

Accessible **South Dublin County**







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South Dublin County is a place with a strong commitment to accessibility. In fact, the main County Town, Tallaght, holds an EU Access City Award for the accessibility of its facilities and services.


Access to accommodation, dining, entertainment, business and leisure in South Dublin County is promoted through detailed access guides, events to celebrate National Accessibility Week (last week of November), websites and social media.


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Transport and Accessible Parking



Luas Tram

Public Transport

The Luas Red Line Tram, which has level access and audio announcements, provides an essential, accessible link with Dublin City Centre. The Dublin Bus fleet is wheelchair accessible

Accessible Alternative Transport

There are also two accessible door to door dial-a-ride transport services in the County. They are ACTS (Accessible Community Transport Southside) and LDAG (Lucan Disability Action Group). Advance booking is required for these but if you are travelling with more than one wheelchair user, their large adapted buses are a useful way for your group / family to be able to travel together.

Parking spaces

Over 150 public accessible parking spaces are provided by South Dublin County Council (SDCC) across the County. Accessible parking apps and searchable maps are available from <http://www.sdcc.ie/the-council/policies-and-plans/disability-access/accessible-south-dublin-county/accessible-parking>

Hotels and Accommodation



Hotels

The 15 hotels across the County provide various levels of accessibility including adapted bedrooms, accessible parking, Audio Frequency Induction Loop (AFIL) systems, and Braille and tactile way finding signage. Some of the hotels such as Bewleys Newlands Cross, Red Cow Moran Hotel, Red Cow Inn and Louis Fitzgerald Hotel provide detailed access guides.

Camping

A fun alternative to hotel accommodation is camping. The municipal award-winning Camac Valley Caravan and Camping Park is an excellent example of tourism for all. Its universal access and close proximity to a variety of leisure, retail, and tourist amenities provides easy access to the rest of the country, thus making tourists' visits to the County a more quality experience. Feedback from disabled visitors to the Park has been very positive.

In addition to the general facilities, disabled visitors can enjoy enhanced ramped access to the main building and shower block; accessible campers' kitchenette; AFIL in reception; accessible reception desk; Braille and tactile way-finding signage; accessible chemical toilet disposal point; seven accessible toilets and six accessible level-entry showers. A detailed access guide is available from: <http://www.dublincity.ie/DublinAccessGuide/uiMoreInformation.aspx?VenueId=b0295684-fe34-47c9-b631-5cf59d9c6050>

External Environment



Corkagh Park

The County is well served by public parks and open spaces of which there are almost 4,000 acres. This is mainly comprised of four large regional parks at Tymon Park, Tallaght; Corkagh Park, Clondalkin; Griffeen Valley Park, Lucan and Dodder Valley Park between Tallaght and Rathfarnham. There are also 50 neighbourhood parks such as Sean Walsh Memorial Park, Ballymount Park and Jobstown Park in Tallaght; Ballyowen Park in Lucan and Collinstown Park in Clondalkin. There are numerous public open spaces in various housing estates throughout the County. Although some paths are still gravel, there is a large network of smooth surface paths provided in these parks and open spaces. A beautiful sensory garden can be found in Sean Walsh Park.

South Dublin County Council aim to create interesting and diverse play environments for children where they can have direct contact with natural materials. Having a diverse, sensory rich environment means that children can use it in different ways depending on their ability and wants. The new playgrounds in Griffeen Valley Park and Tymon Park have a range of equipment and play opportunities suitable for children of all abilities.

Lucan Weir is accessible by ramp and has an accessible tow path. Grand Canal Way is also accessible by ramps and has an accessible tow path which includes accessible places for fishing.

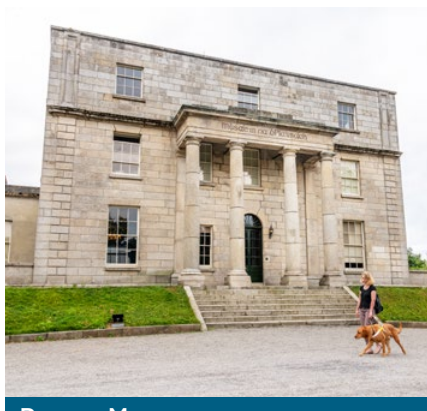
Accessible Heritage



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South Dublin County is rich in heritage. In addition to having two Carnegie libraries in the County, there is also one of the best examples of a medieval round tower in Ireland. The Round Tower Clondalkin has recently been restored. Although the actual Round Tower is not accessible, a high level of access is provided within the Visitor Centre and gardens. Visitors' mobility and sensory access needs are met through interactive multimedia exhibits, tactile exhibits, ramps, accessible toilets, literacy friendly text, AFILs for people who are hard of hearing and the use of highly scented plants for a sensory experience in the gardens.



