

Brixton  
Underground

Brixton Water  
Lane Gate

# Brockwell Park Accessibility Map

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- WC Public toilets - limited access
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DULWICH ROAD

Stepped entrance  
to park and Lido

Brockwell Lido  
Vehicle entrance

Herne Hill  
station

Herne Hill  
Gate

NORWOOD ROAD

Rosendale  
Gate

Norwood  
Road Gate

Vehicle  
Entrance

Brockwell Park  
Gardens Gate

TRINITY RISE

Cressingham  
Upper Gate

Cressingham  
Lower Gate

Brockwell  
Gate

Tulse Hill  
Gate

Arlingford  
Road Gate

TULSE HILL

ARLINGFORD ROAD



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## Brockwell Park accessibility guide

- Do you have reduced mobility?
- Do you care for a child or young person with a special educational need or disability (SEND)?
- Are you disabled or have a special needs of some kind?
- Or are you feeling a bit low?

Our map of Brockwell Park highlights things to see or do, whether you are disabled, have reduced mobility, care for an adult or child with a SEND or just want to get out to improve your physical health and wellbeing.

Tailor a visit to meet your needs, or those of the person you care for. The park has something for everyone (even if the park is not yet fully accessible).

You can stroll the flatter areas, or sit in the Walled Garden and spend quiet time in nature. For those with energy to burn, there is lots of space to run, or clamber.

We hope this guide will inspire users to make the most of the park and to contribute ideas for its future enhancement. Tell us what you think by emailing: [info@brockwellpark.com](mailto:info@brockwellpark.com)

*\*Where park facilities are unsupervised, please take care. Use is at your own risk\**

Please note that this map is designed specifically to highlight the more accessible parts of the park that are open to the public. For detailed information on all of the park, please refer to the Management Plan maps produced by BPCP (Brockwell Park Community Partners). Website: [brockwellparkcommunitypartners.org.uk](http://brockwellparkcommunitypartners.org.uk)

### Visiting the park for events or leisure activities

#### **Getting there**

On foot: 12 park gates (open from 7.30am to 15mins before sunset) provide access from most directions - marked in Green on the map.

Buses: 2, 3, 37, 68, 196, 201, 322, 415, 432, 468

Trains: Herne Hill (step free) is the nearest station. Tulse Hill Station (not step free) is approx 15 minutes to the South and Brixton Underground (step free) approx 15 minutes to the North.

Car or bike: Some limited parking in the car park by the lido, including 4 disabled spaces. There are also some pay and display places (free for Blue Badge holders) close to park entrances at Arlingford Road and Brockwell Park Gardens.

Wheelchair access to the park: Some park gates are more accessible than others. The gates at Arlingford Road, Brixton Water Lane and Brockwell Park Gardens are step-free, with pay and display parking nearby (free for Blue badge holders). There is also a ramp option (steep) from Tulse Hill Gate. For additional details, such as gate widths, etc, go to [www.AccessAble.co.uk](http://www.AccessAble.co.uk) and check out their overview of Brockwell Park.

### **Around the park**

Brockwell Park has a varied landscape with a mix of flat and hilly areas. The highest spot of all is around Brockwell Hall (on our map, the higher parts of the park are tinted mid- green, while flatter parts are pale green).

Two of the flatter walking routes are indicated by coloured lines on the map as 'Stroll A' (pink) and 'Stroll B' (yellow)

There are formal areas set aside for organised sport and play, plus wilder, more natural areas with rough grass, woodland edge and fallen logs (circled in dark green)

Water fountains are dotted around the park (closed for COVID -19 at present) and there are two cafes – at Brockwell Hall and the Lido

A planned (tbc) overhaul of Brockwell Hall will lead to better facilities, including more accessible toilets

### **Toilets**

There are toilets, including disabled access ones, at Brockwell Hall and near the BMX track and playground. Also (for children and their carers) inside the main playground area.

There are additional toilets (not disabled access) outside the Walled Garden

### Brockwell Hall & café

The climb up the hill to Brockwell Hall is quite steep (elevation of 26 meters above the Brixton Water Lane gate), but the reward is fine views over London and a café, with plenty of outdoor seating

*Smooth pathways lead up to the hall, some with large inclines. Level paths wind around the hall complex and there are accessible toilets leading off these*

*Steps lead up to the entrance to the café. There is also a temporary ramp (large slope, so use with caution and at your own risk) provided by the cafe*

### Grass and woodland

Grassy paths, woodland or fallen logs in more naturalistic settings

*These wilder areas are also more uneven underfoot, so take extra care*

### Ponds and wetlands

Good for strolling round, to spot wildlife in and around the ponds, or listen to the sound of water

*Smooth pathways, mainly level, with some gentle inclines. Multiple seating areas by main pond.*

*All pond and wetland areas are protected by park railings approximately 1 meter high.*

### Walled Garden

A quiet space for reflection, this tranquil garden has plenty of colour all year round. There are many sensory plants as well as a pond and other features.

