

Chelmsford Train station

Step free/accessible route description for Platform 2

Starting in the main concourse area, outside the ticket office and in front of the information booth, walk forwards through the arch with the gate line and ticket vending machines on your right hand side and the photo booth on your left. Continue straight until you exit the main station. At this point the path will change from a smooth surface to a red brick block paved area. There are a few full height pillars holding up a roof for a small sheltered area.

Continue to walk out of this area until you reach the tactile paving at a drop kerb. **This is the taxi rank. There are a number of cars in this area picking up and dropping off people.** Cross over the road until you reach the tactile paving on the footpath on the other side. This is still block paved but has changed from red to yellow sandstone paving. The crossing in this area changes from paved to tarmac and is raised slightly on each side but is completely flat on the crossing.

On the path adjacent to the station, turn slightly left, and continue to walk forward along the footpath. This has changed to yellow block paving until you reach the corner where it changes back to concrete.

There is a slight camber on this next section of the path. Half way along this path is a signpost along the curb side, **continue to walk slightly uphill until you reach the sharp corner where there is a small lamppost.** At this point, **turn sharply, almost a hairpin** to your right, follow this path up the steady hill. This path is smooth but quite narrow,

there are a number of lampposts on the shoreline of the path which make the path narrow in places. **You may hear vehicles as there is a service road besides the path. A stopping area for buses is also next to this path about a quarter of the way up the slight hill.** The path bends towards the left, there is vegetation and a waist height wooden posted barrier on the right hand side before the path veers back to the right as you pass by a concrete wall, also on the shoreline, which is waist height.

When you reach the top of the hill the footpath ends. This is the entrance to a small carpark. Here you need to turn to the right and walk uphill to the gate on the platform where a member of staff should be stationed. **There will be cars parked on both the right and left hand side, but the route here is outlined in yellow.** Towards the top of the carpark there is a yellow cross hatched area painted on the floor, this is bordered by a metal barrier on the right, similar to a handrail. **There is not a footpath in this area.** As you reach the gate, the slope here is quite steep, there is a short metal ramp from the concrete carpark onto the platform just before you pass through the gate. **This ramp is textured steel which will be slippery when wet.** The gate is made of metal and is quite narrow in width. It forms part of a longer fence line which will be closed and locked when the station is closed.