



VENUE PACK: HERRINGTON COUNTRY PARK

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Venue: Herrington Park, Sunderland

A Premier Outdoor Events Destination

Herrington Country Park is a vibrant hub for outdoor events, offering a diverse range of attractions including scenic walking and cycling trails, unique environmental sculptures, and more. As a proud recipient of the **prestigious Green Flag award**, the park is also home to **one of the largest open-air concert venues in the North East**.

The expansive site includes a variety of event spaces such as an **amphitheatre, a lake, rolling hillsides, flat open areas** and **visitor parking**. Its adaptable layout makes it ideal for events of all sizes and types.

Over the years the park has hosted **major events** such as **Radio 1's Big Weekend** (most recently in 2026, and 2005 - one of only four cities across the UK to have been chosen to host this twice), **Kubix Festival** & **Let's Rock The North East**, as well as many running and cycling races, community festivals, vehicle shows and soapbox races.

Conveniently accessible via **major transport routes**, the park is well connected. Local public transport providers are also open to discussing tailored arrangements to support events.

Sunderland City Council has extensive experience in delivering and supporting large-scale events. We understand the logistics involved, including cost management, infrastructure, and licensing, and are committed to helping organisers take full advantage of everything the city has to offer.

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Site Information

Size:

150 hectares

Site:

Parkland - including event space and amphitheatre

Event capacity:

Licensed for up to 40,000 subject to infrastructure, site layout, and area utilisation. Potential to increase capacity based on event requirements and activities

Surface:

Grass with limited hard standing

Parking:

Reinforced grass overflow parking with additional grass parking

Camping:

Available dependent on event space requirement

National Heritage:

Nestled at the foot of the Grade I listed National Heritage landmark, Penshaw Monument, Herrington Country Park stands as a breathtaking backdrop for celebrations, festivals, and outdoor gatherings.

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Venue Facilities

Power supply:

Diesel generators required

Water supply:

Yes (notice required during winter months)

Vehicle access:

Yes, fully accessible

Vehicle load restrictions:

No weight restrictions - tracking required to ensure that ground is well maintained. Good access point into the site

Pedestrian Access:

Access from A183, Chester Road

Facilities

Limited facilities - infrastructure required

Event use:

- Large scale concerts and day festivals
- Community events with large infrastructure
- Outdoor team building events

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Address and Access

Address:

Herrington Country Park
Chester Road
Houghton-le-Spring
DH4 7EL

Google Maps:

[Pin](#)

Co-ordinates:

54°54'26.3"N 1°23'12.7"W

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Access:

Major road networks

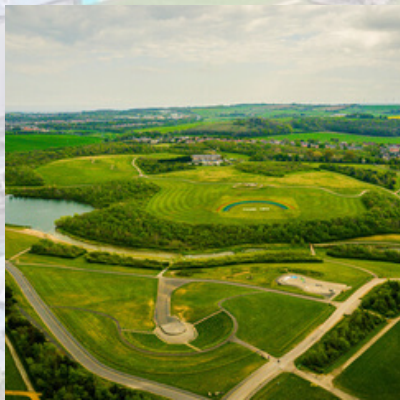
Public Transport:

Nearby bus stops include Go North
East Services:

