



This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

Beebraigs Country Park Access Statement

Introduction

Beebraigs Country Park

Beebraigs Country Park is a great place to visit. It caters for a wide range of leisure and recreational activities within its 370 hectares (913 acres) and can be discovered nestled high in the Bathgate Hills near the historic town of Linlithgow.

At Beebraigs Country Park you can find:

- Visitor Centre including café franchise (further information below)
- Ranger Service
- Toilets
- Animal Attraction
- Caravan & Camping Site
- Target Archery
- Field Archery (concession to Beebraigs Archers)
- Fly fishing (concession)
- Sutherland Building (hireable classroom facility)
- Play Area
- BBQ Areas
- Mountain bike trails and skills area
- Woodland Walks

Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre offers a warm welcome together with information and advice, interpretative displays and refreshments from the café. It also offers excellent views across the Forth as well as containing information on local walks, wildlife and history as well as handling all bookings for the Caravan & Camping site, Target Archery Range, Sutherland Building, Ranger Service and BBQs. A small retail area offers a selection of confectionary and ice creams, a range of gift items and accessories for the caravan & camping site.

The Visitor Centre is accessible by wheelchair, there is a slight gradient to the paved path that leads to the main entrance. The main entrance door is an automatic double door. Facilities within the Visitor Centre are all on the same level. The reception counter is at 2 heights: 74cm and 1.11metres.

Refreshments are available from the Hideaway café franchise, accessible from the main foyer. The foyer area also has a cold drinks vending machine. The public toilets are accessible from the main foyer and include a separate disabled toilet which also houses the baby change unit.

The Sutherland Building has a separate classroom / meeting room facility approximately 240metres from the Visitor Centre, with its own toilets including a separate disabled toilet and outdoor seating area (there is a small step up onto this outdoor area). It is available to hire for a reasonable fee and often used by community groups or other gatherings. It has its own car park with 2 designated disabled parking bays.

Beebraigs is well served for parking, with car parks available at the Visitor Centre, Animal Attraction, Balvornie, Lochside and Cockleroy. Balvornie also has an additional hard surfaced and two grass overspill car parks for the busiest days or pre-arranged events.

The Visitor Centre is open:

- April to October: Monday-Sunday 09:00 – 19:00
- November to March: Monday-Sunday 10:00 – 16:00

Please follow [this link](#) to see site information and access statement for the Caravan & Camping Site.

Pre-Arrival

For full details and maps of how to reach Beebraigs Country Park please see the directions section of website www.beebraigs.com

On Foot/Cycle: Accessible from Linlithgow (2km), along a traffic-free surfaced footpath; this route is uphill all the way from Linlithgow, with some fairly steep sections.

Bus Service: There are no direct public transport links to the Park's car parks. The nearest bus service can be found in Linlithgow. However a number of Demand Responsive Transport schemes, known as Taxibus Services, operate in areas of West Lothian where no mainstream public transport service is available. You can find details of on-demand Taxibus services on Traveline Scotland, including maps, fares, and details of how to book. Head to the West Lothian Taxibus page for information.

<https://www.travelinescotland.com/west-lothian-taxibus>

For advice contact the West Lothian Travel Hotline 01506 775288 or Traveline on 0871 200 2233.

By Train: For advice, telephone [Traveline](#) on 0871 200 2233. The nearest train station is situated in Linlithgow. For rail information, telephone the National Rail Enquiry Line on 08457 484950.

By Car: Leave the M9 at J3 Linlithgow coming from Edinburgh and J4 coming from Stirling, following the A803 and then following the signs to the Country Park, which lies midway between Linlithgow, Livingston and Bathgate. If travelling on the M8 exit at junction 3, following signs for Bathgate / Broxburn. Once off the M8, Beebraigs Country Park is well signposted.

Car Parking: Eight car parks provide good access to all the Park's facilities. The car park gates are locked at 22:00 (April - October) and Dusk (November - March). If you are bringing a bus or horse box to Beebraigs, please ring the Visitor Centre well in advance and advice will be provided on the best place to park. Information and map boards are placed at all main car parks to assist you on your arrival at the Park. Edinburgh Airport is approximately 13 miles and 22 mins drive.

- Visitor Centre Car Park

Parking for disabled visitors is available 20metres from the Visitor Centre. This car park is tarmacked and will hold approximately 41 cars with 2 bays allocated to disabled vehicles.

- Animal Attraction Car Park

This is the car park is situated further down the hill approximately 240metres away from the Visitor Centre. It has a tarmacked surface and can accommodate approximately 40 cars with 2 bays allocated to disabled vehicles.

- Lochside Car Park.

There is car parking here for 60 cars. The surface is hard rolled stone. Access to the Visitor Centre is 470metres back up the hill.

- Cockleroy Car Park

The Cockleroy Car Park has an additional 25 spaces. The surface is hard rolled stone. This car park is located on the main road between Bathgate and Linlithgow.

- Balvormie Main Car Park (Play Area and Mountain Bike Trails start point)

This car park is located approximately 1km from the Visitor Centre, which can be accessed along a hard surfaced (traffic-free) through the forest. Parking for disabled visitors is available 20metres from the Play area and 130metres from Balvormie toilets. This car park is tarmacked and will hold approximately 35 cars with 2 bays allocated to disabled vehicles. .

- Balvormie Overflow Car Park (can be reserved in advance for coaches and other larger vehicles)

This car park has an additional 50 spaces for cars. The surface is hard rolled stone. This car park is approximately 200metres from the Play Area (or 20metres via steps) and 170metres from Balvormie toilets.

