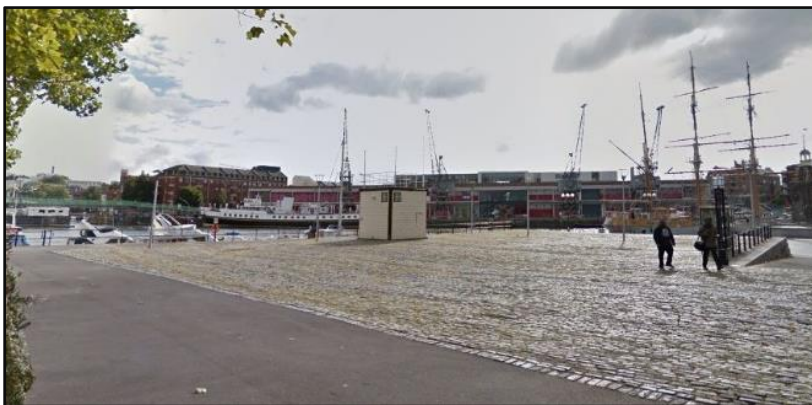
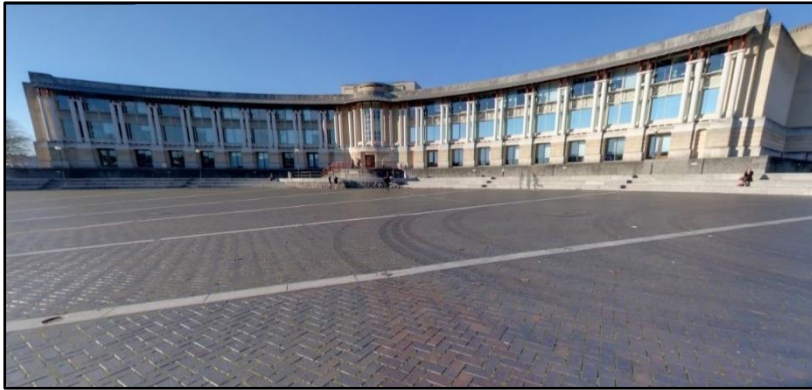


Amphitheatre

Site guide



Bristol City Council

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1. Location



The Amphitheatre is a popular event site located at the heart of Bristol's vibrant Harbourside area. It is also situated close to the busy City Centre with its business and commercial districts as well as many cultural leisure venues. This site can be used to provide a versatile and hard-standing venue for a variety of events including music and food festivals, markets and promotional activities.

2. Site Address



Canons Way, Bristol BS1 5DB

Google Maps : [3D Aerial](#) [2D Directions Map](#) [Streetview](#)

3. Site description

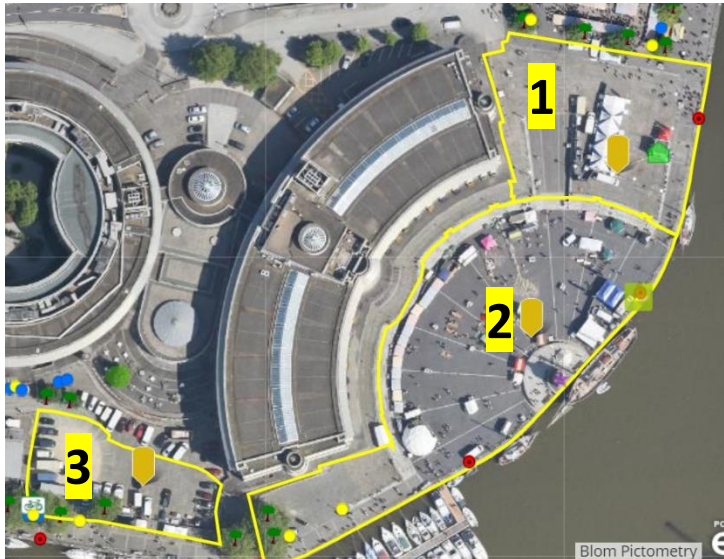
Hard standing flat public area. Amphitheatre style steps around 1 side facing floating harbour. Weather vane on river side.

