

## High Peak Junction Accessibility Statement

High Peak Junction is a historic railway site nestled in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. It offers a unique opportunity to explore industrial heritage in a countryside setting. While we strive to make the site as accessible as possible, the nature of the terrain and historic infrastructure presents some challenges. We encourage visitors with specific access needs to contact us in advance to discuss their requirements.

### Site Overview

High Peak Junction includes the historic Cromford Canal towpath, the 19th-century railway workshops and access to the High Peak Trail. The site is largely outdoors, with uneven surfaces, gradients and limited shelter. The canal towpath is level and compacted, suitable for most mobility aids, while the trail and workshop areas vary in accessibility. Interior floors of the workshop are uneven and may pose challenges for those with limited mobility.

### Gradients and Surfaces

The canal towpath is flat and surfaced with compacted grit, suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. The High Peak Trail includes steep inclines and uneven surfaces, particularly near inclines and cuttings. Workshop interiors have uneven wood and stone floors and narrow doorways, which may be difficult for wheelchair users.

### Tramper scheme

We are pleased to be able to offer hire of our Tramper 'all terrain mobility scooters', which give people with more limited mobility the freedom to explore. More information on how to hire the Tramper can be found here: [Access for all - Derbyshire County Council](#)

### Parking and Arrival

Parking is available at High Peak Junction, including Blue Badge provision. The main entrance is via a gravel path and access bridges from the car park, with signage and interpretation boards at the entrance. Additional parking is available at Cromford Wharf and Middleton Top, with accessible routes connecting to the site.

### Toilets

An accessible toilet is available adjacent to the workshop buildings. The toilet block includes baby changing facilities and is lit with automatic lighting.

### Assistance Dogs

Assistance dogs are welcome throughout the site. Please keep dogs under control, especially near livestock grazing areas and canal edges.

### Seating

Benches are located along the canal towpath and near the workshop buildings. Picnic tables are available near the workshop.

**Phone Reception and Wi-Fi**

Mobile phone reception is generally good across the site. There is no public Wi-Fi available.

**Pushchairs and Wheelchairs**

Pushchairs can access the canal towpath and picnic areas. Wheelchair access is possible on the towpath and some parts of the trail, but not within the historic workshops due to narrow doorways and uneven flooring.

**Children and Vulnerable Adults**

The canal and trail run alongside unfenced water and steep drops. Please supervise children and vulnerable adults closely.

**Events and Activities**

Heritage events are held throughout the year. Some activities may involve uneven terrain or long distances. Please check event details for accessibility information.

**Emergency Procedures**

Staff and volunteers are trained in emergency procedures. Emergency access is available for vehicles if required. First aid kits are available on site.

**Contact Us**

If you have any questions about accessibility or would like to discuss your visit, please contact us in advance:

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