Pearse Museum

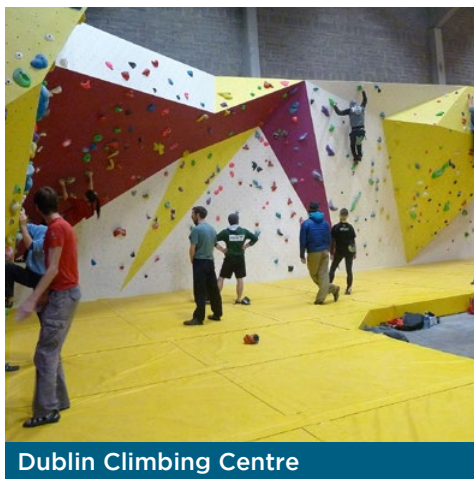
Pearse Museum

The Pearse Museum in Rathfarnham is generally accessible to people with mobility impairments. However the function room (Halla Mór) and exhibits on the top level are not accessible to wheelchair users. The deaf and hard of hearing community should contact the Museum before visiting to make sure that their specific access needs can be met.

Sports and Leisure



Tallaght Stadium



Dublin Climbing Centre

There are three leisure centres in the County that offer high levels of access. Clondalkin Leisure Centre (which has won a leisure industry award for access), Tallaght Leisure Centre, and Stewarts Sports and Leisure Centre in Palmerstown.

For those with an adventurous spirit, the Dublin Climbing Centre in Tallaght welcomes wheelchair users and there are skate parks in Tallaght, Clondalkin and Lucan.

Tallaght Stadium has wheelchair access, Braille and tactile way finding signage, AFILs for those who are hard of hearing and accessible parking. The Luas Red Line also terminates within a short distance of the Stadium. A detailed access guide is available from their website.

Arts and Media



IMC Cinema Tallaght



Vue Cinema

Cinemas

The IMC Cinema Tallaght and Vue Cinema in Liffey Valley offer autism friendly screenings, closed captioning, free assistant place with each wheelchair user, accessible toilets, AFILs for people who are hard of hearing and wheelchair access. Visit the website for each cinema for detailed scheduling information.



Rua Red

Rua Red Arts Centre in Tallaght is accessible for all performers, artists and audience members. The quality and range of access in Rua Red is excellent. The main performance space has an AFIL to facilitate people who are hard of hearing and there are also adapted changing facilities for all performers.



The Civic Theatre

The Civic Theatre in Tallaght is fully accessible for disabled people. Detailed access guides are available for both centres from their websites.

South Dublin Libraries



South Dublin Libraries are community spaces where people come to read, relax, learn and search the broad range of human knowledge stored in books and in online resources. The libraries are accessible and there is a wide range of assistive technologies available across the network including adapted keyboards, software such as Kurtzweil and text magnifiers. Detailed access guides for each library are available from the South Dublin County Libraries website. A Disability Studies Catalogue and online resource is also provided.



For access information about South Dublin County facilities and services contact the **Disability Liaison, Access and Equality Officer** on:

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For access information all other services such as hotels, retailers, leisure, sports or transport services and so on please contact the company directly.


List of Useful Websites

Dublin's Outdoors	www.dublinsoutdoors.ie
South Dublin County Council	www.sdcc.ie
South Dublin Libraries	www.southdublinlibraries.ie
Tallaght Stadium	www.tallaghtstadium.ie
Civic Theatre	www.civictheatre.ie
Rua Red	www.ruared.ie
Dublin Bus	www.dublinbus.ie
Luas Tram	www.luas.ie
Lucan Disability Action Group	www.ldag.ie
Accessible Community Transport Southside	www.actsltd.ie
The Round Tower Clondalkin	www.theroundtower.ie
Pearse Museum	www.pearsemuseum.ie
IMC Cinemas	www.imccinemas.ie
VUE Cinemas	www.myvue.com/cinema/dublin/whats-on
Tallaght Leisure Centre	www.tallaghtleisure.com
Clondalkin Leisure	www.clondalkinleisure.com
Stewarts Care	www.stewartscare.ie/sports
Dublin Climbing Centre	www.dublinclimbingcentre.ie
Bleeper Bike	www.bleeperbike.com



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