

Mobility Aids

We have available 2 Tramper all-terrain mobility scooters and a manual wheelchair. Full details are available on www.moors-valley.co.uk. They can be reserved in advance of your visit by phoning 01425 470721.

The Cycle Hire centre has a scooter charger (to be used at the centre) which is compatible with most scooters, just in case you run out of charge on your visit.

Wessex Accessible Cycling have a range of adaptive bikes available at certain times, details are available on their website: wessexacc.org.uk

Tractor and Trailer Rides

The East Dorset Heritage Trust have a Countryside Mobility Trailer which can be booked for tours around Moors Valley.

Please contact the EDHT for details; 01202 888992

Play

The Play Area is just 2 minutes from the Visitor Centre, there is a slope into the junior area, with a handrail down the left side. The surface of the area is woodchip. Access to the Infants area is either through the woodchip area or via a bridge. We realise access to these areas is not ideal; if you require assistance to access either of these areas please ask at the Information Point.

Recommended routes for the Play Trail are marked on the map over the page.

Picnics

There are 2 main picnic areas, each has some wheelchair accessible tables. The Lakeside picnic area is a level area next to the Moors Lake, it has a tarmac footpath around 3 sides. Access is via a steep slope (with a handrail) or a bridge. A level route is possible but involves going around the Moors Lake. The Forest picnic area has a slope in one area. It is adjacent to the lower car park area and has a compacted gravel footpath access.

Unfortunately there are no undercover picnic areas.

Emergency Information

Please remember this is an area of countryside and a working forest; there are lakes, rivers and ponds, uneven footpaths, people and machinery at work. Please stay on the footpaths, obey all warning signs and keep those in your care close to you. Rangers are first aid qualified and can be contacted at the Visitor Centre or via telephone on 01425 470721.

If you call an ambulance, please contact the Visitor Centre so we can direct the ambulance to you.

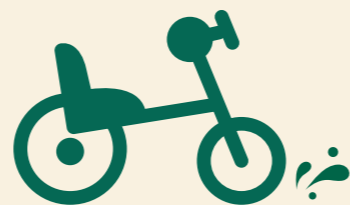


Moors Valley
Country park and forest



**Mobility
Scooter
Access Map**

**A guide for exploring the park
and forest using a mobility
scooter.**



Mobility Scooters

This map is intended as a guide only and has been compiled for use with all-terrain mobility scooter. If you have any other type of mobility aid or mobility impairment then please ask at the Information Point in the Visitor Centre for guidance.

Recommended Waymarked Routes

These routes are waymarked with round posts with an appropriate band of colour on them.

All waymarked routes run in a clockwise direction and are accessible in most weather, though the Lake and Riverside and the Crane Loop are liable to flood.

Lakes and Riverside Walk
0.75 mile / 1.2 km 15 mins

Tarmac and boardwalk all the way, one short rise and fall, otherwise easy with benches along the way.

Crane Loop
1.5 or 2 miles / 2.4 or 3.2km
30 mins / 50 mins

Takes you alongside the Crane Lake and River through the golf course. Mainly tarmac with some gravel and dirt sections, narrow in places with one short hill. Suitable in all weathers. The additional section takes you out of Moors Valley into Potterne Park and returns via Potterne Wood.

Corsican Circuit
2 miles / 3.2km 40 mins

Starting at the Visitor Centre this circuit takes you in a loop through the forest along level, wide gravel tracks.

Watchmoor Loop
1.5 miles / 2.3km 30 mins

Takes you to some of the quieter areas of the forest including Pine Avenue along dirt and gravel tracks with some gentle ups and downs.

Play Trail
1 mile / 1.6km

Waymarked with finger posts the trail leads you around unique wooden play structures on compacted gravel tracks which can be bumpy in places, some ups and downs. The route includes the Tree Top Trail which is not suitable for mobility scooters, however there is a suitable path running beneath the trail.

Other recommended accessible routes

These routes are not waymarked but are generally compacted gravel which are suitable in most weathers.

Key to other tracks

Weather dependent tracks

These tracks are a mixture of gravel or dirt and many will be accessible in dry weather, but will have wet or muddy sections after rain.

Narrow tracks

These tracks are very narrow and not suitable for some accessible cycles.

Steep tracks

Indicates steep sections, > point down the hill.

Unsuitable tracks

These tracks are sandy, boggy or include steps and are not suitable for some accessible cycles.

Key to map

Waymarked Trails

- Lakes and Riverside Walk
- Crane Loop
- Corsican Circuit
- Watchmoor Loop
- Play Trail
- Other recommended accessible routes

- Toilets
- Dog Waste Bins
- Boardwalk



Moors Valley is a joint venture between Dorset Council and Forestry England.