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Days Out Guide - Covid-19 Update 21/07/2020

The Independent Living Centre is pleased to publish a Days Out booklet twice a year, with details of local accessible tourist destinations.

This can be found on our useful information page: ilc.org.uk/useful-information.

Due to Covid-19, a lot of these venues are currently closed or operating with different policies. Below is a small selection of local sites which are open again for socially distanced visits. There are other entries in the Days Out booklet which are also open, but please contact them before visiting. We have not updated their listings to allow for their Covid-19 policies, so some of the details we hold may be out of date.

Please follow Government advice, and only visit any of these locations if it is safe for you to do so.



Bowood House

Bowood House is still closed until further notice, however pre-bookable tickets to the gardens are now released every Friday. Each family will also have access to the playground for two hours during the course of their visit – times will be allocated upon arrival. Contact details will be collected on admission as part of the Government's track and trace system.

The Treehouse Café remains closed, however the accessible toilet inside is available on request. The First Aid Hut will also be closed, but first aid will be available at the admissions gate instead.

The grounds are uneven and sloping, so may not be suitable for those with mobility problems. Fixed benches are available throughout the gardens, and these are still in use.

For more information please visit www.bowood.org

Longleat

Longleat House remains closed, but the Safari Park and most other attractions are now open. Visitors are limited and all tickets must be booked in advance. Cash payments are not accepted anywhere on site.

Longleat Railway is open, however spaces are limited. There is one wheelchair space available.

Accessible toilets are open.

For more information please visit www.longleat.co.uk





The Roman Baths

The Roman Baths are open, and are dedicating every Wednesday morning to visitors with additional access needs. Tickets need to be booked in advance, and this will be the only day that the lift will be available for wheelchair users.

90% of the venue is accessible to wheelchair users, and visitors with hearing or visual impairments can enjoy the site using the British Sign Language or fully descriptive audio tour and tactile models.

Due to Covid-19 the route through the museum is now one way only, with 2m markers on the floor. Two accessible toilets are available, and staff have also received Dementia Friends and Stroke Awareness training.

For more information please visit www.romanbaths.co.uk

Stourhead


Stourhead House remains closed, but the gardens, restaurant and shop are open. All visits must be booked in advance and visitors are required to wear a mask in the shop.

Accessible toilets are available at the main entrance and in the Spread Eagle Courtyard. The shuttle bus and golf buggy are not currently running.

Visitors are given a map which includes information about steep slopes and steps. The lower garden walk is recommended for people using wheelchairs or mobility scooters, or those who struggle to walk long distances. Due to Covid-19 the route around the garden is now one way only.

For more information please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stourhead





Stonehenge

The stone circle, exhibition and visitor centre are all open. Tickets must be booked in advance.

The shuttle bus is prioritised for those who need it, and masks must be worn on the bus and in the gift shop. The café is offering takeaway options or you can take a picnic.

Accessible toilets are open.

For more information please visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stonehenge


Westonbirt Arboretum

Tickets must be booked in advance, including a 20 minute arrival slot. There are markings on the floor for social distancing.

Card payments only in the shop.

Accessible toilets are open, and scooters are still available to hire (if booked in advance). The shuttle bus is not currently running.

For more information please visit www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt-the-national-arboretum



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We hope you have a great day out!



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