3.1 The event space

The Amphitheatre has 3 event spaces you can use together or separately.

For the below:

- 1- Amphitheatre- Top
- 2- Amphitheatre
- 3- Hanover Quay



For a larger online version of this site, please follow this link [Bristol Outdoor Events Areas 2025 \(App\)](#)

4. Ground conditions



There are historic cobbles leading from millennium square into the amphitheatre. Access for those who need mobility access will need to be considered.

The image on the right shows the ground within the amphitheatre.

5. Event Area

7500 Sq M

Areas by spitfire are often used for backstage in addition to the main amphitheatre and bars / catering area.

6. Accessibility

Event organisers are responsible for making their events as accessible as possible.

The raised area at the back has ramp access and is often used as a viewing platform.

Cobbled floor would need to be considered.

7. Access & Parking

7.1 Vehicle Access

Access point 1: From top of ramp to Amphitheatre (upper) via locked barrier. **Emergency access**

point 2: Along quayside from Hannover Quay via locked bollards.

Event parking access point 3 / 4 (major events only – by prior agreement): Behind Pavilion on Hannover Quay via locked bollards

7.2 Parking

Parking on the site is by prior agreement only. A parking enforcement regime is in place on the site and unauthorised vehicles may be clamped. Additional parking spaces for major events only may be available at Hannover Quay – enquiries should be made with the Site Permissions Team well in advance of the event and there may be a fee for the use of this area.

7.3 Pedestrian Access

There are pedestrian access points either side of the Amphitheatre. Restriction of the pedestrian through route across the event area should be maintained, with closure only being when it is deemed as an essential safety control measure.

7.4 Traffic management

A traffic management plan will need to be agreed with Bristol City Council and in consultation with the Safety Advisory Group

No sign shall be fixed to either a traffic signal pole or at a zebra crossing. This is particularly important on Anchor Road, which is a very busy main route to and from the city centre. The signs shall be mounted either on a temporary “A” frame or fixed to existing street furniture, other than already specified, at a minimum height of 2.3m to the underside of the sign.

Any sign that does not comply with the above will be removed.

8. Transport links

- 1.0 mile to Temple Meads, mostly flat
- 0.9 miles to Bristol Bus station, mostly flat

To find more transport options and timings, follow this link [Homepage - travelWEST](#)

9. Site facilities

9.1 Permanent Infrastructure

Weather vane

9.2 Power supply

To see the most up to date power information about this site, click the following link.

[Bristol City Council Events Power 2025 - Google My Maps](#)

Event organisers should prioritise means of power higher in the [power hierarchy](#).

9.3 Water supply

1 x water stand pipe connection on raised cobbled area to the south of the Amphitheatre. Taps with potable water are situated at intervals along the quayside. Priority is given to boat owners for use of these water points.

For more information on water supply and sandpipes, look at the general event guidance document.

9.4 Toilets

There are no toilets on this site, so events would have to arrange temporary toilets (Essential when capacity is over 50).

To calculate additional infrastructure facilities required for your event please refer to [The Purple Guide](#) for guidance on minimum provision.

Toilets and baby change facilities located at Millennium Square

10. Waste management

- Event organisers should prioritise methods higher in the [waste hierarchy](#)
- The waste management plan must include the surrounding area and key ingress and egress routes
- The event organisers are responsible for doing a litter pick after the event and also disposing of all of this waste.
- The fixed waste bins onsite are not for event-use and should not be factored into the waste management plan.

11. Restrictions of the site

A 1.8m access route along the quayside must be retained to enable access to the mooring locations on this quayside vessels

The Amphitheatre site forms part of the circular Harbourside walking route. Event management arrangements and site set up plans should seek to limit the closure of the event space as an access route to essential times only.

