

TRAM AND WHEELCHAIR SERVICE

Stan Hywet offers tram service to all guests to get from one location of the property to another. We are not able to offer tours of the property via tram. Wheelchairs are also available for guest use and can be signed out in the admissions office. Please see a guest services staff member for assistance.

SERVICE ANIMALS

Stan Hywet welcomes guests with disabilities and their service animals. We ask that guests identify their service animal to staff upon arrival so that we may best accommodate the needs of the guest and service animal.

Emotional support animals are permitted access to Stan Hywet on a case-by-case basis. Access may be denied if it is deemed having the animal on property creates a danger to other guests, the owner or to the estate. These animals are not permitted to enter any of the buildings on the property, only the grounds and gardens.



WALKING DISTANCES

Stan Hywet is a large property and requires much walking for guests to be able to view all of the key areas of the estate. Below are examples of distances that guests may be required to walk.

- Admissions to Manor House: 550 feet
- Manor House to Corbin Conservatory: 900 feet
- Admissions to Gate Lodge: 1,000 feet



ACCESSIBLE PARKING AND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

On non-event days, all guests park in the main parking lot, adjacent to the Carriage House. This lot offers eight (8) accessible parking spaces near our admissions office. Guests are also welcome to drop-off and pick-up near the flag pole. The accessible parking spaces and flag pole are the closest option to the admissions office. Guests are not permitted to drop off at the stop sign or crosswalk near the entrance to the main parking lot. These locations are actually further from the admissions office and can cause safety issues when guests are exiting vehicles there.

For special events, guests are asked to park in auxiliary lots and are offered free shuttle service to the estate. Limited accessible parking in the main lot is available on a first come, first served basis to guests with a proper placard displayed in their vehicle.

CONTACT US

For more information about any of our accessibility services, please contact us at 330.836.5533, or info@stanhywet.org.

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STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS

Accessibility Guide



WELCOME

to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens

the former home of F.A. and Gertrude Seiberling. Stan Hywet is Akron's first and largest National Historic Landmark, and is also the nation's 6th largest historic home open to the public. It is an accredited museum of the American Alliance of Museums. The Estate includes 4 historic buildings and ten historic gardens on 70 acres. The historic nature of the estate can create unexpected challenges for our guests. Please use this guide to help navigate our estate.

RESTROOMS

Public restrooms are located in the Carriage House, Manor House lower level, Gate Lodge and Corbin Conservatory. Each of these buildings offer accessible restrooms. There is a dedicated ADA restroom in the Admissions Office. **2**

ACCESSIBILITY OF BUILDINGS

1 Manor House

The first floor and lower level are accessible for guests with disabilities. Accessibility to upper floors is limited due to stairs. A second floor guidebook is available for guests to visualize elements of the second floor of the Manor House. There is a virtual tour option online as well. Guests using wheelchairs may enter the first floor via the North Porch. Refer to the map above for specific location. The lower level (including public restrooms) can be accessed via the service court entrance. Note, there is a long incline coming out of the service court.

2 Carriage House

The admissions office and Molly's Shop & Café are accessible. Access to the women's restroom is limited due to stairs. However, we offer an ADA accessible restroom in the admissions office.



3 Gate Lodge

There are two public entrances to the first floor of the Gate Lodge. The north entrance offers a wheelchair ramp to enter.

4 Corbin Conservatory

Fully wheelchair accessible. The nearby butterfly habitat is loose gravel.



ACCESSIBILITY OF GARDENS & WALKWAYS

5 English Garden

The south entrance of the garden is wheelchair accessible via a paved path. There is also an east entrance with stairs.

6 Japanese Garden

The Japanese garden is not accessible without stairs. Inside the garden are narrow and uneven pathways with varying elevations.

7 Great Garden and Rose Garden

These gardens are stair-free but have gravel and dirt pathways. You may access these gardens via any of the pathways along Ribbon Drive.

8 Birch Tree Allée

Guests with disabilities can access the Birch Tree Allée from gravel and dirt paths of the great garden. These also lead to the bowling lawn and tea houses.

9 Grape Arbor

The Grape Arbor can be accessed via the Birch Tree Allée or the Great Garden. Access from Ribbon Drive is limited due to stairs. The grape arbor has gravel and limestone paths.

10 West Terrace and Overlook

The West Terrace and Overlook located on the back side of the Manor House are easily accessible from the south via separate stone pathways. Access from the north is limited due to stairs.

11 Perennial Garden and Overlook

The Perennial Garden and Overlook are accessible from the south via a grass path, NW of the English Garden.