



Tavistock Pride Accessibility Policy

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Tavi Pride is working towards being as inclusive as possible to anyone who wants to attend. We recognise there is further action needed and are continuously working towards better accessibility.

Our policy's purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the duty and responsibility of committee members and volunteers working on behalf of Tavistock Pride when supporting accessibility requirements. It will also provide accessibility information for those wishing to access the event.

We value each person as an individual and we treat everyone with dignity and respect. We are committed to recognising all parts of a person's identity. This policy is to make our organisational team, volunteers and committee members aware of these obligations. We expect everyone involved in Tavi Pride's activities to act in line with our ethos and commitment to inclusivity.

Our policy has been informed and created by focusing on the social model of disability. [The social model of disability - Sense](#)

We strive to identify and remove, where possible, any barriers which may prevent disabled people from participating in Tavi Pride events, ensuring the plans for accessibility address the statutory requirements of the Equality Act 2010. This will include finding ways to make reasonable adjustments to increase access to our events.

Our commitments:

- We will show commitment to continuous improvement by adapting the Accessibility Policy as required (currently annually).
- We will develop and implement specific accessibility procedures to ensure the parade and festival are as accessible as is reasonably possible. Policies and procedures will be reviewed for their inclusivity and inclusion and will be updated accordingly.
- We will review practices and procedures when necessary and update them, and the policy, to take account of any changes in the law.
- We are committed to challenging negative attitudes about disability and accessibility and to developing a culture of awareness, tolerance and inclusion.
- To provide as much information around the accessibility of the event and welcome feedback for planning future events.

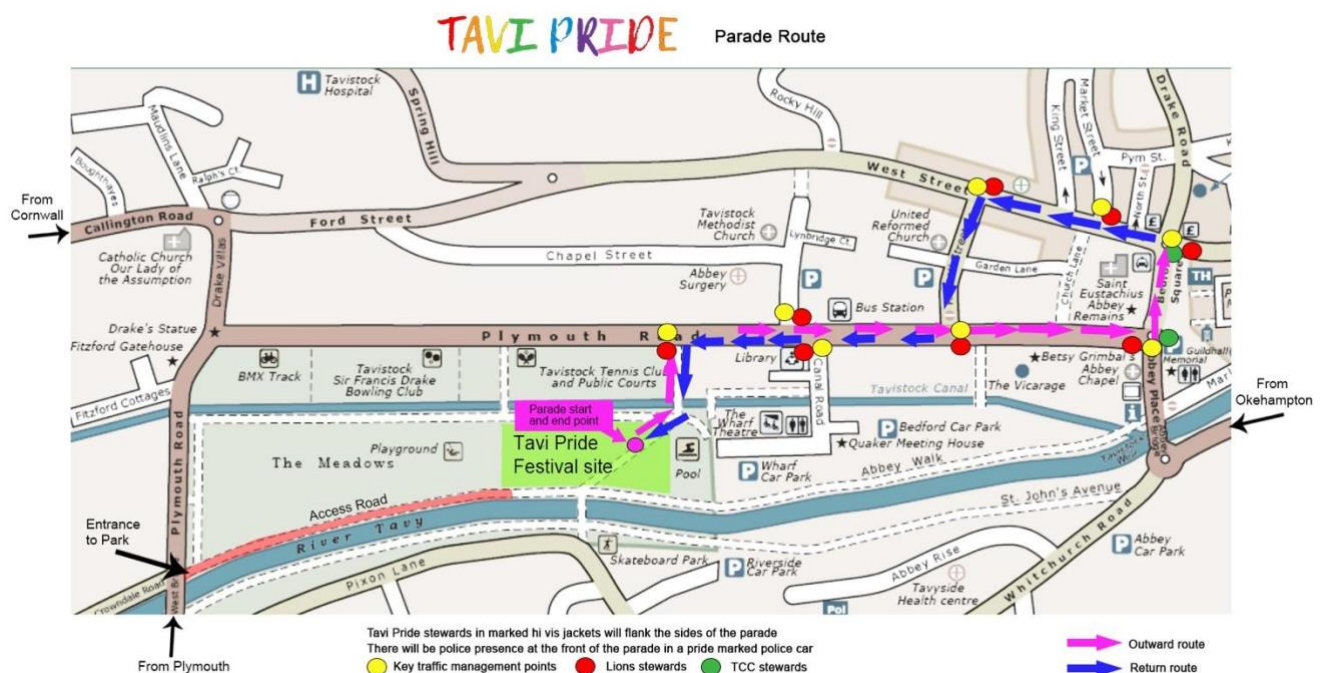
Accessibility information:

Parade

The parade route begins in Tavistock Meadows next to the tennis courts and continues along the following route (see map below); exiting the park at the tennis courts entrance, right onto Plymouth Road. Continue along Plymouth

Road until the mini roundabout where the parade turns left onto Bedford Square and then left again at the next mini roundabout onto West Street, then left again onto Russel Street. The parade pauses on Russel Street before turning right onto Plymouth Road and then left back into the Meadows Park via the same Tennis Court entrance that it emerged from.

