

Castle Park

Site Guide



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1. Location

Contrasting its busy urban surroundings, Castle Park supplies a large green space to Bristol's city centre. Running alongside the river, the park features lovely harbourside views as well as the grade II listed remains of Bristol's Castle Keep, Walls and Vaults, a traditional bandstand that is used for events and music sessions, The listed remains of St Peter's Church and easy access to numerous bars, cafes and shops around the city centre.

2. Site Address



Castle St, Bristol BS2 0AT

Google Maps : [3D Aerial](#)

[2D Directions Map](#)

[Streetview](#)

3. Site Description

Large green space in the city centre.

3.1 The event space



City centre public parkland, grass with connecting pathways.

Undulating ground with flat sections.

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

4. Ground conditions

Ground protection required for plant on grass.

5. Event Area

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6. Accessibility

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

There are steps in some areas of Castle Park.

7. Access and Parking

7.1 Vehicle Access

Wide entrance by the old cafe' by the bandstand

Weight limits on St Peters Square

7.2 Parking

There is no parking available on this site

7.3 Pedestrian Access

There are multiple pedestrian access points

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

- 0.7 miles to Temple Meads
- 0.4 miles to Bristol Bus Station

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

9. Site Facilities

9.1 Permanent Infrastructure

- Bandstand
- Vaults
- St Peter's Church
- Formal gardens
- Walled pathways
- Trees
- Steps.

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

There are no toilets on this site, so events would have to arrange temporary toilets (Essential when capacity is over 50).

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 litter 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

- Weight loading.
- Old ruins.
- Access times.
- Permanent monuments and infrastructure:
- Cat scan required if going deeper than 2'
- Ground protection required for plant on grass
- Bandstand, vaults, St Peter's Church and formal gardens, walled pathways, trees and steps.
- Tree protection order.
- New listed monument: [Partial remains of Bristol Castle, Non Civil Parish - 1006987 | Historic England](#)

12. Nature Conservation

Nature Conservation Designations

No designations for the site, but the Floating Harbour (Upper Reaches) Wildlife Corridor is located directly adjacent.

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 ornamental planting areas and scattered trees across the site.

No activities should be permitted which cause damage to these habitats. Measures will need to be taken to avoid impacts to the adjacent Floating Harbour e.g. via litter and pollution.

Notable Species

Protected species likely to be present nearby, particularly associated with the Floating Harbour habitats including nesting wildfowl and wetland birds, bats and otter. General potential for nesting birds across the site. Peregrine falcons have also been recorded nesting on the high-rise buildings adjacent to Castle Park. Potential for bat roosts to be present in trees and structures within or adjacent to the site.

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

This is a city centre park so attracts heavy footfall.

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: [Friends of Castle Park | Facebook](#)

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 may be 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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