

Oldbury Court Estate

Site Guide



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1. Location

Oldbury Court is a beautiful estate, combining woodland and riverside paths with historic parkland and an excellent new children's play area. Oldbury Court is only three miles from Bristol city centre, the estate is a great place for a family day out, featuring big green spaces and picnic areas, and is popular with walkers for its varied landscape and panoramic views. It's open all year round.

2. Site Address



Oldbury Court Estate, Oldbury Ct Rd, Bristol BS16 2JH,

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

3. Site Description

Oldbury Court Estate is a large grass park with many large trees surrounding. The area is often used for cricket and football matches. The park includes a large kids play area. The estate is based in a heavy residential area with small residential road access.

3.1 The Event Space



If you would like to use the part of the park on the left nearest the houses then you should check if there are any football or cricket matches on here - [Parks pitch update \(bristol.gov.uk\)](http://bristol.gov.uk/parks/pitch-update)
Find a larger online version of this site on our map of [Bristol Outdoor Events Areas](#)

4. Ground conditions

- Good drainage and well compacted.
- Can be partially muddy areas
- Leads on to a muddy footpath next to the river.
- Path along river in poor condition

5. Event Area

14.3 Hectares

6. Accessibility

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

You can find [an access guide on the DisabledGo website](#).

7. Access and Parking

7.1 Vehicle Access

Unsuitable for heavy traffic in all areas. Access possible with ground protection.

7.2 Parking

There are two car parks, which are open from: 8am to dusk (Monday to Friday) and 8:30am to dusk (Saturday to Sunday).

Check signs at the car parks for exact closing time as this changes throughout the year.

Oldbury Court Estate car park: off Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2JH

Snuff Mills car park: at the end of River View, Stapleton, Bristol, BS16 1DL

Parking charges

The cost for parking is:

£1 for up to 1 hour

£2 for up to 2 hours

£3 for up to 5 hours

If you want to stay longer than 5 hours, you can pay for extra hours.

Charges apply between 9am and 6pm, Monday to Sunday, including bank holidays.

A number of waiting restrictions, including double and single yellow lines, were installed in October 2022 on sections of several surrounding roads. These are in place to protect nearby junctions, driveways, and bus routes from obstructive parking.

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

- Local buses to Fishponds Road
- 2.8 miles to Stapleton train station

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

9. Site Facilities

- Cafe kiosk and terrace seating next to the play park
- toilets with disabled and baby changing facilities (next to the play area and in the Snuff Mills car park)
- children's play park for those 13 and under
- tea hut at Snuff Mills
- picnic spots
- [fishing](#) in the River Frome, in areas marked on the path only
- two [football pitches](#)
- one [cricket pitch](#)
- grassed space for play and sport
- Snuff Mills park with woodland and riverside walks and community garden

9.1 Permanent Infrastructure

- Park benches
- Play Park
- Ice cream kiosk
- Fences
- Trees

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 accessible toilets and baby changing facilities. These will be closed for bigger events.

Open from:

- 8am to dusk, Monday to Friday
- 8.30am to dusk, Saturday to Sunday

Closed 25 December.

When capacity is over 50, it is also essential that event would arrange toilet provision

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 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

18T restriction (access for larger vehicles can be arranged.)

12. Nature Conservation

Nature Conservation Designations

Part of the site is designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI). The remainder of the Site is designated as a Wildlife Corridor.

Notable Habitats

The Events area includes the large open grassland areas. The site comprises historic parkland with a mixture of open grassland and woodland (some ancient woodland). The River Frome flows through a steep wooded valley with sections of exposed rock faces. Oldbury Brook flows from the east across Oldbury Court Estate and joins the River Frome. This stream flows through two historic ornamental ponds. Some of the grassland fields are managed as hay meadows, with the borders managed as tussocky grassland. This is funded by a Countryside Stewardship Scheme (CSS) agreement with Natural England.

No activities should be permitted which cause damage to these habitats. Events should be avoided within the grassland areas covered by the CSS agreement. 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

It is likely that badger setts are present within the woodland. Reptiles are known to use the areas of tussocky grassland, scrub and woodland edge. There is the potential for amphibians to be present in the ponds, and to use adjacent grassland, scrub and woodland habitats. 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. General potential for nesting birds across the site. The River Frome supports many wetland species including wildfowl and wetland birds, invertebrates, bats, otter and fish species.

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. 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.

14. Fees and charges

14.1 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.

14.2 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.

15. Maps

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