

# Public Parks and Recreation Areas Accessibility Checklist

Issued by: WORLD DISABILITY UNION (WDU)

## 1. Purpose of the Checklist

This checklist aims to ensure that **public parks and recreation areas are fully accessible and inclusive**, enabling persons with physical disabilities, sensory disabilities, and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to **safely, independently, and comfortably access all facilities and services**, in accordance with:

- International Accessibility Codes (ADA / ISO 21542)
- Universal Design Principles
- Equality, inclusion, and non-discrimination standards

## 2. Five-Point Evaluation System

Each item shall be evaluated using the following rating scale:

| Score | Description                                |
|-------|--|
| 1     | Not available                              |
| 2     | Available but not compliant                |
| 3     | Partially available                        |
| 4     | Available and compliant with minor remarks |
| 5     | Fully available and fully compliant        |

## 3. Detailed Accessibility Checklist

### 1. Accessible Parking

- Minimum 5% designated accessible parking spaces
- Parking spaces located near main entrances
- Van Accessible parking spaces provided
- Compliant dimensions and access aisles
- Clear vertical and ground signage

Score: /5

## **2. Curb Ramps and External Routes**

- Curb ramps provided at all pedestrian routes
- Maximum slope 1:12
- Minimum clear width 120 cm
- Slip-resistant surfaces
- Continuous, obstacle-free routes

**Score: /5**

## **3. Entrance Ramps and Access Gates**

- Step-free access at all entrances
- Code-compliant ramps where required
- Handrails on both sides
- Adequate wheelchair turning space

**Score: /5**

## **4. Doors and Gates**

- Minimum clear width 90 cm
- Easy-to-open or automatic mechanisms
- Accessible handles and hardware
- No raised thresholds

**Score: /5**

## **5. Internal Pathways and Walkways**

- Minimum pathway width 150 cm
- Firm, stable, and slip-resistant surfaces
- Obstacle-free circulation paths
- Adequate wheelchair maneuvering spaces

**Score: /5**

## **6. Elevators (if applicable)**

- Wheelchair-accessible elevator
- Control buttons at accessible height
- Braille and tactile markings
- Audible and visual indicators

**Score: /5**

## **7. Stairs**

- Handrails on both sides
- Non-slip stair surfaces
- Visual contrast on step edges
- Warning strips at top and bottom

**Score: /5**

## **8. Emergency Exits and Exit Ramps**

- Accessible emergency exits available
- Ramps provided at emergency exits
- Illuminated and clearly marked exit signage
- Accessible evacuation routes free of obstacles

**Score: /5**

## **9. Evacuation Chairs for Persons with Disabilities**

- Evacuation chairs available where required
- Clearly marked and accessible locations
- Staff trained in evacuation procedures
- Regular inspection and maintenance

**Score: /5**

## **10. Alarm Systems (Audible and Visual)**

- Audible alarm system installed
- Visual alarm system for persons with hearing disabilities
- Coverage in all public areas
- Regular testing and maintenance

**Score: /5**

## **11. Availability of Wheelchairs**

- Wheelchairs available on site
- Easy access and request procedures
- Regular maintenance and hygiene

**Score: /5**

## **12. Accessible Restrooms**

- Step-free access to restrooms
- Adequate wheelchair turning space
- Grab bars and accessible fixtures
- Non-slip flooring
- Emergency call system installed

**Score: /5**

## **13. Inclusive Playgrounds and Sports Equipment**

- Accessible play equipment provided
- Shock-absorbing and accessible surfaces
- Clear circulation paths between play areas
- Inclusive sports facilities available

**Score: /5**

## **14. Sports Fields, Courts, and Open Areas**

- Accessible routes to fields and courts
- Firm and stable surfaces
- Accessible participant and spectator areas

**Score: /5**

## **15. Spectator Seating and Stands**

- Designated wheelchair seating areas
- Companion seating provided
- Clear sightlines
- Accessible routes to seating

**Score: /5**

## **16. Swimming Pool (if applicable)**

- Step-free access to pool area
- Pool lift or ramp entry provided
- Slip-resistant pool deck
- Accessible showers and changing rooms

**Score: /5**

## **17. Changing Rooms**

- Accessible changing rooms available
- Adequate maneuvering space
- Accessible lockers and benches
- Non-slip flooring

**Score: /5**

## **18. Cafeteria and Food Services**

- Step-free access
- Accessible tables and seating
- Adequate aisle width
- Service counters at accessible height

**Score: /5**

## **19. Prayer Room**

- Accessible route to prayer room
- Designated wheelchair space
- Quiet and respectful environment

