

Discounts For People Living With Additional Needs



INTRODUCTION

Understanding Discounts For People Living With Additional Needs



Thinking about activities and days out that will be fun for all and accessible can seem like a daunting task. There are many things that can come into consideration, the price, will everyone have a good time, how will we get about while we are there?

? How much will this cost?

? Is there parking?

? Will it be fun?

? Is it easy to get around?

These are all valid questions, and therefore we have created this guide. Did you know that if you have a disability or are a carer, you could be entitled to offers and disability discounts on various activities and days out to enjoy for all the family? This means that you can put ticks next to all the questions above!

Accessible Britain

[Mobility](#) publish a yearly report called '[Accessible Britain](#)'. This is a guide which contains over 200 reviews on days out within the UK.

It is created to provide you inspiration for days out across the country and the best part is they are completely accessible for all, meaning no one misses out on the fun! The reviews include:

Activity type	Selected Pick 1	Selected Pick 2	Selected Pick 3
Authors highlights	Stanwick Lakes	National Maritime Museum	Carsington Water
Family Days Out	Anderton Boat Lift	Jovrik Viking Centre	Warner Bros Studio Tour (Harry Potter)
Heritage Sites	Abbotsford	Royal Shakespeare Company	St Paul's Cathedral
Free Activities	The Whitworth Gallery	Walks on Wheels	Wellcome Collection
Active Ideas	IFLY Indoor Skydiving	Sandcastle Waterpark	Lee Valley White Water Centre



A guide to the guide

The activities within the guide are also broken down into each region of the country making it easy for you to find things to do without needing to travel too far.

As well as offering advice about days out and activities the guide also provides useful information on the following categories:

- Travel Advice
- Accommodation & booking
- Getting Around
- British tourism



SCOPE = Equality for disabled people

[Scope](#) also offers a guide on their website to activities and days out available to those living with disabilities, their families and carers. Some of the information they include is as follows:

- cinemas, theatres and galleries
- events and concerts
- historic buildings and gardens
- theme parks and zoos
- train and bus travel

These discounts could include:

- money off the price of tickets for you
- free or discounted companion tickets for your PA or friend

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English Heritage takes care of over 400 historical buildings, monuments, and sites across the country. These sites range from cold war bunkers to medieval castles, and they welcome more than 10 million people to their sites each year.

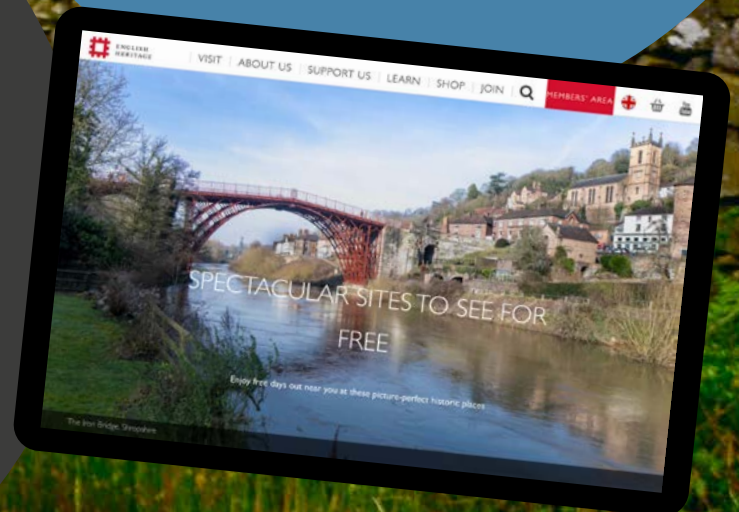


As part of their offering, they offer **free entry to carers of a person with a disability** to any of their sites. They also offer information on the following:

- Site facilities
- Site support
- Information on virtual tours
- Information on audio tours
- Information of tactile exhibits
- Information on scented gardens

All this information can be found in the English Heritage free access guide.

As well as this there is information provided about disabled access to their sites, English Heritage are committed to improving access for their disabled visitors and welcomes comments of the services they provide.



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Cadw is the Welsh Government's historic environment service.

They are working for an accessible and well protected historic environment for Wales. As part of the service, Cadw are responsible for historical places and buildings within Wales, therefore they are responsible for a combined 130 castles, abbeys, churches, chapels and other notable historic monuments.



