

# Accessible Experiences

## **Attractions:**

### **Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre:**

The Cultural Centre has a drop-off area for people with limited mobility near the front doors, accessed via the adjacent Spirit Ridge building. There is also a ramp from the parking lot. The building is fully wheelchair accessible. Outdoor "Living Land" exhibits have accessible gravel crush pathways as does 1 km of nature trail going to the village displays. Some areas of rock crush trail may be difficult for motorized wheelchairs or scooters such as the steeper upper trail. Wheelchair accessible and non-accessible trails are clearly marked on the outdoor trail map.

Seniors or special needs guests can ask if staff are available to conduct a tour by golf cart.

### **Osoyoos Desert Centre:**

The Interpretive Building and boardwalk trail are wheelchair accessible. One wheelchair is available at the Desert Centre. Please call ahead to book.

For the safety of your pet we do not allow dogs on the boardwalk. We are happy to have your dog hang out on our doggy deck – a lovely shaded area with plenty of water provided, as well as lots of love and attention from our ODC volunteers and staff while you are out on tour.

### **Rattlesnake Canyon:**

Entrance, pathways, and washrooms are wheelchair accessible.

### **Okanagan Art Gallery:**

Entrance is wheelchair accessible.

### **Osoyoos Art Gallery:**

Entrance is wheelchair accessible.

### **Anarchist Mountain Viewpoint:**

Wide paved scenic lookout at 4,045 feet giving visitors spectacular views of the town of Osoyoos, Osoyoos Lake, and the southern part of the Okanagan Valley.

### **The Osoyoos Visitor Centre:**

Visitors can pick up local maps, town information, and browse through a gift shop as well as gather information on the rest of the province of BC. With accessible washroom facilities and flat access from the parking lot but limited safe access if not in a vehicle.

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## **Public Spaces:**

### **Osoyoos Town Hall:**

Wheelchair accessible ramp.

### **Main Street/ downtown Osoyoos:**

Wide paved sidewalks (with walk-downs to the streets at crossings) connecting the shops/restaurants downtown. Parking spaces for permit holders with limited mobility available along Main Street. Audible signals at traffic lights along Highway 3 / Main Street.

### **Public Beaches:**

Gyro Beach is the largest beach in Osoyoos and you'll find plenty of shaded trees, warm shallow waters and closed off swimming areas. Flat, paved walkway above the beach, new wheelchair ramp and Mobi-Mat (for wheelchair access to the water) in summer.

Cottonwood Beach and Legion Beach are both equipped with a Mobi-Mat (for wheelchair access to the water) in summer. Legion Beach has an accessible washroom.

### **Jack Shaw Splash Park:**

The Splash Park is accessible from the parking area at Legion Beach. The park can be used by all visitors and residents, and includes use with strollers, walkers and wheelchairs. Pets are not allowed in the Splash Park except for service animals.

### **Playgrounds:**

Kinsmen Park and Lion's Park have accessible swings with rubber fall protection.

### **Sonora Community Centre and Osoyoos Library:**

There is paved wheelchair access at the main entrance and parking spots for permit holders with limited mobility. There is an elevator to the second floor as well as fully accessible washrooms and an adult change table.

A Mobi-Chair (floating mobility aid) and a TrailRider (all-terrain mobility aid) are available on loan. Call the Sonora Centre (250-495-6562) to arrange.

### **Sunbowl Arena:**

The arena has a power lift to the second level and accessible seating in the arena.

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## **Hiking:**

### **S̓wi̓ws Provincial Park (Haynes Point)**

The park has 80 metres of boardwalk and a viewing platform overlooking a natural marsh. There is a day use area which is partially paved.

### **Pioneer Walkway:**

Located in the centre of town, one can start the pioneer walkway by parking on the east side of Osoyoos Bridge. This scenic path continues down the east side of Main St. showcasing several benches, arbours, a gazebo to catch some shade and planters brimming full of seasonal flowers. There is a scent garden near the gazebo.

### **Irrigation Canal Walkway:**

The Irrigation Canal Walkway is a walking trail that showcases our incredible desert ecosystem, as well as views of the town and Osoyoos Lake. This 4.3 km fully paved loop starts on the corner of 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 115<sup>th</sup> Street and overlooks Osoyoos agricultural landscape, before turning into a tunnel, and looping around the Osoyoos Airport for a close look at the unique desert biome the area is known for.

### **Lakeshore Drive:**

Starting from Goodman Park the path is fully paved right beside the lake. This path is approximately 3 km one way.

## **Accessible Wine Tour Operators:**

- Wine Tours Gone South: limited availability, call Natasha (250-498-7501) for more information.

## **Accessible Winery Experiences:**

- Burrowing Owl Winery and Sonora Room restaurant are wheelchair accessible. There is an accessible suite in the Guest House with wider door frames and grab bars, as well as an elevator which can be accessed for those wishing to take a cellar tour.
- Covert Farms farm tour
- Tinhorn Creek Vineyard & Miradoro Restaurant
- Hester Creek Winery & Terrafina Restaurant

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## **Fruit Stands:**

### **With level access:**

- Osoyoos Fruit Basket
- Fernandes Fruit Market
- Kailey Fruit Market
- Osoyoos Fruit Market

## **Accommodation with accessible rooms:**

- Avalon Inn (2 rooms)
- Best Western Sunrise Inn (2 rooms)
- Casa Del Mila Oro Resort (13 rooms)
- Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites (2 rooms)
- Spirit Ridge Lake Resort (3 rooms)
- Watermark Beach Resort (4 rooms)
- Baergnaescht B&B
- Ciliegia Villa

## **Accessible Bus Service with BC Transit:**

- Osoyoos local bus route 41 uses a wheelchair accessible bus
- Osoyoos to Penticton and return route 40 uses a wheelchair accessible bus