

# Hidden Barriers to Accessing Nature - The Purple Pound



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## Changing Places

Specialist toilet facilities designed for people with profound disabilities. Includes an adult-sized changing bench, hoist, and extra space for carers.



## Emergency Help Points

Designated areas with communication systems (e.g., intercom or alarm) for people to call for assistance during emergencies.



## Disabled Toilet

Specialist toilet facilities designed for people with profound disabilities. Includes an adult-sized changing bench, hoist, and extra space for carers.



## Guides for Visually Impaired

Trained staff or volunteers who assist visually impaired visitors with navigation and orientation.



## Accessible Paths

Smooth, wide, and step-free pathways suitable for wheelchairs, mobility aids, and disability pushchairs.



## Accessible Play Areas

Playgrounds designed for children with disabilities, featuring ramps, sensory equipment, and inclusive play structures.



## Disabled Parking Bays

Reserved parking spaces close to entrances, with extra width for wheelchair access.



## Free Carer Places

Free admission for a carer accompanying a person with a disability.



## Fully Inclusive Activities

Programs or events adapted so everyone can participate, regardless of physical or cognitive ability.



## Wheelchair Hire

Service providing wheelchairs for visitors who need mobility support.



## Safe Spaces

Designated quiet areas for individuals experiencing anxiety, sensory overload, or distress.



## Wheelchair Accessible Tables

Tables with enough clearance underneath for wheelchair users to sit comfortably.



### Accessible Spacing/Aisles

Wide aisles and seating arrangements that allow easy movement for wheelchairs, scooters and mobility aids.



### Disability Trained Staff

Staff trained in disability awareness and inclusive practices to provide appropriate support.



### PECS Signs

Picture Exchange Communication System signs used to support non-verbal communication, often for autistic individuals.



### Enclosed Play Areas

Secure, fenced spaces for children or individuals who may wander, ensuring safety.



### Audio Description

Narration of visual elements (e.g., during shows or tours) for people with visual impairments.



### Exit Points

Clearly marked and accessible exits for safe evacuation, including routes suitable for wheelchairs.



### Social Stories

Visual or written guides explaining what to expect in a setting or activity, often used for autistic individuals to reduce anxiety.



### Sensory Stops

Quiet or calming areas with sensory-friendly features (soft lighting, textures, or sound control) for individuals who need a break from overstimulation.



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