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Accessible Richmond

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IF YOU NEED THIS GUIDE... THEN WE NEED YOU

If you are mobility-impaired, or a helper, you know more about mobility issues than the volunteers who wrote this guide. So please - give us your feedback.

Please note that this guide only addresses mobility issues, not sight, hearing or learning issues. It assumes you can use the web links in the online version of this guide, and search online 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 on 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.

Free wheelchair loans are available at [Richmond Swimming Pool](#). The charity concerned - [Access the Dales](#) - also has all-terrain electric wheelchairs in [several locations](#) around the Yorkshire Dales.

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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 outings are described in *Richmond Walks*, sold online at richmondinfo.net/shop and in many of the shops in town.

Accessible outings further afield are suggested at [Access the Dales](#), and where2walk.co.uk, and also on the [Yorkshire Dales National Park](#) website. The Information Centre sells an excellent book, [Walks without Stiles](#), for wheelchair users.

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, but English Heritage has [great advice](#) on accessibility. The Georgian Theatre Royal offers wheelchair spaces at every performance, and both it and the [Green Howards Museum](#) have a lift. The [Richmondshire Museum](#) is on three floors, but has lift access throughout. [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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