



Tourism Accessibility Updates

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Trail / Walkway Width

The proper width of trails and walkways is important to allow room for mobility devices or service animals going both ways along a path.

The CSA specifications for Trail / Walkway width are:

- Width 1600 mm with site constraints minimum 1200 mm
- Surface should be stable, firm, slip-resistant, minimal glare, no strong visual pattern
- Passing spaces 1830 mm x 1830 mm every 50 m or less



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Benches

Park benches or seating areas should be available in areas that can be readily available for children, elders, or anyone that may need a regular rest. Some picnic tables and benches should be located near accessible paths and walkways for persons using mobility aids, keeping in mind that the path from the walkway or path to the actual picnic table or bench also needs to be accessible. Parks Canada recommends benches be available every 45-60 m.



BC Building Code Specifications

- Minimum 900 mm wide x 1525 mm deep for side approach, & 1350 mm deep for front or rear approach

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Lighting for External Areas

Environmental lighting is important for the safety of visitors because it improves visibility, reduces the risk of tripping and falling, and helps people with visual impairments navigate their surroundings more easily. External lighting can be used along public walkways and pedestrian routes to improve safe access for persons with disabilities on trail systems, sidewalks, bus stops, or parking areas leading to public facilities, amenities, nature areas or viewpoints. Lighting sources should be selected and located at, or beside steps and stairs, to improve the visibility and definition of treads, risers, and nosing.



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