either down a steep ramp or a slightly longer route can be taken on more level ground. The pavilion has two principal entrances. There is a lift to gain access to the upper floor. There is an accessible WC located within the pavilion on the ground floor. The ground floor accessible WC has good colour contrast to the associated rails within the space