**Score: /5**

## **20. Service Counters**

- Lowered counter section for wheelchair users
- Clear floor space in front of counters
- Accessible queuing systems

**Score: /5**

## **21. Rest Areas and Shelters**

- Accessible seating options
- Adequate circulation space
- Shaded and comfortable environment

**Score: /5**

## 22. Autism-Friendly Area

- Quiet, low-sensory stimulation spaces
- Calm lighting and colors
- Visual communication supports
- Clear behavioral guidance signage

Score: /5

## 23. Wayfinding and Signage

- International accessibility symbols used
- High-contrast colors and clear fonts
- Directional signage to all facilities
- Tactile or Braille signage where applicable

Score: /5

## 24. Additional Support Services

- Written accessibility and inclusion policy
- Trained staff or support personnel
- Complaint and feedback mechanism
- Regular maintenance of accessibility features

Score: /5

## 4. Final Assessment

- Total Score: ..... / 120
- Percentage: ..... %

### Accreditation Level

- Below 60%: Not Accessible
- 60–79%: Partially Accessible
- 80–89%: Disability-Friendly Public Park
- 90–100%: Fully Accredited Accessible Public Park

## 5. Accreditation

Facilities meeting the requirements are entitled to:

- Official Accessibility Certificate issued by WDU
- Accreditation plaque displayed at main entrance

- Use of the designation: **“Accessible Public Park – WDU Certified”**

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# Public Parks & Recreation Areas Accessibility Inspection Form

Issuing Authority: WORLD DISABILITY UNION (WDU)

## General Information

- Park / Recreation Area Name: .....
- Address / Location: .....
- City / Country: .....
- Type of Facility (Public Park / Recreation Area / Theme Park): .....
- Inspection Date: .... / .... / ....
- Inspector Name: .....
- Inspecting Authority: .....

## Evaluation Method

Each item is evaluated using the following five-point rating system:

| Score | Description                                |
|-------|--|
| 1     | Not available                              |
| 2     | Available but non-compliant                |
| 3     | Partially available                        |
| 4     | Available and compliant with minor remarks |
| 5     | Fully available and fully compliant        |

All observations, risks, and recommendations must be documented in the **Remarks** column.

## 1. Accessible Parking

| Item                                 | Score | Remarks |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Minimum 5% accessible parking spaces |       |         |
| Parking located near main entrances  |       |         |
| Van Accessible spaces provided       |       |         |
| Proper dimensions and access aisles  |       |         |
| Clear vertical and ground signage    |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 2. Curb Ramps and External Routes

| Item                                | Score | Remarks |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Curb ramps at all pedestrian routes |       |         |
| Slope $\leq$ 1:12                   |       |         |
| Minimum width $\geq$ 120 cm         |       |         |
| Slip-resistant surface              |       |         |
| Obstacle-free continuous route      |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 3. Entrance Ramps and Gates

| Item                              | Score | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Step-free access at entrances     |       |         |
| Code-compliant ramps provided     |       |         |
| Handrails on both sides           |       |         |
| Adequate wheelchair turning space |       |         |
| Entrances clearly identified      |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 4. Doors and Gates

| Item                             | Score | Remarks |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Clear opening width $\geq$ 90 cm |       |         |
| Easy-to-open or automatic gates  |       |         |
| Accessible handles and hardware  |       |         |
| No raised thresholds             |       |         |
| Safe opening force               |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 5. Internal Pathways and Walkways

| Item                                 | Score | Remarks |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Pathway width $\geq$ 150 cm          |       |         |
| Firm, stable, slip-resistant surface |       |         |
| Obstacle-free circulation            |       |         |
| Adequate maneuvering spaces          |       |         |
| Edge protection where required       |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 6. Elevators (if applicable)

| Item                           | Score | Remarks |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Wheelchair-accessible elevator |       |         |
| Controls at accessible height  |       |         |
| Braille/tactile markings       |       |         |
| Audible & visual indicators    |       |         |
| Emergency communication system |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 7. Stairs

| Item                          | Score | Remarks |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Handrails on both sides       |       |         |
| Non-slip stair surfaces       |       |         |
| Visual contrast on step edges |       |         |
| Warning strips                |       |         |
| Adequate lighting             |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 8. Emergency Exits and Exit Ramps

| Item                          | Score | Remarks |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Accessible emergency exits    |       |         |
| Ramps provided at exits       |       |         |
| Illuminated emergency signage |       |         |
| Accessible evacuation routes  |       |         |
| Routes free of obstructions   |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 9. Evacuation Chairs (if required)

