

A CHAMBER GUIDE

Getting around New Hope, PA

Accessibility Guide

Public lots, placard rules, the bridge walkway, and which venues answer the phone.

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A note before you go.

This guide is short on purpose. The honest story about getting around a 200-year-old river town is that the sidewalks are a patchwork, some front doors still have a step, and one phone call to the venue tells you more than any brochure can.

What follows is what the Chamber knows for sure. The parking rules, which are real state law. The streets that are flat, which are flat because the river made them flat. The bridge, which has a sidewalk on it. The phone numbers that matter.

Nothing on these pages is invented. Where the Chamber didn't know, it says so. If a detail is wrong, or there's a spot in the borough that belongs here and isn't yet, email **newhopechamber@gmail.com**. That's a real inbox.

PARKING

ADA spaces in every public lot.

Reserved by federal law. Meters are free with a PA disability placard.

THE TOWN

Main Street is flat.

Bridge to Playhouse, level. Side streets rise a bit.

BUILDINGS

Front doors often have a step.

Most storefronts predate 1900. Call ahead for the specific venue.

From the Chamber.

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Parking with a placard.

Every public lot in the borough reserves accessible spaces near the entrance. Pennsylvania state law also makes on-street meters free for any vehicle showing a valid disability plate or placard.

The four public lots.

Union Square

123 W BRIDGE ST

Closest paid lot to Main Street. ParkMobile zone 8925. Accessible spaces near the Mechanic Street entrance.

Randolph Street Lot

RANDOLPH STREET

Short, mostly flat walk to the river, the Playhouse, and South Main.

American Legion Lot

CHESTNUT & FERRY

A block up the hill from the shopping core.

Community Center Lot

123 N MAIN ST

Closest option for the north end of Main Street.

The two valets.

The Logan Inn and Bucks County Playhouse both run valet that's open to the general public, not just hotel guests or ticket holders. The valet runs the vehicle, so the walk from curb to door is short. Call either venue to arrange a specific drop-off.

PENNSYLVANIA LAW

Meters are free with a disability placard.

Any vehicle displaying a valid Pennsylvania disability plate or placard may park at an on-street meter for the full posted time limit without paying. The placard must be visible on the dashboard.

Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. Honored in every borough statewide.



Main Street runs level with the river. The spine of the borough is flat from the free bridge all the way south to the Playhouse.

New Hope, Pennsylvania · the core walking blocks

The town itself.

Main Street is the north-south spine along the river, and it's level the whole way through the borough. Bridge Street crosses it east-west and is also flat across the center.

Side streets gain a little elevation as they leave Main. The rise is gentle, not steep.

The sidewalks are a patchwork. Brick in places, bluestone in older stretches, poured concrete where sections have been replaced. Curb cuts are at the busy corners, not every intersection. In winter, each shop owner clears their own stretch, so conditions change door to door after a storm.

Walking across to Lambertville.

The toll-supported free bridge over the Delaware has a pedestrian walkway on the upstream side. Paved, continuous end to end, with a steel barrier separating it from the car lanes. Curb ramps at both ends.

The walkway is narrow, wide enough for a single wheelchair or stroller plus a pedestrian passing. It's also open to river wind, which can be strong on a cold day.

About the canal towpath.

The Delaware Canal State Park towpath runs along the water through the borough. Flat, free, and right there. The surface is crushed stone and dirt, not pavement. Some mobility devices handle it fine; others not at all. Test a short stretch from a street-level entrance before going for distance.

The old buildings.

A lot of the storefronts, restaurants, and inns in the borough were standing before 1900. Many have a single step at the front door. A few have two or three. Some have added ramps. Some will put a portable ramp out when called ahead. Newer construction, including the Ferry Market food hall on South Main, is built to current accessibility codes.

Who to call about a specific venue.

Every building in town is different. The staff at each one know their own door, their own bathroom, their own stairs. These are the numbers that matter.

Bucks County Playhouse — 215-862-2121

Seating, assistive listening, accessible drop-off, performance accommodations.

Logan Inn — 215-862-2300

Rooms, valet, Landmark Tavern dining, accessible drop-off at the door.

New Hope & Ivyland Railroad — 215-862-2332

Train boarding, accessible cars, station access, event trains.

New Hope Borough — 215-862-3347

Public lots, meter placard questions, sidewalk complaints.

Borough Police (non-emergency) — 215-862-3033

Anything that isn't 911.

Restaurants, shops, and inns — Varies

Numbers on every listing at visitnewhope.com. Ask about the entrance, the restroom, and whether they can reserve an accessible table or ground-floor room.

Anything else — chamber inbox

If it's unclear who to ask, ask the Chamber. We'll point you to the right person.

Chamber inbox: newhopechamber@gmail.com.

Rights, policies, emergencies.

The short version of what's allowed where, and who to call when something goes wrong.

Service animals.

Service animals (dogs, and in limited cases miniature horses) trained to do work for a person with a disability are allowed in every business in New Hope. That's federal law under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Staff may ask only two things: whether the animal is a service animal required because of a disability, and what work it has been trained to perform. No vest, ID, or paperwork is required.

Emotional support animals.

Emotional support animals aren't covered by the ADA. Individual inns and restaurants may choose to welcome them, but they aren't required to. Call ahead if it matters to the trip.

Wheelchairs and power scooters.

Manual wheelchairs and power scooters are permitted everywhere. Other power-driven mobility devices, like Segways, may be restricted by individual venues on safety grounds.

Emergencies.

Dial 911. New Hope Eagle Fire Company, New Hope Borough Police, and Bucks County EMS respond. The closest full-service hospital is **Doylestown Health**, roughly a 15 to 20 minute drive west.

Pharmacies are located in the borough and in nearby Lambertville. Hours vary by shop, so call ahead for anything after dinner.

Visit New Hope.

Tell us what's missing.

Some of the useful spots in the borough aren't on these pages yet. The Chamber is still pulling the full list of dedicated handicapped parking spaces that sit outside the public lots. If you spot a detail that's wrong, or you know of a space that belongs here, email us. The next printing will have it.

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