

Hackett Park Artisan Fair: Accessibility Statement

The Sunshine Coast Arts Council has prepared the following description of the Hackett Park Artisan Fair in consideration of accessibility, the SCAC also acknowledges that Hackett Park is not an accessible venue and awaits the District of Sechelt to action site improvements. The Artisan Market and Rogue Music Festival will be taking place at Hackett Park and the SCAC will be activating the Arts Centre as an accessible experience during the festival.

Hackett Park:

Pathways: Hackett Park is a forested outdoor venue with variable terrain and a steep hill. There will be three gates that provide level access to three areas of the park, this includes the amphitheater, vendors, and public washroom. A compacted dirt pathway exists throughout the park, though in some areas the pathways are interrupted by tree roots.

Sensory experience: There are many trees providing shade throughout the park. Rogue festival will be programming live music during the fair; amplified speakers will be in use near the amphitheater and can be heard through the entire venue. The music and the crowd will be more quiet and smaller in the mornings. The Arts Centre is available for a less stimulating environment.

Parking: Designated accessible parking is available near Trail/ Dolphin Gate and Medusa Gate (please note Medusa is a steeply inclined street) The nearest bus stop to Hackett Park is Dolphin Street at Trail Ave.

Gates:

Trail/ Dolphin Gate: This gate provides access to the park at the corner of Dolphin St. and Trail Ave via a paved to gravel pathway up a sloped gradient. Food and market vendors will be accessed along this path. Parking along Dolphin St. with one designated accessible parking spot.

Medusa (Main Gate): The gate is located off of Medusa St, accessible parking spots will be made available near the entrance. This gate provides access to the Amphitheatre seating.

Upper Gate: Use this gate to access the public washrooms, vendors at the top of the park and amphitheater. There is a steep compacted gravel path from the top of the park to the bottom.

The Sunshine Coast Arts Centre:

Parking:

Level parking on packed gravel is available off of Sherlock Lane, one designated accessible parking spot available. Additional roadside parking is available on Medusa St.

Pathway to studio:

There are gradually slopped pathways from the corner of Medusa St and Trail Ave (40m), and from Sherlock Lane (20m).

Entry to Studio:

Step free, 1-inch threshold which has been smoothed by a wooden board and overlaid carpet. The doorway will be propped open at 36" wide.

Physical Environment:

The exhibitions will be displayed on walls and plinths, with wide pathways of travel, the floor is smooth concrete.

Sensory Environment:

Usually a quiet space, however the sounds of talking and working are welcome. The Centre is lit using a mix of natural light from many windows and skylights, and spotlighting.

Bathroom: Three large gender-neutral washrooms exist, with grab bars, sharps containers, and manually opening doors.