



Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve – Site User and Access Guide

General

Bristol Parks manage Troopers Hill in partnership with Friends of Troopers Hill. All events require permission from Bristol City Council as landowner, anyone considering holding an event should consult Bristol City Council's event site licencing team to discuss their proposals on 0117 922 3808 or parcs.events@bristol.gov.uk

Friends of Troopers Hill can also provide informal advice and can be contacted via friends@troopers-hill.org.uk

Troopers Hill unlike some larger destination parks in Bristol is not suited to larger scale event activity. The site can cater for events ranging up to approximately 300 people on site at any one time.

There is no car park at the site, visitors must park on adjacent residential roads. The impact of car parking on local residents must be taken into account in planning any event.

Troopers Hill is in a residential area and its raised position means that sound carries easily. Events must be planned with due consideration for local residents.

Ecology

Troopers Hill is a Local Nature Reserve and is unique in Bristol as an area of acidic heathland and grassland. Any events must be organised so as to avoid damage to the ecology of the hill.

Events will only be licensed following consultation with Bristol Parks' managers and where appropriate the Natural Environment Team and Friends of Troopers Hill.

Any water heating or food cooking equipment must be set up to prevent damage to the grassland from heat. The use of disposable barbecues on the site is discouraged due to the damage caused to the grassland and organisers should point this out in any publicity for events where the public might bring these.

Terrain

Troopers Hill has steep slopes and near vertical drops, though there is a relatively level area at the top of the hill. There is a wheelchair accessible path from the Troopers Hill Field access to near the chimney.

Event organisers must consider the terrain when planning their event and completing the risk assessment.

The site is very exposed so often very windy, the grassland also becomes very slippery when wet.

There is only a thin layer of topsoil on Troopers Hill with rock close to the surface. Over most of the area it is not possible to insert fence pins or similar into the ground.

Services

There are no services available on the site.

Portable generators can be used but the location must be agreed in advance.

Portable toilets can be used if the location is agreed in advance, but note there is no vehicle access on to the LNR.

Vehicle Access

No vehicles are permitted to enter the Local Nature Reserve.

Vehicles delivering equipment can be brought along the track at the side of Troopers Hill Field to the entrance to the LNR (entrance A) **but must not pass this point.**

A small number (max 6) of vehicles can be parked near to the gateway to the LNR on the Field. This may not be possible if the ground is too wet. Vehicles crossing the Field should be kept to a minimum.

The use of Troopers Hill Field as a public car park is not permitted.

Use by Members of the Public

Troopers Hill is frequently used by local residents and by dog walkers. Due to the nature of the terrain and access restrictions it is not advisable to fence any part of the site. Organisers need to take account of the fact that public will want to pass through the event area. Signs that request that dogs be kept on leads in the area of the event have been found to be effective in the past.

Unfortunately dog mess remains a problem on the site and event areas will need to be checked for this and cleared prior to an event starting.

Organisers are responsible for ensuring that all equipment and any litter is removed from the site once the event is completed.

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