- Balvormie Overflow Small Walled Car Park (opened as required)

The Car Park has an additional 20 spaces. The surface is grass.

- Balvormie Overflow Car Park (opened as required)

The Overflow Car Park has an additional 50 spaces. The surface is grass.

Main Entrance and Reception Area

- Visitor Centre has a paved path with a slight gradient running up to the main entrance.
- The entrance door is automatic and 1-1.2metres wide.
- Our receptionist is available for information and assistance.
- The foyer area is approximately 1.5 x 2metres and includes leaflets, entrance to the reception area, café and toilets.
- The reception area is approximately 1.6-2.7metres and includes reception desk, display units, vending machine and ice cream freezer
- The floor surface of the Visitor Centre is rubber throughout.
- The area is well lit with both natural light and overhead lighting.
- A portable hearing loop is available.

Café

- The door to the Café is 1.8metres wide.
- The Café is accessed through the main entrance and covers an area approximately 2.3-2.9metres.
- The area is well lit with both natural and overhead lighting system.

Public Toilets

- The Visitor Centre toilets are accessed through the main entrance.
- The toilets are clearly marked with signage.
- The entrance doors to the toilets are 75cm wide.
- The disabled toilet room also provides the baby changing unit for this building.
- Transfer space in the Male Toilet is 1.02x2.35metres (before entering the toilet) and the Females is 1.06x2.21metres.
- The toilet height is 40cm.
- The sink height is 82cm.
- The hand drier height is 1.3metres
- The male urinal height is 64cm.
- There is a single disabled toilet cubicle 1.42 x 2.5metres. There is a horizontal rail and vertical rail system next to the toilet. Hand drier height is 95m. Nappy change unit 80cm height above.

Catering

- Café is available with indoor and outdoor seating (concession – contact directly for facilities and opening times).
- Cold vend bottled drinks machine, selection of biscuits, confectionary and ice cream are available to purchase from reception.
- Outdoor picnic benches with wheelchair accessibility are available. Seats are also available outside the Visitor Centre. Eating in the Visitor Centre is only within the café.
- Additional picnic benches are available at the Lochside car park and Play Area at Balvormie.

Sutherland Building

- The Sutherland Building has its own car park with approximately 15 spaces and an additional 2 disabled spaces directly outside the building.
- The main entrance to the Sutherland Building is on ground level.
- The entrance door is 90cm wide.
- There is also a side door measuring 90cm wide
- Inside, there is a classroom approximately 4.5metres x 8metres in size.
- The area is well lit with both natural and overhead lighting system.
- Folding tables and stacking chairs are available for use.
- Within this building there is also a disabled toilet as well as separate male and female toilets.
- The toilets are clearly marked with signage.
- The entrance doors to the male and female toilets are 90cm wide.
- The toilet height is 42cm.
- Urinal height is 57cm
- Sink height is 77cm.
- Paper hand towel dispensers are 88cm high.
- The disabled toilet door is 83.5cm wide. Transfer space is 53cm x 48cm. The toilet height is 48cm. The sink height is 76cm. Paper hand towel dispenser is 81cm high.
- The floor surface throughout the building is vinyl throughout.
- A hearing loop is available.

- The outdoor space comprises of a decked area and additional grass area surrounding the back of the building. This space is accessed by a concrete path to the side of the building with 3 steps down to a decked area. The decked area can also be accessed via the grassed area with one step up.
- The decking has 5 standard picnic benches.

Beecraigs Caravan & Camping Site

The Caravan and Camping Site has its own Access Statement which can be found at

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/11072/Site-Facilities-and-Information>

Balvormie Toilets

- Balvormie toilets are on ground level. The surface outside is paved. There is a slight incline on the surfaced track from the main car park to reach the toilet block.
- The entrance doors to the toilets are 80cm wide.
- Both male and female toilets have baby changing units and nappy bin.
- The toilet height is 40cm.
- The sink height is 80cm.
- Hand drier height 1.35metres in male toilets, 1.2metres in the female toilets.
- Nappy change unit 70cm height above ground.
- There is a single disabled toilet located at the front of the block which can be accessed with a radar key. The door width is 84cm. Transfer space is 1.5metres x 1.4metres. The toilet height is 48cm. The sink height is 71cm. There is a horizontal rail and vertical rail system next to the toilet. Hand drier height 85cm.

General Park

- Beecraigs is 370 hectares of mixed woodland, grazed farmland with some open meadow areas.
- The Play Area is located next to the main car park at Balvormie.
- Family BBQ areas are also situated close by at Balvormie Meadow. A hard rolled track runs up to both BBQ pits. Both BBQ pits are also surfaced with rolled stone. The surrounding area is mown grass. There is no vehicle access.
- The Green Route is a 6.2km circular waymarked route beginning at the Visitor Centre. Green Route paths are a mix of surfaced and unsurfaced paths and range from 1–3metres in width. The path is largely level.
- The Orange Route is a 6.8km circular waymarked route beginning at the Visitor Centre. Orange Route paths are mainly stone surfaced paths with some unsurfaced paths, ranging from 1.5–3metres in width. There are some inclines/declines on this route, especially between the Visitor Centre and the Loch.
- The Purple Route is a 3.8km circular way-marked route beginning at Balvormie. The Purple route is mainly unsurfaced with some sections of stone path. This route has rough, uneven, natural surfaces (including rocks and tree roots) and boardwalk sections with some steep inclines and declines.

Contact Information

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