



# Accessibility Guide

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Search Party accessibility guide. Search Party is committed to a policy of equal opportunities for all. We try to make all of our activities as accessible as possible. Where this has not been possible we have provided information below.

Search Party is an interactive, web-based treasure hunt that takes place around the streets of Edinburgh. Players play in teams using their own smartphones to access clues which lead to different locations throughout the city.

Please get in touch if you require any further information or need advice.

## CONTACT DETAILS

**Email:** [searchparty@gildedballoon.co.uk](mailto:searchparty@gildedballoon.co.uk) – a member of our team will get back to you within 3 days

**Phone:** (0)131 622 6555

**In Person:** Due to current COVID restrictions tickets for Search Party can not be bought in person - visit [www.searchpartyedinburgh.co.uk](http://www.searchpartyedinburgh.co.uk) or call to purchase tickets.

**Social Media:** You can direct message us at any of our Social Media channels

- Twitter - @SearchPartyEd
- Facebook - facebook.com/SearchPartyEd
- Instagram - instagram.com/SearchPartyEd

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***The following sections include some information  
about the game and clues***

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Search Party can be played at any time as chosen by the players. When you purchase a ticket you will be sent a link from which you can start the game at your convenience
- There is no time limit for Search Party so you can take as long as you like to complete the hunt
- The entire Search Party hunt takes place outdoors so please be prepared for any weather conditions
- It is possible to get the answer to all clues without finding the physical spaces if they are inaccessible so players will still be able to complete the game. To get the answer to a clue enter an answer 3 times.

## **VISUAL**

- Audio description is not available
- Some of the clues require reading signs or looking for items on buildings in the distance
- Some of the clues are based on colours and may not be suitable for players with color blindness

## **HEARING**

- Transcripts and captioning are available on all video and audio files

## **ROUTE**

- Search Party takes place on the streets of Edinburgh starting at Teviot Row House, 13 Bristo Pl, Edinburgh EH8 9AJ and ends near the National Museum of Scotland on West College Street

- Most of the route is wheelchair and pushchair accessible. In some cases the route may be adjusted slightly to make accessibility easier. There is one clue that is only accessible via stairs.
- Edinburgh is an old hilly city. There are cobble stones or uneven ground in some locations and a few hills to go up or down in search for clues.
- There are bollards on the pavement in one of the clue areas meaning participants using wheelchairs or mobility devices will have to use the road to access the clue. You can choose to skip this clue or go on the road but you do so at your own risk.
- For more specific information about the route please get in touch with us using the contact details above
- Old Infirmary Lane: the game will send players down Old Infirmary Lane which has stairs. The alternative accessible route is to exit Drummond Street, turn right on South Bridge, then turn right down Infirmary Street. The next clue is at the bottom of Infirmary Street and is fully accessible. We recommend you cross the road at the top of Infirmary Street as this will make it easier with later clues.
- There is a need to cross the road at the bottom of Infirmary Street but there are no ramps. The kerbs are lowered in certain areas but are not level.
- After the Cowgate clue - the route shown in the video is up a lot of stairs. The level route is up Blair Street, turn left on the Royal Mile and head towards St Giles Cathedral. This route is up a steep-ish hill.
- City Chambers Quadrangle: the only level entrance to this area is on a road way. Please be careful and use this entrance at your own risk.
- Advocates Close clue: this puzzle can only be accessed by stairs down. It can be seen from the Royal Mile but at a distance.

## TOILETS

- Due to Covid-19 regulations there are restrictions on public toilet access. Please check before visiting.

### Public Toilets

- There are public toilets at Princes Street Garden (including accessible toilet)
- For further information visit:  
[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/leisure-sport-culture/public-toilets](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/leisure-sport-culture/public-toilets)

### Changing Places Toilets

- There are two Changing Places toilets nearby the Search Party route:
  1. Edinburgh Waverley Train Station
  2. National Museum of Scotland
- For further information visit:  
<https://changingplaces.uktoiletmap.org/find?toiletLocation=Edinburgh>

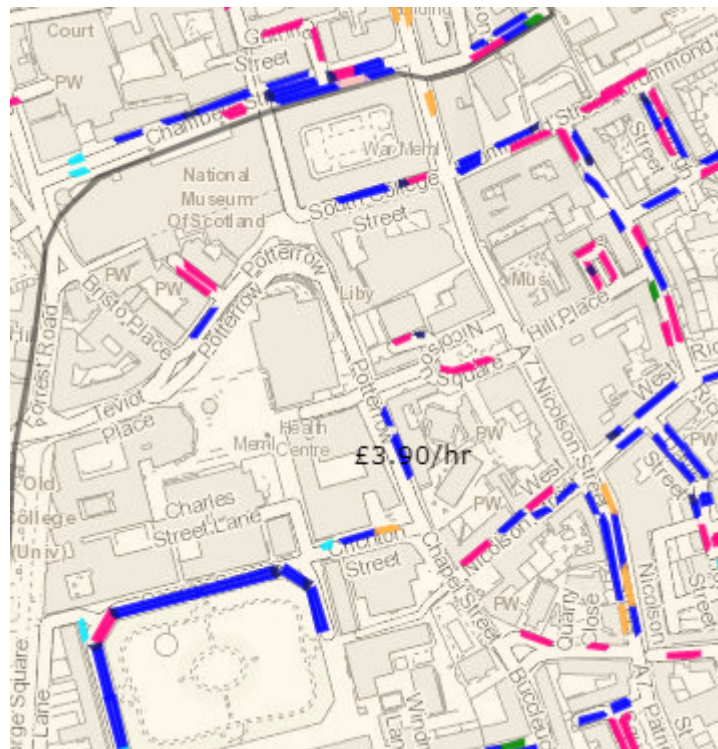
## FOOD AND DRINK

- Search Party takes place between several locations in the centre of Edinburgh.
- There are many cafes, restaurants and snack bars throughout the route (depending on COVID 19 Government restrictions). Please see specific venues for opening times and follow government guidance.
- For more specific information about the route please get in touch with us using the contact details above

## TRAVEL

- Please note the start and end points are different from each other
- Always follow Government guidance and restrictions relating to COVID-19 and travel

- Start: Teviot Row House, 13 Bristo Place, Edinburgh EH8 9AJ
- End Point: West College Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1HT



## Parking

In the above map:

- **Sky blue**, sky blue = disabled person's parking place
- **Blue**, blue = Pay and Display public parking bays
- For further information visit:  
[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parking-spaces/find-parking-bays/1](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parking-spaces/find-parking-bays/1)

## Train

- Waverley Train Station is approximately 15 minutes walk from both the start and end points of the route
- For further information visit:  
[www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/passengers/our-stations/edinburgh-waverley/](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/passengers/our-stations/edinburgh-waverley/)

## **Bus**

- There are many bus routes to and from Edinburgh City Centre and near the start and end routes
- For further information visit: [www.lothianbuses.com](http://www.lothianbuses.com)

**For further information on travel or the route, get in touch with us using the contact details above**

## **FEEDBACK**

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Please get in touch using the contact details above.