As part of their service access is available for the public and offer a fantastic disabled persons discount for you and your carer, enabling you to visit any of the 130 sites for FREE.

Cadw are keen to recognise that not every disability is visible and therefore encourage you to speak to members of staff upon arrival to take advantage of the concession.



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The National Trust believe their facilities should be for everyone and aim to make it easy for anyone who has a disability to visit the places they care for.



They produced an '[Access Guide](#)' in 2019 which provides information on the accessibility of the places they take care of. The guide focuses on topics they are most often asked about. It is designed to ensure that planning your visit to their sites is easy, it includes information on the following:

- Changing Facilities
- Lifts
- Powered Mobility Vehicles
- Mountain Trikes
- Audio Support

In addition, The National Trust also offer discounted and free entry. One of their offerings is 'Essential Companion Card' this card enables you to bring one or two carers or companions with you for free. To ensure you claim this concession all you'll need to do is show your card upon entry at one of the sites.

Your carer or companion can still enter the site for free even if you don't have a card, the card is simply designed to make the entry process quicker for you.

If you are not a National Trust Member, you will still need to pay for your own entry. They also offer a scheme called 'Link Pass'. This provides a 50% discount to groups affiliated with disability charities, day centres or registered care homes. Carers and companions visiting with the group are able to enter free of charge.

This is available across all of their participating sites, however this does exclude weekends and bank holidays.

If you are interested in applying for the Link Pass, you can find out essential information [here](#).

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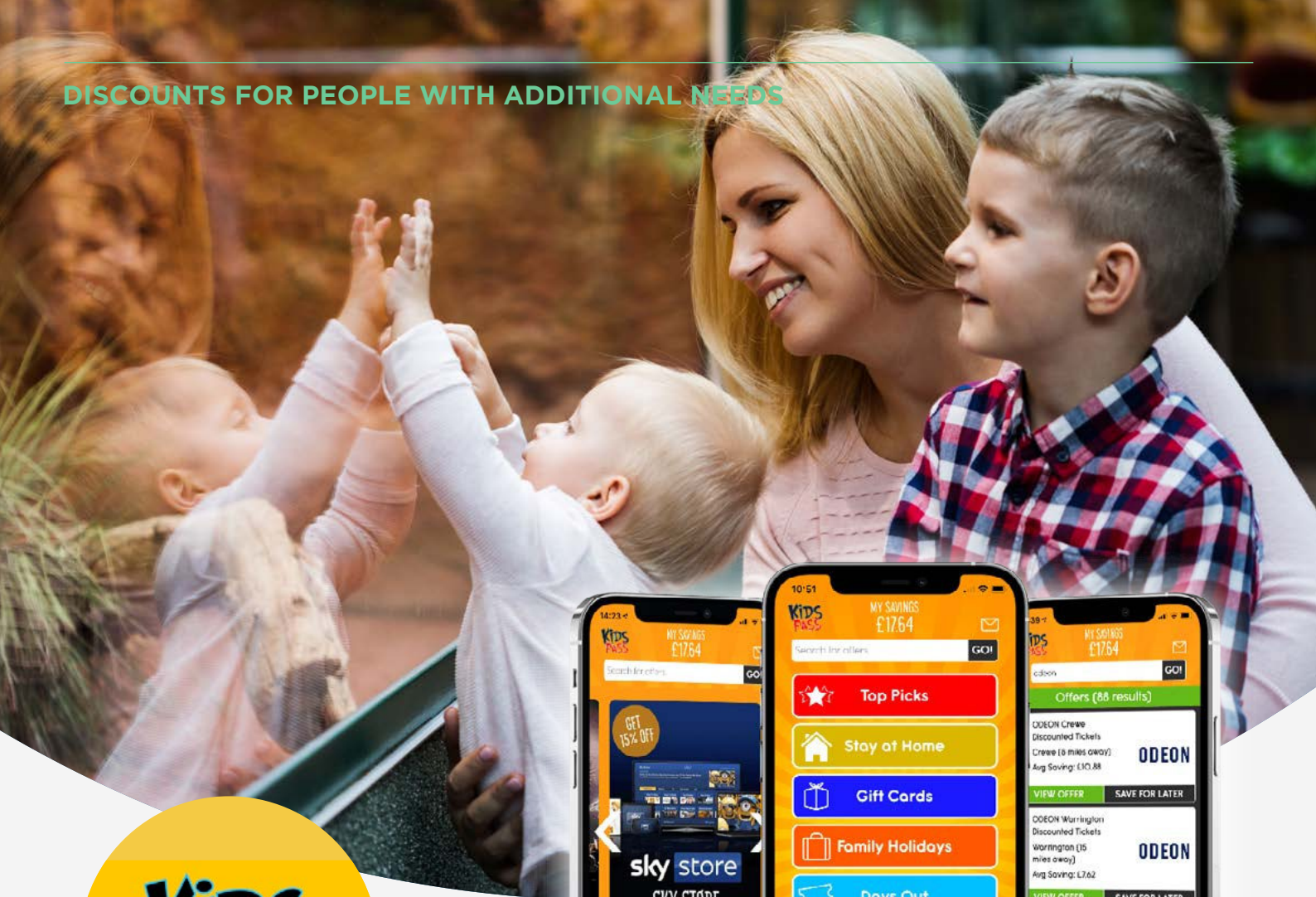
Historic Environment Scotland is a public body which investigates, cares for, and promotes Scotland's historical environment.

