SHAKER VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

Accessibility to guests with limited mobility can be challenging due to the historic and natural features of Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. In order to provide the best possible experience to all guests, Shaker Village strives to accommodate guests with limited mobility by providing alternative experiences, including several tour programs, demonstrations and exhibits that are accessible to everyone. With advance notice, we will make every effort to respond to special needs. Our goal is to provide as much information as possible to guests before their visit to Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. Shaker Village is a 3,000 acre property, and historic buildings are located throughout the grounds. The terrain may be difficult to navigate, and the Village has many uneven limestone sidewalks and gravel paths. All of the restored 19th century buildings have two or more steps and no elevators. Because of the sizable nature of the property, parking (even Handicapped spaces) is at a distance from building entrances.

Please review the following information. If you have additional questions about accessibility or special needs, please call 800.734.5611, ext. 1568 or email education@shakervillageky.org.

Services for Guests with Limited Mobility

- Guests using wheelchairs and walkers may find the gravel pathways and uneven sidewalks challenging. Guests with limited mobility are not charged Village admission. However, please visit the Trustees’ Office to obtain a complimentary ticket for admission.
- With advance notice, music performances and some craft demonstrations may be moved outside for the benefit of guests with limited mobility (weather permitting). Please speak to a staff member during your visit to request this service.
- Dining room servers are available to read menus to guests with visual impairments.

Wheelchair and Walker Accessible Activities & Buildings

- The Trustees’ Table (lift on east side of building)
- Carpenters’ Shop Craft Store (ramp on west side of building)
- Centre Family Dwelling Cellar with Exhibits
- East Family Dwelling Cellar with Shaker Life Exhibit
- The Farm & Garden
- Dixie Belle Riverboat cruises
- Meeting Areas A and B in West Lot Dwelling (lift on west side of building)
- Heritage Trail in The Preserve (0.5-mile stretch from Turnpike Trailhead to Kissing Bridge)
- Restrooms: Welcome Pavilion, East Family Dwelling Cellar and Trustees’ Office

Wheelchair and Walker Inaccessible Activities & Buildings (with steps)

- Inn Guest Rooms (four rooms in West Family Sisters’ Shop are accessible by two steps—these are the closest rooms to ground level available. No elevators are available. Many guest rooms are located on the second, third and fourth floors of historic buildings. Some stairways are narrow.)
- Post Office Craft Store (four steps)
- Centre Family Dwelling First, Second and Third Floors (10 steps into first floor)
- Civil War Reading Room in East Family Sisters’ Shop (six steps)
- Meeting House (11 steps)
- Meeting Area C in West Family Wash House (two steps to enter building; the only restrooms are on the second floor)
- Meeting Area D in West Family Dwelling (two flights of stairs)
- Wagon Rides