
ACCESS STATEMENT

Overview

Bryngarw Country Park offers 113 acres of award-winning parkland, comprising wildflower meadows, ponds, wetlands, woodlands, Japanese-inspired gardens and recreational space, enjoyed by over 220,000 visitors a year.

The Bryngarw estate, including Bryngarw House and B-Leaf, is managed by Awen Cultural Trust, a registered charity, in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council. We recognise the important contribution that public parks and green spaces within communities make to people's physical, social and mental health and wellbeing. We are committed to making Bryngarw Country Park accessible to all. In recent years, we have invested in pathway improvements, accessible toilets and inclusive play equipment.

We will continue to improve accessibility for visitors with limited mobility, wherever possible. Unfortunately, the natural topography of Bryngarw Country Park, located on the bank of the River Garw means there are some limitations. We hope you enjoy your visit. If you have specific questions not answered below, suggestions for improving this information or require it in large print or another language, please contact our rangers' office on 01656 725155.

Arriving at Bryngarw Country Park

The main entrance to Bryngarw Country Park is through the village of Brynmenyn. A single access road runs from the main gates to the visitor car park, which can accommodate 120 cars and three coaches.

There is additional car parking outside Bryngarw House and B-Leaf but are normally reserved for customers and guests.

There are three disabled spaces but parking is free of charge for anyone displaying a blue badge in their car.

Toilets

There is a changing places facility with an overhead hoist and wall-mounted bed located in the visitor centre.

There is also a baby changing unit in this area. These facilities do not require a RADAR key.

Visitor Centre, Café and Y Nyth Education and Wellbeing Centre

These buildings are fully accessible.

There is a ramp to the doorway of Y Nyth from the side of the café for wheelchair access. There are wheelchair accessible tables outside the cafés for customer use.

Children's Play Area

There is an accessible route from the visitor carpark to the children's play area, where you will find wheelchair accessible picnic tables and an inclusive swing, roundabout and trampoline for children in wheelchairs or with limited mobility.

The wheelchair swing requires a RADAR key.

Pathways

A map showing the paths around Bryngarw Country Park is available from the visitor centre and can be downloaded from our webpage www.bryngarwcountrypark.co.uk

The most accessible route runs north from the car park, past the duck pond and Bryngarw House and towards the Nature Garden, which is wheelchair accessible. The pathway which runs behind Bryngarw House down to the Japanese-inspired gardens, along the riverbank where it joins the 884 cycle route back up to the car park, is not often fully accessible due to the topography of the ground, the loose stones underfoot and the impact of the weather.

Boardwalks through the woodlands are not accessible to wheelchairs and users of walking sticks and other mobility aids should be aware that the paths are uneven. At times, all paths are covered in fallen leaves, making them slippery surfaces during due weather. There is a comprehensive network of smaller footpaths that runs through the park's main habitats, but these are not accessible to people in wheelchairs.

Blind/Visually Impaired Visitors

We can print and send out copies of our park events programme in large sized print on request, or order Braille and recorded versions of park leaflets, including the park events leaflet.

Please email marketing@awen-wales.com. Our website (www.bryngarwcountrypark.co.uk) can be used with screen readers and the font size can be increased/decreased and the colour contrast changed.

NEED MORE HELP?

Everyone's access needs are different.

If you need extra information, help or advice in order to get around the park and enjoy your visit, don't hesitate to ask.

Call our rangers' office on **01656 725155**.

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