Most of the sites that they look after are accessible to people with disabilities, however due to character of individual location, site geography, monument architecture and local environment may make the accessibility of some sites more difficult. Where possible staff on sites will offer assistance to disabled visitors.



There is a downloadable '[access guide](#)' created to cover 80 of the sites which Historic Environment Scotland take care of which provides access information on for these sites outlining the different accessible facilities each site has so that you are able to plan your visit in advance. There is also an offer of free entry to their sites for carers accompanying a disabled visitor..

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If you are looking to dine out, have a holiday or go on a day trip with children, the [Kids Pass](#) subscription can offer you discounts at many recognised brands. Some of their deals include:

- Up to 57% off family days out
- Up to 30% off adult & child cinema tickets 7 days a week
- Kids eat free deals
- Up to 50% off family holidays

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The [Max Card](#) is the leading discount card for foster families and children with additional needs in the UK. The card offers you free and discounted entry to venues across the country.

The card was created to help families save money on days out to the favourite places such as zoos, bowling, castles and many more! You can find the venues they provide offers for [here](#). They offer you discounts on a basis of 2 adults and 2 children.

Picnic Cinema

[Picnic Cinema](#) is run by [Eden Arts](#), an arts organisation and charity based in Cumbria with all proceeds going towards [Eden Arts](#) projects. Picnic Cinema shows films in outdoor venues across the north of England, Cumbria and the Lake District.



The venues are not covered and you should take your own chairs and appropriate clothing. It is also worth noting that accessibility to some sites may be difficult, however staff will offer support where possible. They also advise taking a torch to their events as it will be dark when you return to your car or tent once the event is finished.

They do offer a disabled discount, where a carer can enter the event for free once you have presented a copy of your blue badge or disability allowance award.

UK Festivals

Festivals are a celebration of music throughout the summer in the UK. There are many festivals that offer disabled access tickets and disabled parking spaces so you can enjoy a summer of music too, in addition many festivals also offer carers free tickets to their events.



Within Disability Horizons' [Ultimate Guide To Accessible Festivals In The UK](#) they say that festivals also make their events accessible for a range of people with various disabilities from wheelchair users to people with hearing and visual impairments.

Within the guide, they list some festivals that offer the best accessibility in the UK these include [Leeds & Reading festival](#), [Greenbelt Festival](#), [Edinburgh Fringe Festival](#) and many more!

Forest Live

[Forest Live](#) is a live music series ran by Forestry England in different forest locations in England. The sites are:

- Cannock Chase Forest (Staffordshire)
- Delamere Forest (Cheshire)
- Thetford Forest (Suffolk)
- Westonbirt Arboretum (Gloucestershire)

The events take place in uncovered areas therefore it is important that you wear suitable clothing.



Money Saving

[MoneySavingExpert.com](#) is the UK's biggest consumer website, with more than 16 million users a month. They have put together [a guide to help you find the best discounts for disabled people](#). The guide includes 31 money saving tips, including information on the following topics:

- What every disabled money saver should know
- Saving on equipment, home adaptations, utility bills and more
- Travel & Support
- Going out
- Help for specific disabilities
- Support for blind or severely impaired people