

Royal Parks Half 2025 Accessibility Guide

The Royal Parks Half aims to be an inclusive event to all participants and we're introducing more accessible facilities to our route, event village and communications to improve the event experience for those with access needs.

This accessibility guide and our event guide are screen readable and available in plain text and with a BSL translation video.

Access to the event

- From Green Park tube – Jubilee & Victoria Lines – **with step free access from the Victoria Line** – from the south side of Piccadilly – on the border of The Green Park – head west towards Hyde Park Corner. Turn left after the Bomber Command Memorial and use the pelican crossing to cross Constitution Hill. Head southwest and use the pelican crossing to cross Grosvenor Place then turn right to head north on Grosvenor Place to enter Hyde Park through Apsley Gate. Turn left down South Carriage Drive to the event village. – 20 min walk or push. Follow our video guide [here](#).
- From Victoria tube – Victoria & District & Circle Lines – and mainline station – **with step free access** – exit onto Victoria Street and follow Grosvenor Gardens and Grosvenor Place to Hyde Park Corner. Enter the park through Apsley Gate and turn left down South Carriage Drive to the event village – 25 min walk or push. Follow our video guide [here](#).
- A limited amount of parking is available at Serpentine Car Park for participants with medical conditions and or disabilities. Please **contact us** if you require parking. Please note, timing restrictions apply due to closures to set up the event route.
- For drop offs, Exhibition Road to the south of Hyde Park is recommended. Please note road closures operate in the Westminster area from 06:00.
- All entrances to the event village are accessible and step free.

Wheelchair Users

- Self-propelled day chairs are permitted on the event route.
- Handcycles, racing wheelchairs and any motorised wheelchairs are not permitted to take part in the event.
- Note to spectators: Getting around to support participants in the event is relatively easy given the weaving route around the parks. However, please note that crossing grass surfaces will be necessary.

Event village surface

- The Royal Parks Half Marathon is an outdoor event within a park that could pose problems for mobility – particularly in wet weather.
- The event village will be on grass, if you need any assistance getting to a specific location, the Accessibility Team at the Information Marquee will be able to assist.

Route tips

- The event route surface is tarmac.
- At approximately mile 8, Serpentine Road, there is a short temporary solid surface covering the sand-based horse ride.
- There are some narrowing sections of around 3 miles on the route, particularly after mile 7.5 in Hyde Park and within Kensington Gardens after mile 10.
- Kensington Gardens will be a quieter area, where we will limit crowd cheering and amplified music.

Course elevation

- The event route is relatively flat, with no significant climbs or hills. Over the course of the whole route there is 140m elevation which is equalled in descent.

Drinks Stations

- Drinks Stations on our route are accessible, and volunteers will help you with your drink if required.
- Each Drinks Station will have a water refill area for those carrying their own water bottles or hydration packs, volunteers will also be available to support with this.
- Cans will be provided at the finish and can be opened by a volunteer if you need assistance.

Accessible viewing areas

We have two accessible viewing areas at this year's event, one on the route and one at the finish.

■ **Route location:** Serpentine Road, south pavement, opposite Hyde Park bandstand. This is northeast of the event village and there is an accessible parks toilet at this location. What 3 words location **risen.cattle.photo**

■ This area will be barriered off, with a clearer view to the route.

■ **Finish location:** There will be an accessible viewing area on the north side of South Carriage Drive close to the Albert Memorial Statue. Please note there are no accessible toilets at this location.

■ This area will have a clearer view to the finishing straight.

Accessible toilets and changing areas

■ We have a RevoLOOtion vehicle in the event village to the north of the kids zone in the event village **RevoLOOtion | A Mobile Accessible Toilet** that includes:

- Toilet with retractable grab rails on each side
- Electric hoist
- Adjustable height changing table

■ We have accessible toilets at each toilet point in the event village and on the route at miles 2, 5, 7, 9 & 9.5

■ If you have a bladder or bowel condition, a Just Can't Wait Toilet Card explains you have a medical condition and need urgent access to a toilet. This can be downloaded for free **Free Just Cant Wait Card | Bladder & Bowel Community**

Support

■ We offer a free support or guide runner race place to every eligible participant. This includes blind/visually impaired runners or those with disabilities and or medical conditions that require support or guide runners.

■ If you don't need someone to run with you but you need support on the day at the start or finish please **contact us**.

Bib stickers

We have bib stickers with the following captions available for collection from the Information Marquee:

■ Give me space

■ Deaf runner

■ Blind runner

■ Visually Impaired Runner

We have a limited number of Support/Guide runner vests available from our Information Marquee on Sunday on a first come, first served basis. Please note that you are welcome to wear your own if you have them.

Event village comms

■ We will have BSL interpreters on site for key moments on our stage.

■ If you need BSL, please head to the stage where one of our interpreters will be able to assist you.

■ Our videos on the big screen will have captions displaying any spoken words.

Sensory calm

■ We have a sensory calm space in the event village for anyone who wants to take a moment away from the crowds or the noise.

■ We have a quieter area on our route at Mile 11.5 close to the Round Pond in Kensington Gardens for those that want to support away from loud music and crowds.

This year we are introducing a post event accessibility survey to understand how we can better assist those with access needs. After this year's event we will email the survey to all participants who have confirmed they have a disability in their event registration.