At times when a Thorofare through the space is not able to be maintained, then an effective diversion system should be put in place at each end of the closure.

Borders River Avon Site of Nature Conservation Interest.

12. Nature conservation

Amphitheatre:

Nature Conservation Designations

No designations for the site, but the Floating Harbour Wildlife Corridor is located directly adjacent.

Notable Habitats

The events area includes mostly existing hard standing and buildings. The open water and dock infrastructure within the Floating Harbour are directly adjacent.

No activities should be permitted which cause damage to these habitats. Measures will need to be taken to avoid impacts to the adjacent habitats area as a result of increased footfall or use of vehicles and machinery.

Notable Species

There are notable plant assemblages associated with some of the dock infrastructure within the Floating Harbour. Other notable species likely to be present nearby, including nesting wildfowl and wetland birds, bats, otter and fish species. Potential for bat roosts to be present in trees and structures adjacent to the site.

Measures must be taken to ensure there are no direct impacts to these species such as via damage to habitats, or indirect impacts such as via disturbance from artificial lighting, noise and vibration, litter and pollution impacts.

Hanover Quay:

Nature Conservation Designations

Part of the site is within the Floating Harbour Wildlife Corridor.

Notable Habitats

The events area includes mostly existing hard standing and buildings, with some scattered trees. The open water and dock infrastructure within the Floating Harbour are directly adjacent. In addition, the harbourside floating reedbed is located adjacent to this site.

No activities should be permitted which cause damage to these habitats. Measures will need to be taken to avoid impacts to the adjacent habitats as a result of increased footfall or use of vehicles and machinery.

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13. Water safety

Events featuring water based activities in or around the Bristol Docks will need to adhere to the following additional requirements:

- An event method statement is to be agreed with Marine Services (Harbour Office).
- Risk Assessments are to be supplied and agreed with Marine Services before event. Event must be compliant with the Bristol Harbour Water Safety codes.
- Insurance Certification must be supplied for Public Liability for water-based element of event.

Due to the amphitheatre being surrounded by water, promoting water safety through their event press, social media is encouraged before and during the event.

14. Hazards

Specific hazards of the Amphitheatre:

- High open-edged quay walls
- High density of people in close proximity to deep cold water
- Easy access to deep water
- Large number of licensed premises and presence of alcohol close to water
- Large volume of marine traffic
- Lack of safety barrier
- Low level lighting on the quayside

The following will be expected as control risks to prevent persons entering the water:

- Crowd barriers to be erected along open quaysides
- Crowd marshals to be situated along the quaysides to direct and monitor crowd movement
- Adequate security staffing and police response as agreed with Ops Planning to deter and deal with public disorder
- Close working relationship and ongoing consultation with the Harbour Authority, including the Harbour Master and Harbour Office
- Appropriate fencing as discussed with SAGE

Where necessary, in particular for large events, additional contingency measures may need to be put in place, which could include:

- Additional life rings to be situated around the quayside and bridges
- Safety boats manned by qualified rescue boat coxswains equipped with first aid kits and radio communication to patrol the harbour and event area
- Boats and Harbour Master safety cover to be deployed throughout the event

15. Consultation and stakeholder engagement

Out of courtesy, it is recommended that event organisers contact local businesses and residents to discuss their event and the impact it may have.

For larger events, it is recommended that organisers contact all surrounding businesses to inform

them about the event as well as any local residents as stipulated by the city council's Noise Pollution Team.

16. Fees and charge

16.1 Hire Fee

A site fee and application fee are required for the use of Bristol Council land. Please ensure you are fully aware of all relevant costs on submission of your application.

16.2 Site Bond

A site bond may be held in consideration for damages with the amount calculated depending on the size of the event.

Land reinstatement may be required within a week post-event (weather dependent) and a contractor is to be agreed prior to the event.

17. Maps

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