- 2
- 2A
- 78
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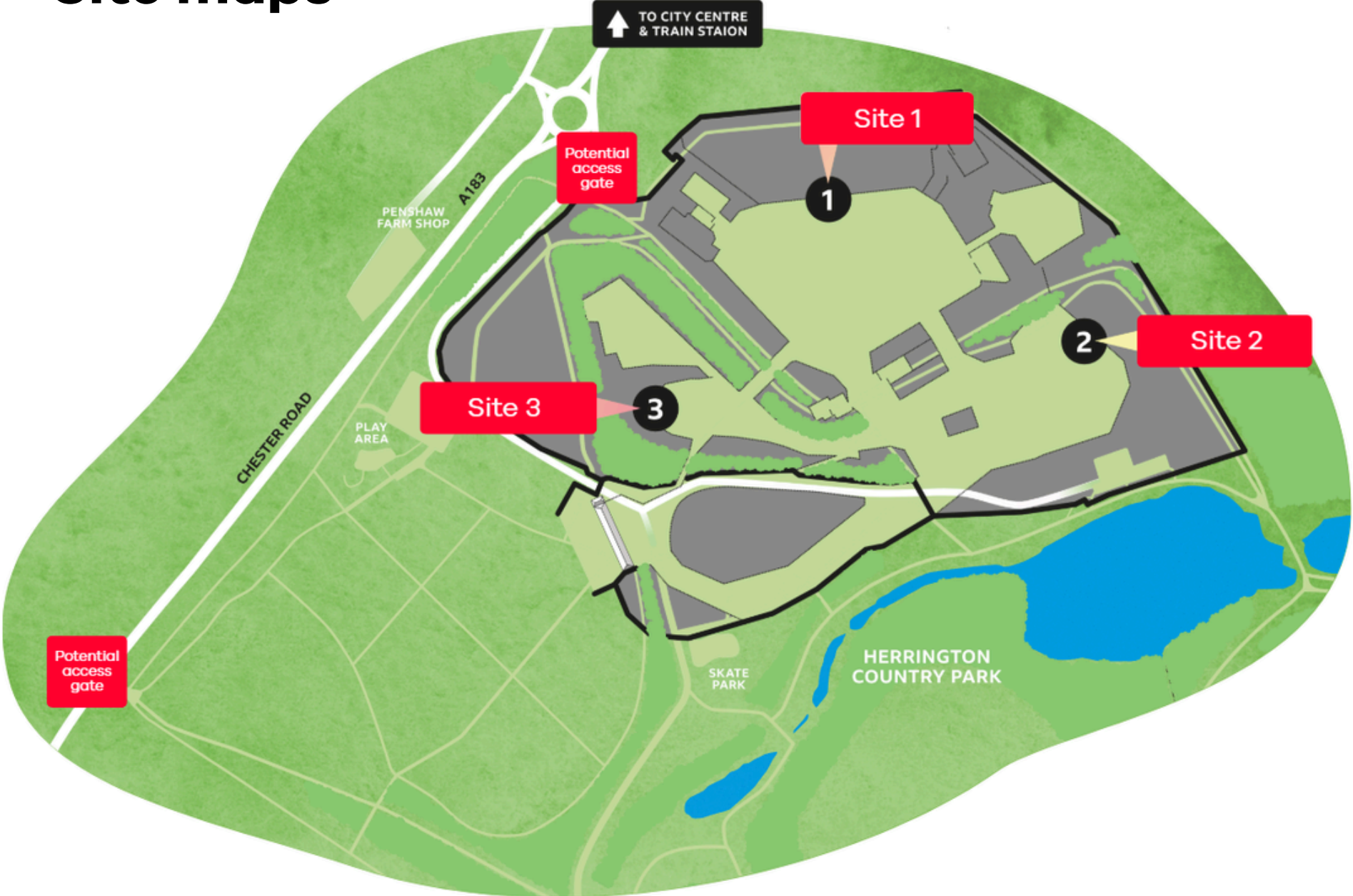
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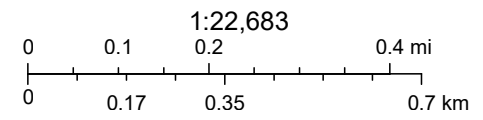


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Site maps



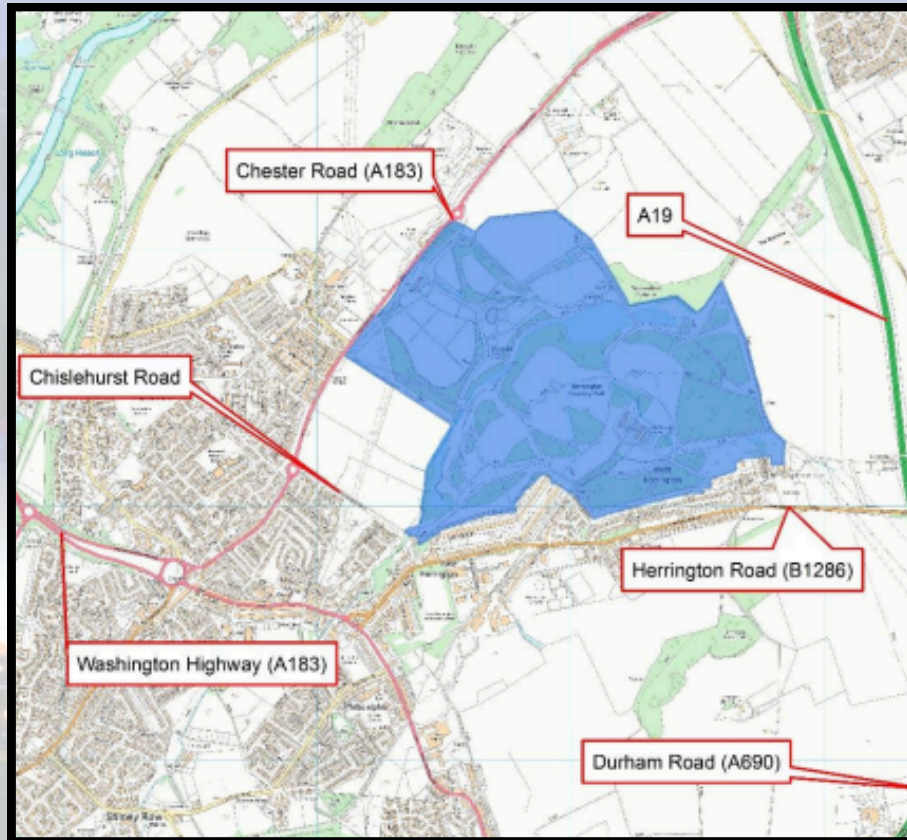




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We'd be delighted to host your event in Sunderland.

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