The parade will last around 50 minutes. The route is flat and follows tarmacked pavements and roads for the entire route. The parade is accessible for wheelchair users. There is one bottle neck to be aware of, at the gate next to the tennis courts. This may be difficult to navigate for those with larger wheelchairs. In this case, we advise those people to join the parade at the other side of the gate on Plymouth Road ([see map](#)) and notify us at



tavistockpride@gmail.com.

The parade will be noisy as participants may be singing, shouting, be using whistles, drums and megaphones.

[Festival site Accessibility:](#)

The festival site is located at The Meadows, Tavistock PL19 8SP. The site is checked and maintained regularly by the Tavi Pride team and volunteering stewards throughout the event.

Tarmac paths allow for wheelchair access for the parade assembly point and throughout the festival site. Access to the stalls and stages is over flat grass. There are some sloped areas leading onto the grass sections which are not suitable for wheelchairs, however, each section of the site has flat grass access points which are located towards the central point of the site, next to the water point.

There will be volunteers wearing high vis vests available throughout the event to assist with any questions or support required.

Accessible toilets are located within the Youth and Family Area (see map).

The Pride Chill Out Tent offers a quieter area, slightly away from the main part of the festival where those who may need a less stimulating space can rest. The Chill Out Tent is a small bell tent with cushions inside. This space is not suitable for wheelchair users.

[Accessibility for performers:](#)

Main Stage

The Main stage marquee staging platform (pictured below) is a one foot (approximately) step up from ground level. Ramps may be provided on request – artists need to inform the team at the time of booking. There is a backstage 3x3m gazebo, with sides for privacy, which is strictly for artists only. The gazebo attaches to the back of the marquee with access to the stage.



Small Stage

The small stage marquee staging platform (pictured below) is a one foot (approximately) step up from ground level. Due to the small size of the small marquee, it is not possible to use ramps, however, if accessibility is required for one of our artists, we can opt to not use a platform for the event and instead have a level access stage area. Artists need to inform the team at the time of booking.



Bandstand Stage

The Bandstand Stage has 3 steps up to the concrete staging area. The performance area in front (Performance Area 2) is flat grass and tarmac.



2025 Site Map

(Changed annually)

TAVI PRIDE Site Map



Sound Sensitivity: The stage and parade sound will be loud, and for those who are sound sensitive, we recommend using **ear protection**.

Marquee Accessibility: Due to the small size of the marquee, we are unable to offer a designated seating area with chairs. There will be a dedicated accessible entrance at the side of the marquee to allow for easier access to the front of the stage. Stewards are briefed and ready to assist those who require access to the front of the stage. A steward will be positioned at each marquee throughout the day.

Accessibility for deaf attendees: Due to costs, we are unable to have BSL interpreters at this year's event. We will have an induction hearing loop in the Main Stage marquee and volunteers can support with where to stand to access this. We will continue to review options for future events.



Public Transport and Parking:

Tavistock bus station is nearby with easy access to the site.

There is a night bus running to Plymouth for anyone who chooses to stay on for the after-party event at The Stannary.

Operates from Saturday 31st May 2025 until Saturday 20th December 2025 inclusive.
Also operates Friday 19th December 2025 and Wednesday 31st December 2025

SATURDAY NIGHT / SUNDAY MORNING

Tavistock Bus Station	0000 0200
Manor Garage	0010 0210
Yelverton Roundabout	0016 0216
The George P&R	0028 0228
Derriford Hospital	0034 0234
Mutley Plain	0045 0245
North Road East	0049 0249
Royal Parade A20	0056 0256

The closest car parks to the festival site are listed below:

CAR PARKS

[The Wharf](#) – paid

[Bedford Car Park](#) - paid

[Riverside Long Stay](#) – paid

[Plymouth road](#) – Free

[Pixon Lane](#) - Free

Looking Ahead: Future Events and Our Commitment to Accessibility

At Tavistock Pride, we are continuously working to improve accessibility. While these enhancements are part of our long-term plans and dependent on future budgets, we are exploring several initiatives for the future:

- BSL interpreters
- Additional Rest Areas: While we have the Quiet Tent, we are considering adding more rest areas to the site in the future.