

Brandon Hill

Site Guide



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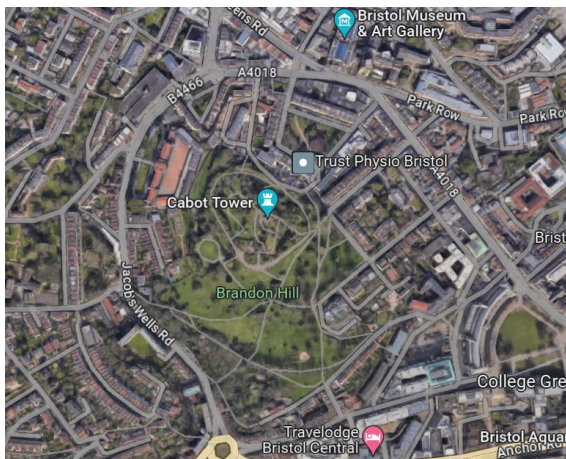
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1. Location



The oldest park in Bristol, Brandon Hill offers magnificent views of the city towards the harbourside and features scenic paths and a nature conservation area. Situated on a hill just off well-known Park Street, Brandon Hill features steep slopes throughout. Standing at over 100ft tall, Cabot Tower is situated in the middle of the park and when open allows visitors to climb the steep, twisting steps in order to enjoy fantastic views over the city. The park benefits from its proximity to the shops, cafes and restaurants of Park Street and the nearby harbourside and city centre.

2. Site Address



Great George St, Bristol BS1 5QD, UK

Google Maps: [3D Aerial](#) [2D Directions Maps](#) [Streetview](#)

3. Site description

Brandon Hill is set on a steep hill in the centre of Bristol, the park consists mainly of grassland with footpaths running through but towards the Cabot Tower features a water garden which is surrounded by various shrubs and trees.

4. Ground Conditions

Ground protection required.

Steep hill apart from old bowling green

5. Event Area



Find a larger online version of this site on our map of [Bristol Outdoor Events Areas](#)

6. Accessibility

Event organisers are responsible for making their events as accessible as possible

The park has footpaths running through but because it is set on a steep hill access may be challenging. You can find [an access guide on the DisabledGo website](#).



7. Access and Parking

7.1 Vehicle Access

Vehicle access to bowling green through Great George Street

7.2 Parking

There is no dedicated car park.

7.3 Pedestrian Access

There are multiple pedestrian access points that can be found here [Bristol Outdoor Events Areas](#)

7.4 Traffic Management

A traffic management plan will need to be agreed with Bristol City Council and in consultation with the Safety Advisory Group

8. Transport links

- 1.2 miles to Bristol Temple Meads
- 0.7 miles to Bristol bus station

Find more transport options and timings on the [travelWEST website](#).

9. Site Facilities

- Dog-free play area for under 12s
- Cabot Tower
- Brandon Hill Nature Park
- Toilets close to Cabot Tower
- Two outdoor exercise stations

9.1 Permanent Infrastructure

- Viewing tower
- toilets
- ponds
- water feature

9.2 Power

Please use our [power map](#) to find out what power is available at this site.

Event organisers should prioritise means of power higher in the [power hierarchy](#).

9.3 Water

Use our [water map](#) to see what water resources are available at this site.

You can also find further details in our Water Guidance.

9.4 Toilets

Toilets close to Cabot Tower opening times

Monday to Sunday: 8am to 6pm.

Closed:

- 25 December
- 26 December
- 1 January

Depending on event capacity, these may not be available. Any problems with toilets on event day may not be rectified.

To calculate additional infrastructure facilities required for your event please refer to [The Purple Guide](#) for guidance on minimum provision.

10. Waste management

- Event organisers should prioritise methods higher in the [waste hierarchy](#)
- The waste management plan must include the surrounding area and key ingress and egress routes
- The event organisers are responsible for doing a little pick after the event and also disposing of all of this waste.
- The fixed parks waste bins onsite are not for event-use and should not be factored into the waste management plan.

11. Restrictions on the site

- Ground protection required.
- Tree protection orders.
- Within Site of Nature Conservation Interest.
- Sensitive meadow.
- Protected Slow worms and great crested Newt.
- Access into park with 3.5T only
- Playground

12. Nature Conservation

Nature Conservation Designations

The site is designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI). The southern section of the site is managed by Avon Wildlife Trust as a nature reserve.

Notable Habitats

The Events area includes open grassland, most of which is cut regularly, although some areas around the edges may be left to grow longer for nature. There are scattered trees across the site. Within the wider Site, there are areas of woodland and scrub along the southern end. An area of grassland is managed by Avon Wildlife Trust as a wildflower meadow. There are ornamental ponds as part of the landscaping by Cabot Tower, and a wildlife pond managed by Avon Wildlife Trust.

No activities should be permitted which cause damage to these habitats. Measures will need to be taken to avoid impacts to the wider site as a result of increased footfall or use of vehicles and machinery.

Notable Species

Several species of bat have been recorded using the site, and there is a high likelihood of bat roosts being present in trees and structures within the site. Amphibians including great crested newt have been recorded in the ponds and will be using adjacent grasslands, scrub and woodland habitats. Reptiles such as slow worm and mammals such as hedgehog are also highly likely to be using these habitats. The site is used by various migratory birds, and there is general potential for nesting birds across the site. There is the potential for badger setts to be present, particularly within the woodland and scrub habitats.

Measures must be taken to ensure there are no direct impacts to these species such as via damage to habitats, or indirect impacts such as via disturbance from artificial lighting, noise and vibration, litter and pollution impacts.

13. Hazards

- Ground protection required.
- Sensitive meadow.
- Protected Slow worms and great crested Newt.
- Access into park with 3.5T only
- Playground
- Steep hill

14. Consultation and stakeholder engagement

Out of courtesy, it is recommended that event organisers contact local businesses and residents to discuss their event and the impact it may have.

For larger events, it is recommended that organisers contact all surrounding businesses to inform them about the event as well as any local residents as stipulated by the city council's Noise Pollution Team.

- **Park group:** [The Friends of Brandon Hill Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/brandonhillbristol/) Go to <https://www.facebook.com/brandonhillbristol/> (opens new window).
- **Email:** info@friendsofbrandonhill.org

15. Fees and Charges

15.1 Hire Fee

A site fee and application fee are required for the use of Bristol Council land. Please ensure you are fully aware of all relevant costs on submission of your application.

15.2 Site Bonds

A site bond maybe held in consideration for damages with the amount calculated depending on the size of the event.

Land reinstatement may also be required within a week post-event (weather dependent) and a contractor is to be agreed prior to the event.

16. Maps

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