

College Green

Site Guide



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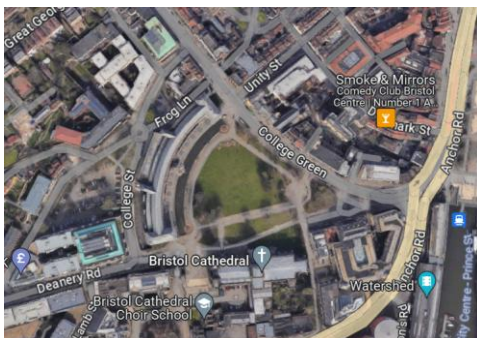
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1. Location



College Green is a planning award winning historic site in the heart of the city, and within sight of the Centre Promenade. College Green is bordered by the Council House, Bristol Cathedral and the Central Library, and lies at the foot of Park Street – a popular shopping area adjacent to key Bristol University facilities. The venue is adjacent to the busy Harbourside and Old City areas as well as historic city districts and green spaces.

2. Site Address



Deanery Road, Bristol BS1 5UY

Google Maps : [3D Aerial](#)

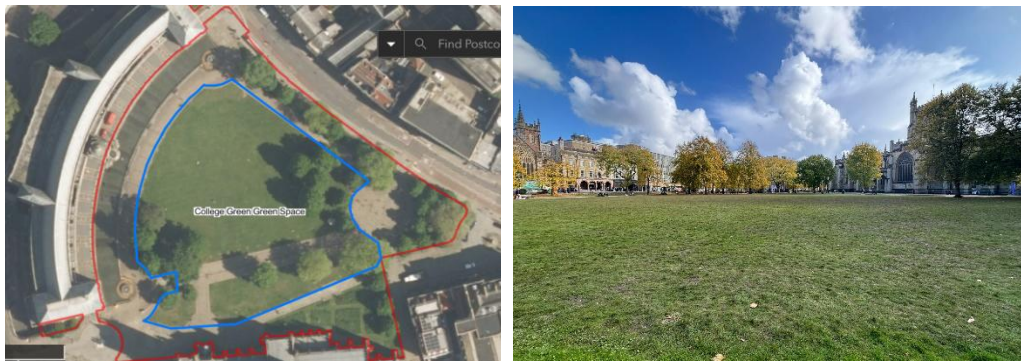
[2D Directions Map](#)

[Streetview](#)

3. Site Description

College Green is an open city centre park with perimeter pathways surrounding the grass area. There is an impressive water feature including fountains in front of City hall. The grassland is flat with trees surrounding the space.

3.1 The event space



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

4. Ground conditions

- The stone pathways and grass areas are fragile with poor natural drainage.
- The grass areas are especially vulnerable to damage in wet weather. Events should have wet weather contingency plans for both production and crowd management.
- Protective metal, plastic or timber trackway must be used for access on paths or grass where vehicle and load exceed five tonnes. Working production areas may also require similar ground protection to create a safe operational pad.
- Ground protection may also be required on both the paths and grass areas where compressed audiences or constant heavy pedestrian activity is anticipated, such as queues, within marquees/tents, pedestrian flow areas or front of stage. Heavy-duty matting may be sufficient.

5. Event areas and capacities

5.1 Event Area

Approx: 1 Hectare

6. Accessibility

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

College Green has wheelchair accessible pathways. Nearby bus stops and the city centre are accessible via public pathways. There is an accessible toilet in the nearby [Central Library](#).

7. Access and Parking

7.1 Vehicle Access

Access Point 1: From Trinity Street via locked bollards

Access Point 2: From Deanery Road via locked bollards

Vehicles are generally not permitted on College Green. However, at the discretion of Bristol City Council and Bristol Cathedral, vehicles may be permitted to temporarily park on or near the reinforced track near Access Point 2. This track runs between the Access Points and is designed for emergency vehicles and must remain clear.

Vehicle access to the grass is usually done by turning off the reinforced track in front of the cathedral porch, up the slope and onto the grass.