| Item                             | Score | Remarks |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Evacuation chairs available      |       |         |
| Clearly marked locations         |       |         |
| Staff trained in usage           |       |         |
| Regular inspection & maintenance |       |         |
| Evacuation procedures posted     |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 10. Alarm Systems (Audible & Visual)

| Item                         | Score | Remarks |
|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Audible alarm system         |       |         |
| Visual alarm system          |       |         |
| Coverage in public areas     |       |         |
| Linked to emergency services |       |         |
| Regular testing              |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 11. Wheelchair Availability

| Item                          | Score | Remarks |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Wheelchairs available on site |       |         |
| Easy access/request procedure |       |         |
| Maintained and hygienic       |       |         |
| Staff awareness               |       |         |
| Accessible storage location   |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 12. Accessible Restrooms

| Item                      | Score | Remarks |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Step-free restroom access |       |         |
| Adequate turning space    |       |         |
| Grab bars installed       |       |         |
| Non-slip flooring         |       |         |
| Emergency call system     |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 13. Inclusive Playgrounds & Sports Areas

| Item                               | Score | Remarks |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Inclusive play equipment           |       |         |
| Shock-absorbing accessible surface |       |         |
| Clear circulation paths            |       |         |
| Accessible sports equipment        |       |         |
| Safety signage                     |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 14. Sports Fields, Courts & Open Areas

| Item                           | Score | Remarks |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Accessible routes              |       |         |
| Firm and stable surfaces       |       |         |
| Accessible participant areas   |       |         |
| Accessible spectator areas     |       |         |
| Safety barriers where required |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 15. Spectator Seating and Stands

| Item                     | Score | Remarks |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Wheelchair seating areas |       |         |
| Companion seating        |       |         |
| Clear sightlines         |       |         |
| Accessible routes        |       |         |
| Handrails and guards     |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 16. Swimming Pool (if applicable)

| Item                        | Score | Remarks |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|
| Step-free access            |       |         |
| Pool lift or ramp           |       |         |
| Non-slip pool deck          |       |         |
| Accessible showers/changing |       |         |
| Safety signage              |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 17. Changing Rooms

| Item                       | Score | Remarks |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|
| Accessible changing rooms  |       |         |
| Adequate maneuvering space |       |         |
| Accessible lockers         |       |         |
| Non-slip flooring          |       |         |
| Benches and supports       |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 18. Cafeteria and Food Services

| Item                 | Score | Remarks |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Step-free access     |       |         |
| Accessible tables    |       |         |
| Adequate aisle width |       |         |
| Accessible counters  |       |         |
| Clear menus/signage  |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 19. Prayer Room

| Item               | Score | Remarks |
|--------------------|-------|---------|
| Accessible route   |       |         |
| Wheelchair space   |       |         |
| Quiet environment  |       |         |
| Clear circulation  |       |         |
| Respectful signage |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 20. Service Counters

| Item                    | Score | Remarks |
|-------------------------|-------|---------|
| Lowered counters        |       |         |
| Clear front space       |       |         |
| Accessible queuing      |       |         |
| Staff assistance        |       |         |
| Visual/auditory support |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 21. Rest Areas and Shelters

| Item                   | Score | Remarks |
|------------------------|-------|---------|
| Accessible seating     |       |         |
| Adequate circulation   |       |         |
| Shaded/protected areas |       |         |
| Close to facilities    |       |         |
| Clear signage          |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 22. Autism-Friendly Area

| Item                      | Score | Remarks |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Quiet low-sensory area    |       |         |
| Calm lighting and colors  |       |         |
| Visual communication aids |       |         |
| Caregiver access          |       |         |
| Clear usage guidance      |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 23. Wayfinding and Signage

| Item                       | Score | Remarks |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|
| Accessibility symbols used |       |         |
| High-contrast colors       |       |         |
| Clear fonts                |       |         |
| Directional signage        |       |         |
| Tactile/Braille signs      |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## 24. Additional Support Services

| Item                           | Score | Remarks |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Accessibility policy available |       |         |
| Trained support staff          |       |         |
| Complaint & feedback system    |       |         |
| Regular maintenance            |       |         |
| Continuous improvement         |       |         |

Section Score: /5

## Final Assessment

- Total Score: ..... / 120
- Percentage: ..... %

### Accreditation Result

- Not Accessible (Below 60%)
- Partially Accessible (60–79%)
- Disability-Friendly Public Park (80–89%)
- Fully Accredited Accessible Public Park (90–100%)

## Signatures

- Inspector Name & Signature: .....
- Facility Representative Name & Signature: .....
- Official Stamp: .....



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