Park on the Ilm
- Handicap accessibility

*Information for guests with limited mobility*
General information

The Park on the Ilm extends over an area of 57 hectares – from the so-called “Horn” on the eastern heights overlooking the river to the Belvedere Allee on the western slope. The Weimar City Castle is located at the northern edge of the park, and at the south, the park grounds taper to an end not far from the German Bee Museum, located in the Oberweimar district.

The valley and the higher elevated areas of the park are connected by a network of paths. The steep inclines often have stairs which can hamper accessibility for people with mobility aids. We recommend that wheelchair users avoid taking paths with stairways. If you use a wheelchair, please inquire prior to your visit which routes through the park are wheelchair accessible.

On the river plain, there are only slight gradients making it possible to traverse the park comfortably. You can access this part of the park via the paths at the Castle and Burgplatz or from Hans-Wahl-Straße. The western section of the park between the cliff slope and Belvedere Allee is accessible via the paths leading from the Frau von Stein house and Beethovenplatz.

The Park on the Ilm is a garden artwork and natural monument, maintained and preserved thanks to the tremendous efforts of many people so that visitors to Weimar may continue enjoying its design, beauty and diversity. We kindly ask you, therefore, to show consideration and respect towards nature and your fellow visitors, and wish you great joy and pleasure during your stay!

Directions

If you are coming by car, you can find several handicap-designated parking spaces in downtown Weimar. These are indicated on the map as follows:

- Burgplatz: 2 parking spaces
- Markt 13/14/16: 3 parking spaces
- Hans-Wahl-Straße: 2 parking spaces
- Am Goethehaus, Beethovenplatz: underground car park

Path surfaces

Most of the paths through the Park on the Ilm are covered with fine gravel, but there are some comprised of small paving stones. The gravel paths often require maintenance and repairs especially following river flooding when the park crews have to fill potholes and re-gravel washed-out areas. Because the gravel layer is usually thicker and less packed in places which have just been repaired, moving over them with rolling walkers and wheelchairs can be more difficult than usual.

The asphalt-covered paths in the park include a section of the Corona-Schröter-Weg and the paths between Belvedere Allee and the cliff slope – between the Frau von Stein house and Beethovenplatz, the Roman House and the Swinging Bridge at the south end of the park. On the upper level of the park, you will frequently encounter drainage channels crossing the paths. These are usually made of small cobblestones and are partly slanted on one side. If you need to use a wheelchair or rolling walker, passing such drainage channels can pose a challenge.
To give you a better overview of the path conditions in the park, we have marked the paths (and the accessibility to the park landmarks and sites) as follows:

- **1** City Castle
  - limited handicap accessibility
  - accessible via Burgplatz / Platz der Demokratie

- **2** Adam Mickiewicz monument
  - located along path

- **3** Louis Fürnberg monument
  - located along path

- **4** Sternbrücke
  - various types of cobblestones, esp. small mosaic paving stones
  - min. 3 % gradient

- **5** Sphinx Grotto with Läutra spring and pool
  - eastern section of park
  - located near path
  - benches available
  - accessible via Hans-Wahl-Strasse

- **6** Former Ducal Riding Hall
  - accessible via Burgplatz / Platz der Demokratie / Hans-Wahl-Strasse
  - located along path
7. **Herzogin Anna Amalia Bibliothek**
   - limited handicap accessibility
   - accessible via Burgplatz / Platz der Demokratie / Beethovenplatz
   - sidewalk comprised of small mosaic paving stones

8. **Alexander Pushkin monument**
   - located along path
   - sidewalk comprised of small mosaic paving stones

9. **Frau von Stein house**
   - accessible via Beethovenplatz/ Platz der Demokratie
   - sidewalk comprised of small mosaic paving stones

10. **Pompeian circular bench**
    - upper, western section of the park
    - accessible from path, three stairs

11. **Euphrosyne monument**
    - eastern section of park
    - located on cliff slope
    - accessible on foot only
    - visible from the main path

