



Accessibility Guide for Bekonscot Model Village and Railway

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Welcome

Bekonscot is the world's oldest original model village. Stuck in a 1930s timewarp, the model village depicts an idyllic view of English rural life with seven individual towns and villages each with their own character.

The historic gauge 1 model railway is one of the highlights and runs in all weathers around

the 10 scale miles of track. The model village is set within 1.5 acres of immaculate gardens with finely trimmed shrubs in perfect scale with the models.

At a Glance

Level Access

- There is level access from the main entrance to:
 - Dining Table
 - High Shrungham Junction
 - Model Village
 - Onsite toilets
 - Souvenir Shop
 - Education Centre
 - Gardens
 - Play Area
- There is level access from the car park to:
 - picnic area

Hearing

- Some staff have disability awareness training.

Visual

- Glass doors have contrast markings.
- We have display information in large print and other.
- We have information in large print.

General

- We have a concessionary rate for disabled visitors.
- There is at least 1 public toilet for disabled visitors.
- Some staff have disability awareness training.

Getting here

Warwick Road
Beaconsfield
Bucks
HP9 2PL

Travel by public transport

- You can get to Bekonscot Model Village and Railway by bus and train.

- The nearest bus stop is bus stop F outside Waitrose on the B474. This stop serves local routes to Loudwater, Holtspur and Hazlemere. The bus stop is 0.3 miles / 0.5 km from Bekonscot Model Village and Railway.
- The nearest train station is Beaconsfield. The train station is 0.3 miles / 0.5 km from Bekonscot Model Village and Railway.
- Beaconsfield station is on the Chiltern Line with links to central London, Oxford and Birmingham. There is flat pavement access to the venue from both bus stop and station. There is an alternative steeper footpath from the station which is a shorter route.



Travel by taxi

- You can get a taxi with UK Cars by calling 01494 462000.



Parking

- There is parking near the venue. There are accessible parking spaces. The parking is less than 50 metres from the main entrance. Parking is free.
- The designated drop off point for coaches is the car park behind Waitrose store. There is short stay parking directly outside the Model Village which can be used for drop off if available. From the car park to the entrance, there is level access. The route is 1000mm wide, or more.
- We have use of the church car park opposite the model village. Car park marshals are employed to aid visitors. There is a residential road to cross in order to access the village with dropped kerbs.



Warwick Road



Car park marshals

Arrival



Path to main entrance

- From the street to the main entrance, there is level access.
- The path is 1500mm wide, or more.



Main entrance

- The main entrance has level access.
- Access to the main entrance is down a level driveway and alongside our ticket office, which is a converted railway carriage



Driveway



Ticket Office



Main Entrance

Getting around inside

Visual Impairment - General Information

- We have contrast markings on all glass doors.

Things to See and Do

- We have a concessionary rate for disabled visitors.
- We have performances with: audio-described.
- We have display information in: large print .
- We provide a sensory map and the sensory map is available in large print, it indicates busy and noisy areas as well as physical features such as slopes and narrow paths We have a designated quiet space.

High Shrunkham Junction

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. Some display information is low, for wheelchair users. There are seats.
- An immersive museum re-enacting a 1930s railway station.



Exterior High Shrunkham Junction



Interior 1



Interior 2

Model Village

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The route is 850mm wide, or more. Some display information is low, for wheelchair users. There are seats.
- An outdoor venue with a one way route that meanders around the model village. The path is narrow in places with small barriers and some steep bridges. Alternative routes are available to avoid the bridges and as emergency exits.



bridge



slope



bridge



Narrowest part of route



emergency exit

Spectator/ Audience viewing areas

- There are stewards to help disabled visitors.

Public toilet

Onsite toilets

- There is a public toilet for disabled visitors.
- From the main entrance to the public toilet, there is level access. The route is 850mm wide, or more.
- The toilet door is 850mm wide.
- The direction of transfer onto the toilet is to the right.
- There is 1200mm at the side of the toilet. There is 1200mm in front of the toilet. The toilet seat is 400mm high. The toilets have handrails.



Disabled toilet interior



Disabled toilet exterior

Shop

Souvenir Shop

- From the main entrance to the shop, there is level access. The route is 1200mm wide, or more. The door is 1200mm wide.
- The route through the shop is 800mm wide, or more.



Entrance to shop



Entrance to village

|| Place to eat and drink

Tearoom

- From the main entrance to the dining area, there is level access. The route is 850mm wide, or more. The door is 1500mm wide.
- To get to a table, there are no steps.
- The route through the dining area is 800mm wide, or more.
- There is no background music.
- We cater for sugar free (diabetic), vegetarian, gluten free (celiacs), lactose free (dairy free), nut free, low fat and vegan specific diets.
- Indoor seating is easily movable to allow additional space if required.



Tearoom entrance

Education Centre

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The route is 1200mm wide, or more.
- The door is 1200mm wide.



Education Centre set up for schools



Craft activities

Getting around outside

Gardens

- From the main entrance to the gardens, there is level access.
- The route is 850mm wide, or more.
- The gardens are part of the model village trail



gardens

Designated Walking Trail

Model Village Trail

- The trail has a hard surface. The trail is sloped. The trail has seats.

Picnic Area

picnic area

- From the car park to the picnic area, there is level access. The path is 1500mm wide, or more.
- The entrance is 2000mm wide.



disable picnic bench

- Some tables have space for wheelchair users.

Play Area

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The route is 1500mm wide, or more. The entrance is 2000mm wide.
- There is wheelchair access to the pirate boat section of the play equipment



New play area

Customer care support

Accessibility equipment

- We provide wheelchairs. Wheelchairs are free.
- Sensory map
Large text maps and guides
- For a list of more items, please go to <https://www.bekonscot.co.uk/accessibility/>.
- If bringing assistance dogs to the Model Village, 50 metres beyond the entrance to the model village is St Michaels Green which provides a dog waste bin. This area can also be accessed directly from the village via an emergency exit if requested.

Emergency evacuation procedures

- We have emergency evacuation procedures for disabled visitors.

Customer care support

- Some staff have disability awareness training.
- We have information in large print.