

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

Access Statement for Silverband Falconry

Introduction

Silverband Falconry is on the Eastern edge of Cumbria, nestled in the foot hills of the North Pennine Fells and specialise in Bespoke Falconry Experiences tailored to your interests and needs.

The grounds consist of a Tarmac Yard which is reasonably level. There is a flying ground to the front of the property which can be accessed by a grass path or by road and a 4x4 which is available if the Grass path is not accessible. There is seating in the flying ground.

Our Experiences are run on a personal, one to one basis under the careful supervision of our professional Falconers. You will not be sharing your experience with people you don't know. All Birds are trained to the highest standard so that guests can handle and touch them with confidence.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 017683 61724 or email silverbandfalconry@gmail.com.

Pre-Arrival

- We pre book all our experiences and will work with you to choose a date, and time for your visit.
- At the point of booking you can let us know if you have any particular requirements whether that be particular Birds of Interest, Access requirements, or Dietary requirements. (We will endeavour to meet any requirements if we find out about them at a later date)
- Our Website has a link to google maps for how to find us and written directions can be provided on request.
- We have ample off road parking within the grounds.

- We are 5 miles from Appleby-in-Westmorland Railway Station and 10 miles from Penrith Railway and Bus Stations. We offer a pick up service and drop off service from all these locations.

Car Parking and Arrival

- Car Parking is within the grounds on the Tarmac Yard at the rear of the property and offers direct access to the Birds

Main Entrance, Reception and Ticketing Area

- We don't have a main Entrance and Reception Area as visits are pre-booked
- Everyone is welcomed in the carpark and escorted by one of our Falconers for the duration of their visit

Attraction (displays, exhibits, rides etc.)

- The Birds are displayed approximately 10 meters from the Parking area and are carried into the flying ground to enable guests the opportunity to fly the birds.
- Many of the Birds have had specific training to allow stroking and a "hands on approach" by visually impaired visitors.
- Our Falconers will accompany you during your visit, introducing the species and providing commentary and instruction.
- Refreshments can be served either outside, seated by the walled area whilst watching the Birds, or inside our Kitchen accessed via a ramp and a 720mm door.

Public Toilets

- The unisex public toilet is accessed via a small ramp.
- The door is easy to open and 650mm wide.
- The toilet is 400mm high.
- There aren't any rails or aids in the toilet.

Grounds and Gardens

- The Grounds are 1.5 acres of which ½ is wild flower meadow and grass paths which is used as the flying ground. The other ½ is made up of Woodland and aviaries. Birds are perched out for experiences on the Lawned areas in front of the aviaries. There is a 40-50cm high wall next to the yard which can be sat on in front of the Birds.
- Access to the Wild flower meadow is by a short set of steps and a gravel path or by a slightly uneven grass path and gentle slope with a fall of 1m over the course of a 10-15m slope.
- From the carpark and house to the flying ground benches is a distance of approximately 100 metres

Additional Information

- We welcome trained assistance dogs, while we try to minimise any difference in Birds behaviour you must be aware that this may change the way the birds fly on your experience but will not have a detrimental effect.
- A water bowl can be made available on request and they can be let off for a run and toileting in the wildflower meadow.

Future Plans

- We hope to improve the quality of access into the Wild Flower meadow and flying ground in the autumn of 2017. This should take the form of a new path formed from hardcore.
- To improve the Toilet facilities with added rails and improved access

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Hours Of Operation:

By Appointment

Local Accessible Taxi:

Able Taxis - Penrith 07807 517246 Acclaim Taxis Penrith 01768 866842 Clover Leaf Taxis - Penrith 01768 210130

Local Public Transport:

Rail services can be taken to Penrith or Appleby, from where we can collect you. Bus services are very poor in the area: <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Internet/544/931/6586/6591/4192918594.pdf?timestamp=42814174611>