



**Torbay Coast &
Countryside Trust**

Access Statement

**Cockington Country Park
and The Lakes**

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Car Parking

There is a Torbay Council car park in the village with 2 accessible parking bays available. There is a charge for the carpark with no concessions for Blue Badge Holders, (please refer to notice board by pay machines). The car park has a tarmacadam surface leading onto a public highway with pedestrian pathway.

A further car park, owned by Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust, is available at the top of the hill by Higher Lodge. This car park is ANPR monitored and again, there are no concessions. Fees paid via credit card or telephone are for the time vehicle is parked and not prepaid. Membership of Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust will allow free parking in all Trust car parks.



Park and Lakes Access Pathways

There are two accessible routes:

One route is from the visitor centre via a compacted quarry dust pathway leading to the Drum Inn gardens on a gradient of 1:20 and 1:14. At the end of the pathway there is a gate.

The pathway to the park is via a compacted soil path and a grass surface which would not be suitable for manual wheel chair users unless assistance is given, especially if it is wet.

The second route is via the highway from the visitor centre up- hill on a tarmac surface. The gradient of the hill leading to the Higher Lodge entrance to the Park varies from 1:10 to 1:7 so assistance would be required for a manual wheel chair user in most cases. If parked in the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust car park you would miss out the hill from the village to the Higher Lodge gate.

There is a ramped tarmac surface of a gradient of approximately 1:9 leading to the Higher Lodge gateway entrance, which has a clear access width of 1542cm. A further tarmac route leading to signposting to The Lakes has a gradient of 1:16.



Lakes Access

To gain access to The Lakes' pathways take the sign posted route off the driveway from Higher Lodge entrance. This route begins with a gradient of 1:9 to 1:10. The route leads a stone overhead bridge. At the time of this statement this route is again in tarmac, but care needs to be taken because there are some potholes in the surface and also some adverse camber in places. The roadway width is 3780cm which allows plenty of space for passing and the route is shared with a horse and carriage ride on the estate around the roadways. After passing under the bridge the gradient becomes 1:15 and the surface is clean and accessible.

Upon turning right onto The Lakes' pathways, the gradient becomes 1:12 downhill and the pathway becomes narrower to a width of 3380cm. Seating is available along the route. At the Gamekeeper's Cottage the pathway bears left and becomes narrower, to a width of 1700cm, and more acute in gradient.

Along the whole route around the upper, middle and lower lakes the gradient ranges from 1:16 to in excess of 1:6. Care and attention is required, and most manual wheel chair users would need assistance on the route, whereas powered wheel chairs and all terrain buggies could negotiate the route with care. People living with mobility impairments might also find some areas challenging as a pedestrian.

There is provision for rest areas in the form of bench seating along the route.



Lakes Access

Care needs to be taken around the lakes, when using wheel chairs, powered scooters and buggies, as some areas have no upstand protection along the path edge. At the time of writing this statement it is a level edge into the lakes.

There are signage and route markers around the pathways in the form of nature silhouettes with text information attached. These are informative and can be used as way markers for orientation.

It is the responsibility of the visitor to make their own judgment of the accessibility dependent on their ability and mode of transport around the route, after taking note of the details of this Access Statement.



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