

Other Information and Options

Ilkley Playhouse – how to find us



Ilkley Playhouse
Weston Road
ILKLEY
LS29 8DW

Walking Distance to the Playhouse

From Rail Station:**7mins**

From Main Public Car Park (behind The Grove):**4mins**

By Train

Exit the station onto Station Road. The bus station will be on your left. Turn right and walk along in front of 'The Ticket Office' (Bar) and Pizza Express. Keep right onto Brook Street to the traffic lights at the bottom. Cross over and turn right to walk along the main A65 taking the first left onto Weston Rd. The Playhouse is towards the bottom on the left.

By Car

Travelling on the A65 from Leeds there is a set of traffic lights on the edge of the town where Booths supermarket will be on the left. Shortly after this there are shops on both sides including 'Community Cutlery' and 'Lishman's Butchers' on the right. The next right turn is for Weston Rd, where the Playhouse can be found towards the bottom on the left.

Parking

There is a wide variety of parking and associated charges in Ilkley. Please take special note of any restrictions displayed on parking meters, road or car park signage as we also have VERY efficient parking wardens!

We have 2 Public Car Parks – South Hawskworth Street (the main/largest one), behind 'The Grove', which can be accessed either from Brook Street or the A65 and a smaller one (Wharfe View), off Wharfe View Road. Charges are £1:50 per hour, 7 days a week 8am – 10pm.

On-street parking is available however the timings and prices are multiple. The nearest option for the Playhouse (and cheapest at £5 for 4 hours+/Free after 8pm) is either side of New Brook Street/Middleton Avenue, which traverses the river (see Riverside Parks Map).

Payment for on-street parking is with cash or by using the Ringo App ie NOT Card so please ensure you have cash available or have access to the appropriate App before parking on streets. Card payments are accepted in the Public Car Parks.

Residents' Permit parking is in place on some streets (please check signage) and we ask that to enable those living on Weston Road, Wharfe View Road and the unmade section of Castle Road to park with ease, to please avoid parking on these sections of road.

Blue Badge Holders may park for free in both the Public Car Parks and on-street however please check signage for any additional stipulations. We have a couple of Disabled parking spaces for the use of members/visitors directly outside the riverside frontage of the Playhouse off Castle Road.

Finally, if you don't want to risk falling foul of one of our parking wardens, **Ilkley Taxis (Tel 01943 601110)** take bookings and also operate a taxi rank outside the Rail Station, in front of Pizza Express.

Access

Wheelchairs - we can accommodate these in both main auditorium (Wharfeside Theatre) and Wildman Studio. Please indicate on the Conference booking form if you require a wheelchair space.

Loop System – the main auditorium (Wharfeside Theatre) and Wildman Studio have a loop system installed. Hearing aid users can amplify the sound from the stage by switching their aid to the 'T' setting.'

Things to see and do

There is lots of choice in Ilkley whether you are feeling energetic, seeking some retail therapy or a culture boost or just a pit-stop for some refreshment.

Walks – we have the River Wharfe on our doorstep at the Playhouse. A popular short circuit walk, known locally as 'the 3 bridges' can be accessed via the steps (marked in blue on the Riverside Parks map) just off Castle Rd. There are good footpaths on both sides of the river (blue dotted line on the map) through parkland.

For those with more time and energy, a walk up on to Ilkley Moor to see local landmarks of the Cow and Calf rocks or White Wells (which has an interesting history) is an option. Both offer great views of Ilkley & surrounding Wharfedale on clear days.

Shopping – we have a good selection of both chain and independent retailers in the town including a cherished independent book seller, situated on our main 'high street' (The Grove). We are also serviced by four major supermarkets – Booths, Tesco, Co-Op and M&S Simply Food.

Cafes – we are spoilt for choice with offerings ranging from Christchurch Cafe (in the church on The Grove) to La Stazione (yes, it's next to the Rail station!) to local institution Betty's Cafe which is a popular choice, particularly at weekends, so be prepared to queue for a table (or perhaps book in advance).

The Veggie Cafe (on Leeds Rd/A65, close to the Playhouse) offers vegetarian/vegan options including ice cream made on the premises (open Sat 9.30am – 3.30pm (last orders for food 3pm). Booking available).

Restaurants – we are well served by independent businesses offering a range of food choices from Italian to Thai together with chains such as Bistrot Pierre (inside The Crescent Hotel), Pizza Express, Vitello Lounge and Piccolinos.

Pubs – we have these too! Many serve hand pulled ales eg Bar T'at, The Flying Duck & The Lister Arms (Wetherspoons)

Culture – our longstanding partner in the arts, The Ilkley Manor House, have 2 free exhibitions in place – 'Fran's Life Group' (Western Gallery) and 'A Path Well Travelled' (Solar Gallery). Opening Times 11am – 4pm (Sat & Sun).

