

## **Accessibility Statement**

Studfold Adventure Trail is privately owned and run by the Walker family. Located approximately 7 miles from Pateley Bridge, 15 miles from Ripon, 20 miles from Harrogate and 30 miles from Leeds/Bradford.

The Adventure Trail is open from Easter until the last weekend in September. Open at weekends, bank holidays and school holidays. 10.30am – 5.00pm (last entry 3.00pm). Midweek bookings are available for groups/parties.

Dogs are welcome on the Trail and we ask that they are kept on a leash at all times.

Ample parking for cars and coaches is available at Studfold's private car park. This is a flat gravelled area approx. 500 meters from reception. The overflow car park is a grass field.

From the car park, a tarmac road and a short pathway takes you to reception.

The shop and reception area is small but can accommodate 2 push chairs; there is limited space for wheelchair manoeuvre. Here information leaflets, including weather and travel information can also be located in Reception.

The disabled toilet, baby change is located in the cafe area of reception. There is a sloping concrete walkway to this facility. An eco toilet, including baby change and disabled facility is available at the picnic and play area on the Trail. Adult supervision with children is essential in all toilet areas.

The Nidderdale Way Cafe entrance is via a slope. Tables and chairs are free standing.

The Trail is all grass mowed walkways and gravelled areas. At one point there is a steep gradient to negotiate near the viewing point. The bird hide entrance has 3 steps, each 10cm high. At various points on the Trail there are wide steps (45cm wide x 8cm high) filled with bark chippings. The ground is uneven and slopping in many places. The exit to the wood is via a narrow sloped walkway – it is possible to take an alternative route via a gravelled road.

The interactive information points on the Trail are positioned at a low level.

The play area is level and contains low risk play equipment, ride on tractors and sandpits.

The go-kart area is grass sloped, and the individual go-karts are age specific. Hard hats must be worn.

Adult supervision is needed throughout the Adventure Trail.

Bark chippings surround the play area. The straw barn has an even concrete base. The old Victorian barn is flagged and has a gravel slope as an entrance.



The exit from the Trail can be by returning back through the grassed walkways or via a gravelled/cobbled road – this is steep in places and should be approached with care.

A risk assessment is available.

Unfortunately, there are very rarely local transport links to or from the Trail. There is a regular bus service from Harrogate to Pateley Bridge. For further information on transport please phone the Local Tourist Information Centre at Pateley Bridge on (01423 711147).

The nearest café to the Trail is at reception. Pateley Bridge provides ample grocery shops, two good butchers, a petrol station, doctor's surgery and many fast food outlets. Please ask a member of staff for directions.

The nearest town to the Trail is Harrogate or Ripon approx 20 – 15 miles from the Trail and provides shops, pubs and restaurants. The nearest supermarkets can be found here. There is a public telephone located at the reception to the park which accepts coins. Mobile phone networks have patchy coverage at Studfold, reception is better on the road to Lofthouse near the recycling bins!

Emergency telephone numbers are available at reception. Harrogate District Hospital has an accident and emergency department.

If further assistance is required staff will be happy to help. Ian Walker and Anne Challis can be contacted on 01423 755084 or 01423 755228.

Customers with physical or learning disabilities are very welcome. If the disabilities are severe, we respectfully request that someone who can provide an appropriate level of assistance accompany the customer. Due to the nature of the Dales countryside it is advisable that you contact Studfold if you are considering bringing a wheelchair. All terrain pushchairs are suitable for the Adventure Trail. We can arrange for transport, in our Gator, for anyone with a physical disability to meet the rest of their group at the play area. Please ring to arrange this facility.

Although we have tried to be as accurate as possible and include as much detail as we can in this statement, we are always willing to give information on any aspect of the Trail or Caravan and Camping Park (a separate Accessibility Statement is available for the Park).

Our aim is to help in any way that we can and if you require any assistance during your stay or whilst planning your visit we will be delighted to assist.