7.2 Parking

No parking of event or delivery vehicles is permitted except by permission. See Vehicle and Load Restrictions. Nearby parking bays can be suspended at cost to the event.

7.3 Pedestrian Access

There are multiple points around the edge of College Green in which pedestrians have access

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

- 1.1 miles to Bristol Temple Meads, mostly flat
- 0.6 miles to Bristol bus station, mostly flat

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

9. Site Facilities

1 x Water points at City Hall

9.1 Permanent Infrastructure

- Benches
- Bins
- Lampposts
- Fountains

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](#)

All waste generated by the event must be removed from site. Details of the site cleansing operations and a commercial waste contract must be supplied in the event application. Waste bins must be located to prevent or limit vehicle access.

Events generate additional waste throughout the square, not just within the immediate vicinity of the event.

On departure from site the event promoter must undertake a litter pick across the event area to EPA1 standard.

11. Restrictions on the site

- 7.5T, care should be given to stones in front of cathedral which are already damaged
- All services to be run around the perimeter.
- Large kerb stones.
- Flower borders
- College green requires CAT scans if anything going into the ground.

12. Nature Conservation

Nature Conservation Designations

No designations for the site.

Notable Habitats

The Events area includes open grassland which is cut regularly. There are areas of ornamental planting and scattered trees across the site. A wildflower meadow has been created within land adjacent to Bristol Cathedral.

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

General potential for nesting birds across the site. Potential for bats to be using the site, including roosts being 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. Water considerations



Depending on the event, the water area in front of City Hall may have to be taken into consideration. Speak to the site permissions for more information/guidance.

14. Hazards

- In city centre- near busy roads
- Water area/ fountains

15. 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.

Nearby spaces available:

The Vestibules:

The Vestibules offer an opportunity to make use of a city centre, street-facing location within one of the city's most iconic buildings. The Vestibules are within City Hall with their own entrance from the front of the building. Each Vestibule space looks out onto Park Street and College Green. They are two fantastic spaces for a variety of uses such as exhibitions, pop-ups, craft fairs, Christmas markets and consultation meetings.

[Click here to find out more information](#)

Address:

The Vestibules, City Hall, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR

Capacity:

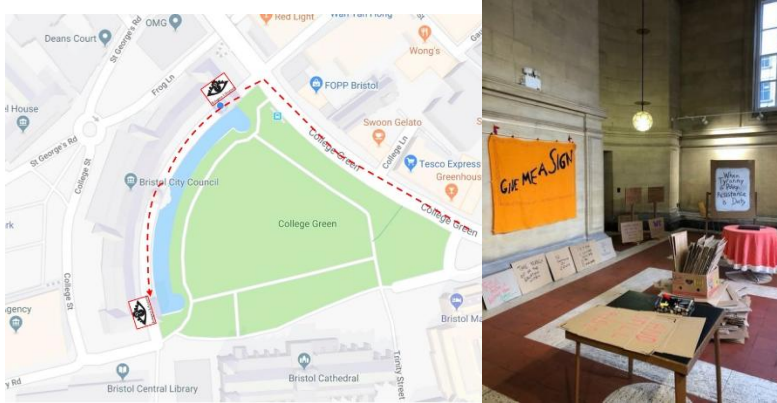
30 max

Measurements:

5meters x 10meters

Parking:

There is pay by hour parking facilities outside The Vestibules but no allocated parking on site. You are able to drive up onto the ramp outside either Vestibule to unload for a limited amount of time.

**City Hall venue hire:**

[City Hall](#) is one of Bristol's most iconic buildings, the perfect venue for weddings and parties, professional events and meetings.

Located at the bottom of Park Street in the heart of the city centre, our building borders College Green with its beautiful backdrop of the 12th-century Bristol Cathedral.

Rooms vary from seating 10 people to 400 people standing.

To book a venue at City Hall, email bookanevent@bristol.gov.uk

16. Fees and charges

16.1 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.

16.2 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.

17. Maps

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