12. **Goethe Gartenhaus with garden**
    - eastern section of park
    - lower level of the garden accessible with assistance only (stairs!)
    - also visible from several vantage points in the western section of the park (e.g. near the Sándor Petőfi monument (# 25))

13. **Pogwisch House**
    - eastern section of park
    - accessible on foot or with assistance via the street “Am Horn” (stairs) or through the park (path with ca. 10 % gradient)

14. **Raft Bridge (also called the Nature Bridge); cliff archway (or “Needle’s Eye”) and spring**
    - eastern section of park
    - bridge is wheelchair accessible, ramps are paved with cobblestones
    - Needle’s Eye only accessible on foot (at least 4 stairs, narrowest section is 70 cm wide)
    - bench available (height approx. 45 cm)
    - cliff spring located near path
    - accessible via Platz der Demokratie / Burgplatz

15. **Tempelherrenhaus ruins**
    - western section of park
    - located along path
    - benches available
    - accessible via Beethovenplatz

16. **Thuringian State Archive**
    - limited handicap accessibility
    - accessible via Beethovenplatz

17. **Dining hall of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar**
    - accessible via Beethovenplatz
18 Liszt House
  >> western section of park
  >> limited handicap accessibility
  >> accessible via Beethovenplatz

19 Entrance to the Park Cave
  >> western section of park
  >> Park Cave accessible only on foot or with a walking aid
  >> Info plaques at cave entrance
  >> accessible via Beethovenplatz/ Platz der Demokratie

20 Soviet Memorial Cemetery
  >> western section of park
  >> located along path, accessible

21 Artificial ruins and William Shakespeare monument
  >> located on cliff slope
  >> artificial ruins in the western part of the park located near path
  >> Shakespeare monument accessible on foot (about 14 stairs) or via path (ca. 15 % gradient)

22 Bark hut
  >> eastern section of park
  >> accessible only on foot (about 14 stairs)

23 Schlangenstein
  >> eastern section of park
  >> accessible only on foot (about 8 stairs)

24 Franz Liszt monument
  >> western section of park
  >> located along path
  >> bench available (1 stair)

25 Sándor Petőfi monument
  >> western section of park
  >> located along path

26 Dessau Stone
  >> eastern section of park
  >> located along path
  >> accessible from the Ilm riverbank via stairs; from the west and south via path (approx. 6 % gradient)

27 Dux Bridge
  >> eastern section of park
  >> wheelchair accessible via ramps
  >> accessible via Beethovenplatz/ Platz der Demokratie

28 Haus am Horn
  >> east side, on the slope overlooking the park
  >> most easily accessible via the street “Am Horn”
  >> accessible from the park via paths (8 % to 10 % gradient)

29 Villa Haar
  >> east side, on the slope overlooking the park
  >> accessible via stairs from Corona-Schröter-Weg, otherwise via the street “Am Horn”
30 Roman House  
>> western section of park  
>> located along path  
>> limited handicap accessibility (5 stairs)  
>> accessible from lower paths only via stairs

32 Swinging bridge  
>> wheelchair accessible via ramps

31 Lion Gladiator Portal and cliff cave  
>> western cliff slope of the Ilm valley  
>> located along path  
>> cliff cave only accessible on foot
Further information

For more information about handicap accessibility at the museums and historic sites of the Klassik Stiftung Weimar, visit:
http://www.klassik-stiftung.de/barrierefreiheit/mobilitaetseinschraenung

For helpful tips and information regarding directions, overnight accommodation, etc., visit:
http://www.weimar-fuer-alle.de (in German only).

Imprint

Published by
Klassik Stiftung Weimar
Stiftung des öffentlichen Rechts
Burgplatz 4
99423 Weimar

Content and design
Alexandra Zettl in coordination with the Klassik Stiftung Weimar’s officer for the handicapped and the commissioner for handicapped and senior citizens of Weimar