



**SCOTLAND**

## Accessibility Guide for RSPB Scotland Lochwinnoch

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## Welcome

A great example of wetlands in Scotland, Lochwinnoch is an ideal day out for all the family. It's the perfect spot to watch whooper swans and a wide variety of ducks during the winter including wigeon. In spring, look out for the elaborate displays of great crested grebes.

## At a Glance

### Level Access

- The main entrance has access from the car park via a ramp. The ramp is permanent.
- There is level access from the main entrance to:
  - Welcome desk
  - Paths
  - Viewing area
  - Channel hide
- The hide entrance has level access.

### Hearing

- We have a hearing loop in Retail counter.

### Visual

- The walls and the doors are high colour contrast.

## Getting here

Largs Rd

Lochwinnoch

PA12 4JF

### *Travel by public transport*

- You can get to RSPB Scotland Lochwinnoch by bus and train.
- By bus Nearest bus stops are on the A737 at Roadhead roundabout (at grid reference: NS 350 586, 750 metres south-east of the reserve entrance) and on the A760 at Newton of Barr (at NS 366 577, 1.2 km north-west of the entrance). By train: The nearest train station is Lochwinnoch. The train station is 0.2 miles / 1,187.2 km / 0.3 km / 0.3 km from RSPB Scotland Lochwinnoch. Lochwinnoch railway station is situated 400 metres south-east of the visitor centre. It is directly across the road from the reserve with traffic lights to cross by bike National Cycle Route 7 runs through the reserve, adjacent to the A737. The bus stop is 0.2 miles / 1,187.2 km / 0.3 km from RSPB Scotland Lochwinnoch.
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## **Parking**

- We have a car park. There are accessible parking spaces. The parking is less than 50 metres from the main entrance.
- From the car park to the entrance there is a permanent ramp.
- The route is 110mm wide, or more.
- The reserve is located 18 miles south-west of Glasgow, beside the A760 Largs Road, which is off the A737 Irvine Road (easily reached from the M8 at Junction 28A).
- There is a £3 charge per vehicle for up to 6 hours parking or 30 minutes free parking for those just wishing to use the shop. Parking is free for blue badge holders.



Disabled car park bays

## Arrival

### *Path to main entrance*

- From the street to the main entrance.
- There is a permanent ramp.
- The path is 750mm wide, or more.
- The path is sloped.

### *Main entrance*

- There is a permanent ramp.
- The door is 750mm wide.
- The main door is side hung and manual.



Main entrance

## Getting around inside

### *Visual Impairment - General Information*

- We have high colour contrast between walls and doorframes.

## ***Ticket/ information desk***

### ***Welcome desk***

- From the main entrance to the desk, there is level access. The route is 750mm wide, or more.
- The door is 750mm wide, or more.
- The desk has a low section.
- There is open access to an information desk as you enter the main entrance. With staff and volunteers happy to assist.

## ***Public toilet***

### ***All access toilet***

- There is a public toilet for disabled visitors.
- From the main entrance to the public toilet there is a permanent ramp.
- The route is 750mm wide, or more.
- The toilet door is 970mm wide.
- The direction of transfer onto the toilet is to the left.
- There is 710mm at the side of the toilet. There is 1450mm in front of the toilet. The toilet seat is 410mm high. The toilets have handrails.



All access toilet

 [Shop](#)

### ***RSPB Lochwinnoch***

- From the main entrance to the shop, there is level access. The route is 750mm wide, or more. The door is 1840mm wide.
- The route through the shop is 800mm wide, or more.
- There are areas wide enough for wheelchair access and friendly staff and volunteers on hand to help. Hot and cold drinks are available to purchase, along with a range of sandwiches and snacks.

### ***Visitor viewing areas***

- From the main entrance to the outdoor viewing area, there is a permanent ramp. The route is 750mm wide, or more.
- The door is 750mm wide.

- We have 2 viewing areas inside.
  - Visitor centre with seating looking out on to Aird meadow loch.
  - Tower viewing area on second level, access by stairs with handrail.

## Getting around outside

### *Designated Walking Trail*

#### *Aird Meadow Trail*

- Entrance to the trail is via a two-way gate with easy latch and trombone handle.
- The trail is 1530metres long. The trail has a hard surface. The trail has seats. There are bird hides along the trail with seating.
- Ample room to get inside. Aird Meadow hide has a flap down access section for wheelchair users.



Entrance Aird meadow trail





Aird meadow trail



Aird meadow hide



Boardwalk with viewing area/passing place



Boardwalk

### *Aird Meadow Hide*

- At the hide entrance, there is level access. The door is 750.00mm wide.
- There are low windows in the hide, so wheelchair users can see outside.

### *Channel Hide*

- At the hide entrance, there is level access. The door is 750.00mm wide.
- There are low windows in the hide, so wheelchair users can see outside.

### *Picnic Area*

#### *RSPB Lochwinnoch*

- From the car park to the picnic area, there is level access. The path is 1420mm wide, or more.
- The entrance is 1420mm wide.
- Some tables have space for wheelchair users. You can bring your own food to the picnic area.
- There are fixed benches on picnic tables and spaces at each end accessible for wheelchair users.



Picnic area

### *Channel hide*

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The route is 1600mm wide, or more. The entrance is 1600mm wide.
- There are windows 380mm from the ground in the hide. The benches are not fixed in place.



Channel hide



Channel hide

### **Customer care support**

#### ***Accessibility equipment***

- We can provide a wheelchair. Wheelchairs are free.
- We have a hearing loop in retail counter.

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