

# Oysho Royal Parks Half 2026 Accessibility Guide

The Oysho Royal Parks Half aims to be an inclusive event for 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.

Both this accessibility guide and our event guide are compatible with screen readers and available in plain-text formats. BSL translation videos are available for both guides.

## 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. A 20-minute walk or push. Follow our video guide [here](#).

From **Victoria tube** Victoria Line & 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. A 25-minute 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 07:00.

All entrances to the event village are step-free.

Ahead of this year's event we will contact all participants who have stated that they have access needs on their registration. If you have not been contacted and have access needs, please contact us [here](#).

## 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 supporters: 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 Oysho 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 assistance getting to a specific location, the Accessibility Team at the Information Tent will be able to help. The Information Tent is located to the east (or left side if you are in the event village) of the large Baggage Marquee.

**what3words:** [what3words.com/club.scales.stream](https://www.what3words.com/club.scales.stream)

## Route tips

The event route surface is tarmac. Throughout the route there are some tight turns including two U-turns at mile 3.9 on the Strand and mile 11.3 on the Broad Walk Kensington Gardens.

There are some narrow sections on the route for a combined distance of approximately three miles, particularly after mile 7 in Hyde Park and within Kensington Gardens after mile 10.

At approximately 8.2 miles there is a short downhill section which finishes with a cobbled, low-rise speed bump along Policeman's Walk.

At approximately mile 8.4, Serpentine Road, there is a short temporary solid surface covering the sand-based horse ride.

Following this, at mile 9.2 on the Broad Walk in Hyde Park, there are a series of low speed bumps leading up to North Carriage Drive.

Kensington Gardens is generally a quieter area of the event, where we will limit crowd cheering and amplified music.

## Course elevation

The event route is relatively flat, with no significant climbs or hills. Across the whole route, there is approximately 140m of elevation gain, with an equivalent amount of descent.

## Water Stations

Water Stations on our route are accessible, and volunteers will help you with your water if required.

We also have three water refill points on the course for those being self-sufficient with their hydration.

Cans of water 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.

**What3Words:** [what3words.com/risen.cattle.photo](https://what3words.com/risen.cattle.photo)

This area will be barriered off, providing a clear view of the route. Follow our video guide [here](#).

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.

**What3Words:** [what3words.com/visits.cafe.silk](https://what3words.com/visits.cafe.silk)

This area will have a clear view of the finishing straight. Follow our video guide [here](#).

## Accessible toilets and changing areas

We have a Mobiloo vehicle located to the north of the Kids' Zone in the event village. **This mobile accessible toilet 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 & 10.

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. **Just Can't Wait Card | Bladder & Bowel Community**

## Support

We offer a free race place for an eligible participant's support or guide runner. 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 Tent:

- Give me space
- Deaf runner
- Blind runner
- Visually impaired runner

We have a limited number of support/guide runner vests; available from our Information Tent 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 visit the Information Tent 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.

## Accessible food traders

All food traders will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that people with access needs can use their services. This includes using portable payment devices, displaying clear signage inviting customers to request assistance, serving customers outside the unit where required, and providing menus with large, clear text where possible.

## Post-event survey

We have 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.