

Pumpkin Trail

Frequently Asked Questions

- **When does the event take place?**

Every day between 9am and 4pm from Saturday, 19th October to Sunday, 3rd November 2024.

- **Where does the trail start and finish?**

The Pumpkin Trail is a linear route from the Cavendish Pavilion to the Strid. We advise you complete the event in this direction to solve the challenge. We encourage visitors who can to return to the Cavendish Pavilion via an alternative route to avoid congestion.

- **How long is the Pumpkin Trail?**

The Pumpkin Trail is 1 mile, plus the distance of your return walk which will vary depending on the route you choose.

- **How long will it take to complete the Pumpkin Trail?**

Approximately 1 hour depending on the age and speed of the children, plus the time of your return walk, which will vary depending on the route you choose.

- **What alternative routes are there for us to walk back on when we reach the Strid and finish the Pumpkin Trail?**

There are several alternative routes.

The blue trail runs parallel to the Pumpkin Trail in Strid Wood. It offers spectacular views of the autumn colour and river Wharfe. This is the same distance as the Pumpkin Trail.

Alternatively you could continue north through Strid Wood and cross the River at the aqueduct (the turreted bridge) and walk back via the orange trail, through Strid Wood on the opposite bank of the river to the Pumpkin Trail. This is approximately 3 miles and takes in the fabulous autumn colour.

Please note the alternative routes are not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs and there are some steep slopes and unguarded drops.

- **Which car park do I park in?**

Riverside car park is the nearest car park to the start of the Pumpkin Trail.

Bolton Abbey car park is approximately 1 mile away. You can walk from Bolton Abbey car park past the Priory and via the Welly Walk to the start of the Pumpkin Trail.

Strid Wood car park approximately 1.5 miles via the blue trail to the start of the Pumpkin trail or 2.5 mile via the aqueduct and down the orange trail to the start of the Pumpkin Trail.

- **Is the Pumpkin Trail pushchair and wheel chair friendly?**

Yes. If you have a pushchair, a wheel chair or a member of your group is less able please retrace your footsteps along the Pumpkin Trail back from the Strid to the Cavendish Pavilion. The alternative routes are not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs and are not less able friendly.

Do I need to book a ticket?

Yes we do advise pre-booking your car park ticket as this include the Pumpkin Trail event.

You can pre-book your visit on line at boltonabbey.com

- **Do season ticket holders need to book?**

Season ticket holders do not need to book.

- **Where do I get the Pumpkin Trail form from?**

You will be given a Pumpkin Trail form at the car park kiosk (Bolton Abbey, Riverside or Strid) on production of a valid e-ticket or season ticket.

- **If I purchase a ticket for Bolton Abbey car park can I park in Riverside car park?**
- You can transfer between car parks but for guaranteed entry to the Pumpkin Trail we would advise purchasing a Riverside ticket.
- **What age is the event suitable for?**
The event can be enjoyed by children aged between 3 and 12 years.
- **Are dogs allowed on the Pumpkin Trail?**
Dog are welcome on a lead.
- **Will there be refreshments at Strid?**
There will be no catering van in Strid Wood. The nearest catering is at the Cavendish Pavilion or Strid Wood Tearooms.
- **What time is the Cavendish Pavilion open from and to?**
The Cavendish Pavilion is open from 10am to 4pm serving hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, cakes and ice cream. There is seating and in and outside the Cavendish Pavilion.
- **What time does the Estate open and close?**
The Estate opens at 9am, last admission is 4pm and closes at 5pm.
- **Is the event lit?**
- No. If you are visiting late afternoon please bring a torch.
- **Will the Welly Walk be on?**
Yes
- **Can we do the Welly Walk before or after we have done the Pumpkin Trail?** Yes
- **Are there toilets on the route?**
No. There are lavatories in Bolton Abbey car park, Riverside car park and Strid car park.
- **Will the event be cancelled due to the weather?**
The event will go ahead in bad weather. Please check the weather forecast in advance and be prepared for the Great British weather, wrap up warm, wear waterproofs if required, bring an umbrella and wear sturdy shoes. The Pumpkin Trail will only be cancelled if the weather conditions present a danger at the time of the visit. In the unlikely event that the Pumpkin Trail is cancelled, we will aim to give as much notice as possible and visitors will be notified of cancellation email.
- **Can I change my booking?**
No tickets are non-transferable or refundable or exchangeable.
- **Do you accept cash?**
No. Card payment only.