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EXPERIENCE Penzance Accessibility case studies

Bliznec, Croatia

Braille / tactile books and resting places

Bliznec Trail in Croatia has won awards for accessibility. <https://webunwto.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/2021-05/06-forest-trail-bliznec.pdf>

There are several resting places along the trail. Resting places are parts of double width, and their function is enabling passing by of the wheelchairs and movement along the trail in both directions.

- Each resting position is furnished with benches and information tables in Croatian and English. Information tables are adapted in accordance with the special purpose of the trail. They are in lower position, ensuring easy reading from the wheelchairs, and next to them are wooden books with the same texts written in Braille alphabet.
- The trail has lights along the path so it can be visited at night as well.

Another addition from one of the team is if you do consider benches or resting spot then it's great to have benches that have a paved area beside the bench so a wheelchair user can sit directly beside the bench (safely, on flat, level surface)

Zugerland Sensory Trail, Switzerland

-A sensory trail in Switzerland, this trail has been designed for this specific purpose but there are elements and ideas we could take from it. The telescopes are a brilliant interactive activity, prompts on a board next to it asking to imagine what people would have been able to see when the sunken forest was there.

<https://swissfamilyfun.com/zugerland-sensory-trail/>

Story Trails

-Immersive storytelling project in 15 cities across the UK. AR being used in a similar way to what is hoped for this project.

<https://story-trails.com/>

Nature for the Blind

- Nature for the blind, brail trails etc and a huge list of trails across the world to have a look at. <http://www.naturefortheblind.com/directory-redirectory>



Sensory Trails and other examples of good practice

There are some examples including Heligan and Tredegar House in Wales (National Trust) along with further ideas and guidance here from the Sensory Trust

<https://www.sensorytrust.org.uk/resources/guidance/sensory-trail-design>

- These signs are a very simple way of introducing sensory prompts

<https://www.sensorytrust.org.uk/resources/activities/sensory-trail-kit#:~:text=Sensory%20Trail%20Markers%20are%20a,create%20your%20own%20sensory%20trail>.

Local examples

Paignton Zoo

BSL symbols and info

Paignton Zoo have signs showing how to sign in BSL the word that is associated with the thing you are looking at (e.g. Zebra, Elephant).



Newquay Heritage Trail

Tactiles markings on the floor / path

In France they have tactile markers denoting pathways to platforms, for example, and on trails like the one in Newquay link below, have key points are marked with carved stone with symbols and numbers that are tactile on the ground, which is good for vision impairment.

Newlyn Heritage Trail also uses quite tactile waymarkers but they are on walls.

<https://www.visitnewquay.org/explore/newquay-discovery-trail>

<http://incornwall.uk/newlyn-home/newlyn-trail>



Coronation Park, Helston

The words of the Hal an Tow, a traditional Cornish song strongly associated with the town are written on plinths below benches at the park, prompting memories of the annual Flora Day festival and that particular song which is sung through the streets - the words are broken up to help evoke the way you hear the song, which you reminded of when talking about the poetry.