



Bridge the Gap 2013 — Guidance for Participants Requiring Level Access

This level-access route is meant to accommodate Bridge the Gap participants using wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs by providing accessible, pleasant alternatives to the primary route as necessary. Throughout the City and the Colleges, there are areas of old York stone paving and uneven cobbles, and we apologise that the primary route is not fully accessible. The route alternatives, photographs and guidance notes below are provided by University employees who completed the walk using wheelchairs and mobility scooters, with the aim of providing an accurate picture of the route's accessibility and encouraging participation. We hope you find them useful, and we hope you enjoy Bridge the Gap!

- 1) Participants using mobility scooters are reminded that the route is about 4.5 miles. While most batteries will accommodate a journey of this length, participants are asked to ensure that they have sufficient battery to complete the walk.
- 2) The ramp approaching the bridge at Jesus Lock (between **Jesus Lane** and **Chesterton Road**) is steep [Fig. 1, below]; please ask a steward for help as required.



Fig. 1 Jesus Lock Bridge approach



Fig. 2 Jesus Lock Bridge descent

The pavement along the bridge is also slightly uneven, and there is a slightly ramped step at the descent from the bridge [Fig. 2, above].

- 3) A significant length of the path through **Magdalene College** is paved with shallow gravel, which may be tiring for manual wheelchair users to push through. The ramp at the exit from First Court in **Magdalene College** is steep [Fig. 3]. A steward will be available to assist as required.
- 4) The route through **St. John's College** has cobblestones in Third Court. Please contact a steward if you require assistance.
- 5) The path between **St. John's** and **Trinity Colleges** passes over a narrow stone cut-out [Fig. 4]. A steward will be available to help as required.



Fig. 3 Magdalene First Court



Fig. 4 Stone cut out between St John's and Trinity Colleges

- 6) The route towards Clare College bridge passes through a gate with ramped access and on to the bridge which has an incline [Fig 5]. A steward will be available to assist.
- 7) The approach to **King's College** bridge from the river path is quite steep, with a banded mixture of pavement and cobbles; you may wish to ask a steward for assistance on the incline [Fig. 6, below].



Fig 5 Clare Bridge approach



Fig. 6 Approach to King's Bridge



Fig. 7 Queens' Green

- 8) The primary route across **Queens' Green** goes down a shallow gravel path [Fig. 7, above]. This route is passable, but may be tiring for wheelchair users. An alternative level access route is via pavement along Queen's Road.

- 9) The pavements along Silver Street are narrow, with a steep camber [Fig. 8] that will be challenging particularly for manual wheelchair users. Participants using manual wheelchairs may choose to use the street instead; in this case, we ask that extreme caution be taken to avoid accident. Please ask a steward for assistance as required.



Fig. 8 Silver Street camber

- 10) The corner of Trumpington and Pembroke Streets (outside Fitzbillies café) has a dropped kerb [Fig. 9] which is cobbled and uneven, but passable with caution.
- 11) The pavement along Tennis Court Road (after the exit from **Pembroke College**) is uneven. A steward will be available to help as required.



Fig. 9 Dropped kerb at Pembroke and Trumpington Streets

12) The **Polar Museum** has lifts at both the front gate and the back gate. Please ask a steward for assistance with these lifts, as required.

13) The route through **Downing College** accesses a shallow gravel path. [Fig 10] This route may be tiring for manual wheelchair users. Please ask a steward for assistance if required.



Fig. 10 Downing gravel path

14) The route through **Emmanuel College** accesses a shallow gravel path around a large, grassy paddock. Wheelchair users may find it easier to take the shortcut directly across the grass.

15) At **Jesus College**, please use the entrance to the Fellows' Garden (to the left of the main entrance). You will be able to cut across the Fellows' Garden along a path, then turn right to rejoin the route in First Court. The path is somewhat steep [Fig. 11]; a steward will be available to assist as required.



Fig.11 Jesus Fellow's Garden path

On the day of the event, please ask a volunteer route steward or a College porter if you have any problems, or call University of Cambridge event staff on 07824 835220. In advance of the event, please contact the University of Cambridge Public Engagement team at nicola.bennett@admin.cam.ac.uk or 01223 339666 for further details.

Thank you for joining us – we hope you have a wonderful day.

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