

# Accessibility Information – ABLE2 Annual Picnic

## Andrew Haydon Park, Ottawa – August 15, 2026



### Main event location

The main meeting point for ABLE2's Annual Picnic on August 15, 2026 is the green gazebo, as indicated by the A in the ABLE2 logo in the map image above. The address is **3127 Carling Ave. at Holly Acres.**

### What to Bring

Participants are encouraged to bring the following:

- Lawn chairs or other portable seating
- Sunscreen, hats, and weather-appropriate clothing
- Water bottles
- Mobility aids, chargers, or batteries as needed
- Personal medications
- Sensory supports, such as noise-reducing headphones

### **Communication Support**

The primary language spoken at the event is English. If you require communication supports or other accessibility accommodations, please let us know in advance, and we will make every reasonable effort to support your participation.

### **Accessibility Support**

During the event, a team of accessibility volunteers (in white shirts and red pinnies) will provide assistance with wayfinding, participation in activities, obtaining food and beverages, wheelchair pushing, and general event navigation. Additionally, a Whimble personal care attendant will also be on-site to help with personal care, feeding, and other accessibility needs.

When registering, please let us know about any specific accommodations or accessibility needs so we can make every effort to support your participation in the Annual Picnic.

### **Accessible washrooms**

Accessible washroom facilities are available on-site at the time of the event.

### **Service Animals**

Service animals are welcome at the event. Please ensure they remain under your control at all times. Water can be provided for service animals upon request.

### **Seating Information**

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own portable seating such as lawn chairs to ensure comfort. Limited picnic tables and benches are available throughout the event area.

### **Shade and Weather Exposure**

The event takes place outdoors. While there are two gazebos booked for the event to provide some shade, it cannot accommodate everyone at the same time. Portions of the park are exposed to direct sunlight. Participants are encouraged to bring hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, weather-appropriate clothing, and any personal items needed for comfort.

## **Terrain Details**

Primary event areas are connected by paved pathways. Some sections may require travelling over short distances of grass to access activities, seating areas, or picnic spaces.

While the park itself is largely flat and accessible, some sections of the longer Ottawa River Pathway beyond the park may include steeper grades that could be challenging for some wheelchair users.

## **Sensory Considerations**

This is a family-friendly community event that may include amplified announcements, music, games and activities, and larger crowds. Individuals sensitive to noise or busy environments may wish to bring noise-reducing headphones or other sensory supports.

## **Support Persons**

Support persons are welcome to attend and assist attendees throughout the event.

## **Medical Support and First Aid**

Trained first responders from St. John Ambulance will be on-site throughout the event to provide first aid assistance and respond to medical emergencies. If you need help, please notify an ABLE2 staff member, accessibility volunteer, or St. John Ambulance team member.

## **Food and Dietary Considerations**

For attendees who will purchase meal tickets, barbecue hot dogs and hamburgers will be prepared and served by **Fitz's Classic Grill BBQ Smoke House**. Attendees are also welcome to bring their own food if preferred.

Attendees with dietary restrictions, allergies, or feeding assistance requirements are encouraged to indicate this information in advance upon registration. We will make every effort to accommodate dietary needs.

If you have any questions about food and dietary considerations or need specific accommodation requests, please get in touch with us before the event at [events@able2.org](mailto:events@able2.org) or call us at 613-761-9522

## Parking and Transportation

Parking is available onsite, as indicated by the P on the map image above. Andrew Haydon Park is close to public transit and accessible by ParaTranspo. Below is some helpful travel information:

- If driving **West** on Carling, turn right at the lights Andrew Haydon Park, 3127 Carling Ave at Holly Acres. Then make an immediate left.
- If driving **East** on Carling, turn left at the lights Andrew Haydon Park, 3127 Carling Ave at Holly Acres. Then make an immediate left.
- If driving **North** on Holly Acres, cross Carling Ave at the lights, drive straight into the Andrew Haydon Park, 3127 Carling Ave. Then make an immediate left.
- **ParaTranspo:** a ParaTranspo pickup and drop-off spot can be found at the gazebo (large A on the map below). Please instruct ParaTranspo to use the Carling and Holly Acres entrance.

## More accessibility features of Andrew Haydon Park:

- **Paved pathways:** The park features wide, paved multi-use pathways that are generally flat and easy to navigate using wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, and strollers.
- **Accessible parking:** Designated accessible parking spaces are available within the park, providing convenient access to the pathways and park amenities.
- **Accessible trail experience:** The main park loop and much of the Ottawa River Pathway connected to the park are barrier-free and wheelchair-friendly. Visitors can enjoy scenic views of the river, ponds, gardens, and wildlife from accessible routes.
- **Benches and rest areas:** Benches are located throughout the park, allowing visitors to rest and enjoy the surroundings. At the main event area, there are limited picnic tables and benches. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own portable seating such as lawn chairs to ensure comfort.
- **Picnic and gathering areas:** Accessible pathways connect many of the park's picnic areas and public spaces.

## Accessibility Disclaimer

We strive to provide the most accurate and up-to-date accessibility information available for each venue and event. However, accessibility features, conditions, and services may change

without prior notice, and we recognize that accessibility needs vary based on individual needs and circumstances.

We encourage all attendees to conduct their own research and/or contact the venue directly before attending to confirm that the location, amenities, and accommodations meet their specific accessibility requirements.

ABLE2 is committed to creating an inclusive and accessible event experience. We will make every reasonable effort to provide requested accommodations; however, some accommodation requests may require advance notice and are subject to availability.

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