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Accessible Richmond

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If you are disabled or helping a disabled person, you are more knowledgeable about accessibility issues than the volunteers who put this guide together. We know it could be better, but we need you to tell us how. So please - give us your feedback.

With limited space in this guide, we can't cover every possibility, so have assumed that: 1) You will arrive by car; 2) You can use web links and Google for in-depth information. If you don't have internet access while here, visit [Richmond Library](#) (wheelchair-friendly, hearing loop) for public computer access and advice.

About Richmond: this is an ancient fortified town, with steep hills and cobbled streets - picturesque, but not ideal for visitors with mobility problems! Fortunately, the mid-level of the town, around the Market Place, and the lower level, between the Green and The Station are a delight to visit, and fairly flat.

Parking: richmondinfo.net/parking has a useful online leaflet about parking (including Blue Badge use) and RADAR toilets. You can also pick up the leaflet in print form, and ask for advice, at the Information Centre in the Market Hall. Most car parks are at the town's mid-level, while the Yorke Square, Fosse and Station car parks are at the lower level.

Wheelchair hire (and hire of other mobility kit) is not yet available in Richmond. Try [MD Mobility](#), in Northallerton, or [Access the Dales](#), who plan to have all-terrain electric wheelchairs in multiple locations.

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Accessible walks. The Castle Walk is a short promenade around the castle walls, high above the River Swale. The Easby Loop, from The Station to Easby Abbey, makes a lovely circuit of about 2.8 miles, if you follow the alternative tarmac return route. Both these outings are described in *Richmond Walks*, a booklet available online from richmondinfo.net/shop, or from many of the shops in town.

Accessible outings further afield are suggested at [Access the Dales](#), and at where2walk.co.uk, and also on the [Yorkshire Dales National Park](#) website.

Accessible businesses in town - it depends what you mean by accessible... Several years ago our volunteers surveyed about 80 businesses around town, and published the results to wheelmap.org. Time and Covid mean the map is less reliable than it was. Comments, and offers of help, are very welcome.

Accessible accommodation can be hard to find. Buildings in Richmond are largely from the Georgian period - lovely, but with lots of stairs. The [Premier Inn](#) (Catterick Garrison), [Travelodge](#) (Skeeby) and [Holiday Inn](#) (Scotch Corner) all have wheelchair-friendly bedrooms, but if you don't fancy a chain hotel then the ground floor rooms at the [Holly Hill Inn](#), just outside Richmond, should do nicely. If you find a gem, please tell us!

Accessible attractions: Richmond Castle is an 11th century building, with not many flat surfaces; however, English Heritage has some [great advice](#) on accessibility. The Georgian Theatre Royal offers wheelchair spaces at every performance, and [terrific accessibility information](#). There is level access to the [Green Howards Museum](#). The [Richmondshire Museum](#) is on three floors, but has lift access throughout. And [The Station](#) - a restored Victorian railway terminal, now a multi-purpose visitor attraction - has level entry, and lifts to both the restaurant level and the gallery level, and hearing loops in the cinema areas.

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