



**Explore, Discover
and Learn Trail**

Accessibility Statement

Studfold Explore Discover and Learn 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 weekends, bank holidays and school holidays. 10.30am – 5.30pm (last entry 4.30pm). Midweek bookings are available for groups/parties.

Assistance 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.

From the car park, a tarmac road and short downward sloped flagged path takes you to reception.

Access to Reception is by a gentle slope and a 5cm step. The reception area is small; there is limited space for wheelchair manoeuvre. Visitor Information leaflets, including weather and travel information can also be located in Reception.

The disabled toilet and shower room is located near the car park on the touring park. Code CXY 66. There is a sloping concrete walkway to this facility. A toilet facility is available at reception and a basic toilet is available at the picnic and play area on the trail – both not disabled.

The trail is all grass mowed walkways. 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 sloping 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.

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.





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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 a 5 minute walk at How Stean Gorge. 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.

If further assistance is required staff will be happy to help. Ian Walker, Anne Challis, and Freda Walker can be contacted on 01423 755084 or 01423 755228 or 01423 755210

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.

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 anyway that we can and if you require any assistance during your stay or whilst planning your visit we will be delighted to assist.

