



Manchester Pride Festival 2019 Accessibility information Pack

The team at Manchester Pride think it important that everyone who attends The Festival can enjoy the event. As such we have put together information to help you plan and prepare for your visit to The Festival.

Welcome to The Manchester Pride Parade 2019.

What was once a march in protest and a cry for equality, The Manchester Pride Festival is now a hugely anticipated staple event in the city that recognizes how far LGBT+ rights have moved on, yet a political reminder that there is still work to do, as the diverse LGBT+ communities strive for total equality, both here and abroad.

Each and every one of you helps us turn the city of Manchester into a kaleidoscope of colour, placing you at the heart of the celebrations and demonstrates to the world that Manchester is a city proud of its diverse communities.

Manchester Pride Festival 2019 will be made up of; Manchester Pride Live, the Superbia Weekend, the Gay Village Party, Manchester Pride Parade, Youth Pride MCR and the Candlelit Vigil. Our internationally renowned event will come alive across the city, on a scale never before seen. Stretching from Mayfield to Deansgate with our heart in The Village. An unforgettable weekend awaits.

Getting to the event

Manchester enjoys first-class transport links, making it easy to get to the city, The Festival and for exploring Greater Manchester.

For travel information to get to Manchester please visit [here](#).

For travel around Manchester once you arrive in our fabulous city, there are a number of transport networks to choose from:

Metrolink

Manchester's light tramway system runs a fast and frequent service and is ideal for getting to The Festival. Metrolink is accessible with step-free platforms. The nearest Metrolink stops to the Gay Village are Manchester Piccadilly (approximately 5 minutes away) and Manchester Piccadilly Gardens (approximately 5 minutes away). The nearest Metrolink stop to Manchester Pride Live at Mayfield is Manchester Piccadilly (approximately 2 minutes). The Parade works its way across the city and so any number of Metrolink stops will get you close to the action.

Free Metroshuttle

Getting in and around the city centre is easy and free with Metroshuttle. The shuttle buses pick up outside Piccadilly Station, on the approach and travel to key areas including Oxford Road, Deansgate, Portland Street and Spinningfields. The Metroshuttle is fully accessible with step-free access to pavements.



Bus Network

Greater Manchester has an extensive bus network. The nearest bus stop to The Gay Village is located on Portland Street just outside Caffé Nero or on the opposite of the street next door to Yates bar. The nearest bus stop to Manchester Pride Live at Mayfield is located on Fairfield Street adjacent to Manchester Piccadilly.

Parking

Manchester City Council offers over 15,000 secure parking spaces as well as on-street parking. There are a number of accessible car parking facilities around the city close to our Event Sites. The nearest accessible NCP Car Parks to the Gay Village and Mayfield are Minshull Street, Sheffield Street and Piccadilly Plaza. Please check the [NCP website here](#) for fees and further info.

Accessible Drop Off points

If you are attending Manchester Pride Live you can access the site via our accessible entrance which is located at the same location as our VIP entrance. This entrance will be clearly signposted and you can find it at the following address:

Temperance Street
Manchester
M12 6HU

If you are attending Gay Village Party you can access the site via Gate 5 for ease of queuing and we will have accessibility liaison at this location.

Box Office/Wristband Exchange

Box Office locations will be available at the accessibility entrance for Manchester Pride Live and Gate 5 at Gay Village Party.

Induction Loop will be at these locations and Accessibility Liaison available to greet and support.

Accessible Toilets

If you have requested the use of accessible toilet facilities then we will apply this to your Access Card.

Gay Village Gathering

There are 8 Accessible Toilets situated around the Gay Village and are staffed with stewards There is one at every bank of portaloos. You can also access any toilets in any bar with your wristband. If you require a larger accessible toilet than the ones at the portaloos bank, we recommend you use the bars.

Mayfield Depot



There are 12 Accessible Toilets situated around Mayfield Depot and are staffed with stewards. There is one at every bank of portaloos. There is also a larger mobiloo model on site.

Bars, Traders and Merch

All traders have been briefed on how to provide accessible service and we have requested large print version of menus & pricing list.

Viewing Platforms & Area

Gay Village Gathering

Every single one of our areas are Accessible. The Accessible Viewing Platforms have limited capacities and are provided on a first-come-first-served basis. As with all visitors, we advise that if there is a certain act or artist you would like to see, please arrive at least 2 hours before their performance time to avoid disappointment.

Stages

- Sackville Square Fair
- Thomas Cook Airline
- The Expo
- Family Zone
- Indoor Arena
- Fetish Emporium

You will find the Viewing Platform at Thomas Cook Airline. You can use your Access Card to gain entry. You can bring 1 person with you however please be aware that if the platform becomes too crowded we may ask only Access Card holders and companions to remain.

Mayfield Depot

Stages

- The Yard Stage
- Gaydio Stage
- The Depot
- The Platform
- The Concourse

We have a Viewing Platform located at The Yard Stage. There will also be a Viewing area located at The Gaydio Stage, where there will also be screening of The Yard Stage Headline Acts. You can use your Access Card to gain entry to these platforms and areas. You can bring 1 person with you however please be aware that if the platform becomes too crowded we may ask only Access Card holders and companions to remain.

Access Card

On arrival you will be issued your Access Card by our Accessibility Liaison. The symbols on the card will indicate what your requirements are so you can show this card to any relevant people.

Symbols on this card are as follows. Symbol one indicates use of disabled toilets. Symbol two indicates you may find standing and or queuing a substantial barrier to accessing services. Symbol three is to indicate it would be significantly more difficult for you to access services without support from another person. Symbol four indicates you require the use of the Viewing Platforms.



Access Liaison

For any issues or concerns over the live event, your Point of Contact is:

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Gay Village Party



Manchester Pride Live

