

ACCESS INFORMATION

PROCESSIONS LONDON - 10th June 2018

Thank you for taking part in PROCESSIONS! We are delighted to have you with us to celebrate this historic moment.

Artichoke is aware that some participants may require additional support to take part in the event and we have endeavoured to ensure that all participants are empowered to take part in PROCESSIONS on an equal basis.

Artichoke takes accessibility and safety for all participants very seriously, regardless of their special access needs. We understand people have a variety of accessibility requirements and we encourage you to communicate them to us so we can help you as best we can to enjoy your day at PROCESSIONS.

If you have not already done so, please register your attendance by visiting www.processions.co.uk

We have spent time carefully planning this event, liaising with multiple agencies across London to ensure that you and your group are kept safe and together on the day, and that it is an enjoyable experience for all.

Please read through this document carefully to help you plan your day.

If, after reading this document and assessing your own requirements, you feel that you would be better suited walking a shorter route on the day, **please ensure you have registered by visiting www.processions.co.uk and telling us about your access requirements.** We will then email you details about our special access point which will enable you to do a shorter route.

This area is encouraged for individuals and groups who have limited mobility and for those who require a safe space in order to attend PROCESSIONS. However, this space is also limited so we would ask you to consider your access needs before deciding whether to use this starting point.

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1.1 YOUR JOURNEY TO THE EVENT

Route location and timing information:

STARTING POINT	ROUTE END POINT	ASSEMBLY TIME	APPROX STARTING TIME
Park Lane, W1K 7AJ	Abingdon Street, SW1P 3JY	12:15 – 13:15	14:00

Distances:

This route is for anyone who is able to walk the full length of the PROCESSION.

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Distance from the starting point (Park Lane) to the route end point (Abingdon Street):
2.6 miles / 4184m.

Please note that PROCESSIONS is taking place on roads in the city centre. We believe the route to be step free, but please be aware that the terrain may be uneven at times.

We will be walking at a manageable, slow pace.

Accessible Public Transport Information:

Participants are encouraged to get to the starting point using public transport wherever possible. Due to the nature of the event and the need to close roads for PROCESSIONS to take place, there will be diversions in place and additional congestion around in the city centre. Please check with your public transport provider before planning your journey.

The closest step-free tube station to the starting point is Green Park, a 15 minute walk to Park Lane.

Please visit [Transport for London Accessibility Page](#) for guidance on travelling step-free on the Transport for London Network.

As the bus network will be disrupted and re-routed during the road closures, [please ensure you research local bus services before you travel.](#)

Please refer to the London PROCESSIONS transport plan for further guidance on coach parking and onward travel into Central London.

Accessible Parking:

There is no public parking provided for the event. Those who wish to travel by car should make use of public car parking facilities in central London, taking the road closure arrangements into consideration. There are various [Q-Park car parks](#) available in central London which would be suitable for easy access to the starting point.

Please make sure that if you are using central London car parks, you arrive with plenty of time before the event, before any road closures are implemented.

Blue Badge parking spaces available near the starting point:

Seymour Street (3)
Upper Berkeley Street (3)
Grosvenor Square (4)
Knightsbridge (10)

1.2 WHEN YOU ARRIVE**Waiting Times:**

Due to the nature of the event we cannot give estimated wait times as it will depend on the amount of people taking part on the day. Your waiting times are also dependent on what time you choose to arrive. It is likely that there will be extended wait times throughout the assembly and PROCESSION.

Though we will do our best to keep these to a minimum, we highly recommend that, if you have limited mobility or find it difficult to stand for long periods of time, you bring some temporary fold-away seating with you. Please use these in safe areas only, within the form up areas and off the route of the PROCESSION.

Refreshments:

You will be free to come and go on the day from the assembly point, and during the PROCESSION also.

As PROCESSIONS is taking place in Central London, there are many food and drink outlets along the route and within a 10-minute radius of the starting point, where you can buy some refreshments or rest.

There will be no barriers along the route, if you would like to stop for refreshments you can do so at any time by stepping out of the PROCESSION. Please alert a steward or volunteer if you require assistance.

Here are a few examples of accessible eateries etc. in close proximity to the starting point:

Tesco Express: 50-52 Curzon St, Mayfair, London W1J 7UP

Benugo: 14 Curzon St, Mayfair, London W1J 5HN

Caffe Nero: 50-52 Curzon St, Mayfair, London W1J 7UP

Visit [Inclusive London](#) to find other accessible restaurants and shops in the area. You can also download the [Inclusive London app](#) onto your device to use while you're on the go.

Toilets:

Accessible toilets will be provided at the following locations: close to the starting point (Achilles Way, South end of Park Lane), and just beyond the route end point (Millbank). Toilets will be sign posted.

These toilets will be stewarded so please present yourself as a participant who requires special access to use these facilities.

Trafalgar Square (which we will pass during PROCESSIONS) has 4 disabled toilets which are open to the public and are free to use. If you have a radar key please ensure you bring it with you on the day.

General public toilets in Trafalgar Square are also available through pay barriers. Carers, please identify yourself as attending PROCESSIONS to staff members at these toilets, and you will be granted free access to use them.

1.3 DURING THE PROCESSION

What to Expect:

When you arrive, you'll be directed to the assembly area on Park Lane, where you will be given a green, white or violet shawl to put on.

You will be marshalled into three lines of colour with your group and other participants before moving off from Park Lane and onto Piccadilly to start the PROCESSION.

Please be aware that as PROCESSIONS is a mass participation event and is likely to be crowded and noisy.

We will be walking at a manageable, slow pace.

There will be no barriers along the route, though some parts of the arrival point will be enclosed by barriers. If you are feeling unwell or would like to stop walking, you can step out of the PROCESSION and re-join it at any time.

Please alert a steward or volunteer if you require any assistance.

1.4 GETTING HOME

There is no rally at the end of PROCESSIONS.

Accessible Public Transport Information:

Stewards and volunteers will be on hand to direct you to the nearest accessible Transport for London stations for you to get home.

Stations nearby with step-free access:

Victoria Station for Train Services, Circle, District and Victoria Line Tube Services (30 minute walk)

Waterloo Station for Train Services, Jubilee, Northern and Bakerloo Line Tube Services (30 minute walk)

Green Park Station for Victoria Line, Piccadilly Line, Jubilee Line Tube Services (30 minute walk)

Please avoid using Westminster or St James' Park as they will be extremely busy.

For those travelling back towards East London, whose journey may be made easier by using the River Bus services (for example, travelling to Blackfriars or Greenwich) can make use of a special PROCESSIONS discount, provided by [Thames Clipper](#) services. For 40% off their standard fare from Millbank or Westminster pier, pre-book your ticket online from [Thames Clippers](#) and use special code GWV100 to receive your discount. For more information about Thames Clipper accessibility, [please click here](#).

If your party are coming by coach we would advise you to follow the general guidance outlined in the Transport Plan and make your way back to your coach parking location by public transport.