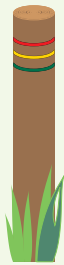


Recommended waymarked routes

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. Times are based on a Trumper mobility scooter moving at 3mph.



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Lake and Riverside round Walk ¾mile / 1.2 km 15mins ●●●●●

Starting and finishing at the Visitor Centre. Tarmac and boardwalk all the way, one short but steep fall over the railway line. Otherwise a level route with benches along the way. Toilets, including disabled toilet half way round at the railway station.

Crane Loop 1.5 or 2.7miles / 2.4 or 4.3km 30mins / 50mins ●●●●●

Start from Kings Farm Bridge, off the Lake and Riverside Loop. A level route through the golf course and alongside Crane Lake, all tarmac or boardwalk with benches along the way. Either return at Crane Bridge or extend route through Potterne Wood and Park area, level either tarmac or gravel surface.

Corsican Circuit 2miles / 3.2km 40mins ●●●●●

Starting at the Totem Pole near the Visitor Centre this loop takes you through the Forest on wide, compacted gravel and dirt tracks.

Watchmoor Loop 1.5miles / 2.3km 30mins ●●●●●

An extension to the Corsican Loop. The most challenging of the loops with some ups and downs on dirt and gravel tracks. No benches on this loop.

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 wheelchairs, however there is a suitable path running beneath the trail.

Other recommended accessible routes

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

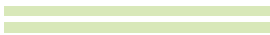
Please ask at the Information Point in the Visitor Centre for further details on any of these routes or for information on suitability after rain. If you use one of the tracks and find it is unsuitable then please do let us know.

Explore Moors Valley on a network of accessible trails, through forest and heath, and alongside lakes and the Moors River.

This map is intended as a guide only and has been compiled for use with all-terrain mobility scooters. 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.

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.

Steep tracks



Indicates steep sections, > point down the hill. These may not be suitable for all mobility scooters.

Unsuitable tracks



These tracks are very narrow and not suitable for mobility scooters.

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These tracks are sandy, boggy or include steps and are not suitable for mobility scooters.

Safety - If you are in a powered mobility scooter or cycling, please give way to walkers and take great care when passing horse riders.



Cycle Hire and Mobility Aids

We have available 2 Trampler all-terrain mobility scooters, 2 wheelchair mountain bikes and a manual wheelchair. Details and reservations through: www.moors-valley.co.uk/

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

The Cycle Hire Centre has a range of adult and children's bikes, trailers and tag-a-longs available for hire.

Tel: 01425 470721

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.

The Play Trail

See details on recommended routes, over the page.

Picnics

There are 2 main picnic areas, each has some wheelchair accessible tables and barbecues are permitted on stands (at least 30cm above the ground).

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.



Refreshments

Ice cream kiosks are located in the main car park (cash only) and on the lakeside picnic area and are accessible on tarmac paths.

Seasons Restaurant in the Visitor Centre is fully accessible and offers a wide range of drinks, snacks, cakes and freshly prepared meals. Most drinks and cold food can be prepared for takeaway.

Tel: 01425 470537

Steam Railway

An authentic steam railway in miniature. Open weekends, school holidays and daily from the end of May to early September. Carriages are not accessible for wheelchairs or buggies. However, at the main station, wheelchairs can be moved next to a carriage and assistance is available to help someone into and out of the carriage. Seats are benches which you sit astride. There is no back or side support available on these seats. Railway shop, buffet and toilets are accessible.

Tel: 01425 471415

Golf

18 hole, par 72 course. Electric buggies available to hire, except in extreme weather. You are welcome to bring your own buggy.

Golf clubhouse and reception all accessible. Disabled toilet and changing room.

Tel: 01425 479776

Go Ape

Tree top adventures for adults and children and Forest Segway tours. Not suitable for wheelchairs. For information on who can participate please visit the go ape website: www.goape.co.uk

Coarse Fishing

Available on the west bank of the Moors Lake from the 14th June to the 16th March. A platform to enable people in wheelchairs is on the southern bank. Please note this platform is liable to flooding. Day tickets available from the Information Point.

Tel: 01425 470721

GPS Tracker Service

The GPS tracker has an SOS button which once pressed sends an accurate location to a mobile phone at the Visitor Centre, which is used to deploy immediate emergency support. It can also be used to pin point a location for visitors who do not return to the Visitor Centre before a specified time.


The device is free to use, however a £10 cash deposit and ID are required.

Tel: 01425 470721

Toilets

Accessible toilets can be found at the Visitor Centre, Kingsmere Station and the Golf Centre. There are three disabled toilets at the Visitor Centre including a 'changing places' toilet with tracking hoist system and height adjustable adult size changing bench and a large family toilet with baby change facilities.

Dogs

Must be on leads in all areas, except in the Forest away from the Play Trail, but must stay on the tracks and be under control at all times. Green dog bins are provided, see map 

Rubbish

There are no litter bins at Moors Valley. For the sake of wildlife and the enjoyment of others please take your litter home with you.

Parking

Disabled persons with vehicles that are tax exempt may park for free. Take a ticket on entry to the Park and then call in at the Information Point in the Visitor Centre with your tax disc or proof of tax exemption to claim your free parking.

Disabled (blue) badge holders pay normal car park charges, but may park in one of 12 disabled bays, located near the Visitor Centre.

Contact details

Visitor Centre and Rangers **01425 470721**

rangers@moors-valley.co.uk

www.moors-valley.co.uk

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