*Paved, mainly flat but with some unevenness. Multiple seating areas. Water feature is surrounded by railings, approx 1 meter high. Single gated exit/entrance to the Walled Garden. On Thursdays and weekends, there is also an obscured entrance to the Community Greenhouses to the rear right hand side of the Walled Garden.*

### Community Greenhouses

Promote physical and mental wellbeing through volunteer-led garden projects indoors and out with seasonal workshops.

*Open, flat tarmac areas plus some more restricted footpaths through garden bedding. Check website for opening times and events: **[www.brockwellgreenhouses.org.uk](http://www.brockwellgreenhouses.org.uk)***

*Accessible toilet available to workshop participants*

### Pollinator friendly areas

Look and listen for bees, butterflies and other pollinators busy among the flowers in these areas

### Play areas

A) Main playground between Arlingford and Tulse Hill Gates, offering traditional play equipment, sand pits, climbing walls and zip wire. Parents/carers must supervise children at all times.

*Free to enter, dog free area, enclosed by 1 meter high railing with 4 gated entrances.*

*Suitable for ages 0 to 12 years. Smooth pathways between sand pits, swings, zip wire and climbing frames. Children's /carers' toilets.*

B) Quieter play area between Brockwell Gate and Cressingham Gardens Gate with water fountains in summer and grassed areas for year-round picnics and games. Parents/carers must supervise children at all times.

*Free to enter, dog free area, enclosed by 1 meter high railing, single gate entrance/exit.*

*Suitable for under 0-10s. Smooth pathways around water play and grassy areas*

### Sports activities

Do your own thing, walking, running, using the trim trail around the park.

Or use the tarmac sports surface near the Lido and Car Park to exercise. On it, there is also an outdoor Ping Pong table (bring your own equipment).



Tennis courts, a basketball court and cricket nets are all bookable.

There may be opportunities for children and young people with SEND to participate in sessions at the BMX cycle track and St. Matthews Football Project.

For further details of who to contact for bookings for any of the above, check the Brockwell Park Community Partners website: **[brockwellparkcommunitypartners.org.uk/sports-facilities](http://brockwellparkcommunitypartners.org.uk/sports-facilities)**

Or: **[www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/london/lambeth/lambethparks/facilities](http://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/london/lambeth/lambethparks/facilities)**

### Brockwell Lido & Café

Outdoor swimming, year round: [www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/brockwell-lido/](http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/brockwell-lido/)

*Paid for, with concessions available. Accessible toilets and bookable hoist*

The Lido café overlooks the pool but is independently run

*Café approach is via a low ramp. There is a unisex toilet, exclusively for customer use*

*Further details of lido and café for wheelchair users from: [www.AccessAble.co.uk/venues/brockwell-lido](http://www.AccessAble.co.uk/venues/brockwell-lido)*

### Car Park

Free car parking for up to 2 hours by the Lido, then charges apply

*4 disabled parking spaces*

### Miniature Railway :

The railway runs along the edge of the park for about 220 meters in a flat area between the Lido car park and Herne Hill main gate. Operates weekends, March to October – check website for opening times

*Paid for, Lambeth children and adults with a SEND go free. If you have any queries, check with the volunteers who run it: [www.travelbpmr.com](http://www.travelbpmr.com)*

### Sensory ‘touchpoints’

The park is full of interesting trees and other features to look at and explore. We have marked some of particular interest for their visual and sensory appeal and called these ‘touchpoints’.

Clock Tower – press your ear to the metal base and you should be able to hear the clockwork mechanism ticking. Situated at the top of the hill, near Brockwell Hall

Great oak tree – feel the bark on this ancient tree - thought to date back to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Located on the slope between Brockwell Hall and the Norwood Road Gate

Giant conker – carved from a tree trunk by artist Daniel Sodhi-Miles. Find it close to the Brixton Water Lane Gate

Victorian water trough – made from granite, this drinking trough for horses and other animals is now used as a planter for flowers. It is on the path near the Norwood Road Gate

Brockwell Bird – a cast iron sculpture created by artist Lucy Casson. Look for it in the Walled Garden by one of the benches

Stinkpipe – tap this distinctive, fluted cast iron pole and you'll hear it's hollow. It was installed in Victorian times, to dispel smells from the then polluted River Effra, flowing underground near Rosendale Gate.

Routes round flatter areas of the park to help improve your fitness level

Walking the circumference of the park, using the tarmac footpaths, is 1.75 miles (2.6 km) or an average of 3412 steps, with a mix of flat and hilly sections. If you don't want to go full circle, here are a couple of gentler strolling suggestions:

Stroll A: Arlingford Road gate up to the ponds and back to the start, amounts to about 1230 steps. (An additional c 450 steps will take you up to the Community Greenhouses, past the Walled Garden)

Stroll B: Brixton Water Lane gate to the Vehicle entrance in Brockwell Park Gardens amounts to about 2500 steps (if you don't want to walk on round the park to your start point, bus 196 from Norwood Road will drop you back at the Brixton Water Lane gate).

**COVID:**

*As with all amenities during this exceptional time, please follow the guidelines when out and about, including wearing face masks indoors and sanitising hands after exploring park features*



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