

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

Contact Us

For more information about any of our disability services, please contact us at 330.836.5533.



Available in Molly's Shop

The Gardens of Stan Hywet

The Gardens of Stan Hywet features a historical look at the design of gardens, and is full of beautiful color and historic photos of the grounds. The book provides information on designers Warren Manning, Ellen Biddle Shipman and T.R. Otsuka, as well as information on the Allées, The Japanese Garden, The English Garden, The Great Garden, and more. Previous titles include: *The Seiberling Family*, *The Gate Lodge*, *The Art of Gertrude Seiberling* and *The Seiberling Legacy*. The books may be purchased in Molly's Shop.



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STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS

Disabilities 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.

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.

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.



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 disabled guests to visualize elements of the second floor of the Manor House. Guests using wheelchairs may enter the first floor via the North Porch. Refer to the map in this guide for specific location. The lower level (including public restrooms) can be accessed via the service court entrance.

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 lower level of the Gate Lodge. The north entrance offers a wheelchair ramp to enter.

4 Corbin Conservatory

Fully wheelchair accessible.

ACCESSIBILITY OF GARDENS & WALKWAYS

5 English Garden

The South entrance of the garden is wheelchair accessible. There is also an east entrance with stairs.

6 Japanese Garden

This garden consists mostly of narrow and uneven pathways. There are also varying elevations which may create a challenge for guests with disabilities.

7 Great Garden & Rose Garden

These gardens are fully accessible for guests with disabilities. You may access these gardens via any of the pathways along Ribbon Drive.

8 Birch Tree Allée

Guests with disabilities can easily access the Birch Tree Allée. Please be mindful that this pathway consists of dirt and gravel that can sometimes be challenging for guests using wheelchairs.

9 Grape Arbor

The Grape Arbor can be accessed from either the Birch Tree Allée or the Great Garden. However, access from Ribbon Drive is limited due to stairs. Please be mindful that this pathway consists of dirt and gravel that can sometimes be challenging for guests using wheelchairs.

10 West Terrace & 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. Also, the West Terrace and Overlook are separated by stairs. They must be accessed separately from the south.

