

Weaver Hall Workhouse Museum – Access guide

Access to the site:

- There are no barriers at the entrance to the site
- There are no dropping-off points at the front of the museum due to the busy nature of the road
- There is plenty of parking for vehicles of all sizes
- The car park is level with an even surface
- There are designated parking bays for visitors with disabilities. They are situated to the right on entry to the car-park and are about 50 metres away from the museum entrance
- There is a dropped kerb to provide easy access to the pavement at the side of the museum building

Entrance & reception:

- The entrance is clearly visible and easily located at the front of the building
- There is a slight incline up to the front door
- There is signage on the door providing information on admission prices and opening hours. Some of this signage is given in Braille.
- There is a glass door leading to the interior
- The reception is large enough to allow access to wheelchair users.
- An induction loop is fitted at reception

Admission prices:

Admission prices for 2014 are as follows:-

- Adults £3.00
- Children £1.50
- Concessions £2.00
- Pre-booked adult groups £2.00
- 2 Adults and 2 children £7.00

It is free for children under 5 and helpers accompanying wheelchair users plus anyone wishing to view just the special exhibition gallery, shop or coffee shop.

Orientation:

- The receptionist will provide some verbal instructions as to the best way around.

The ground floor:

- The ground floor is accessible to all users – there are no steps.
- Visitors begin their visit in our mini cinema where we show an introductory film. There is an induction loop in the cinema and space for a couple of wheelchairs
- The other galleries on the ground floor are – the special exhibition gallery, currently with a display on “The Coming of Age” based around memories of the 1950’s and 1960’s, ‘Hands on Victorian school room’ and at weekends and school holidays, the Board of Guardians’ meeting room.

Lift:

- We have an accessible lift which can accommodate two people at a time. This takes visitors to the first floor.

The first floor:

- There are also stairs leading to the first floor where there are galleries on the Industrial Voices of Northwich, a gallery exploring life in the market town of Northwich, another which looks at the history of local transport and a forth gallery examining local history and archaeology.
- The first floor is accessible to all users – there are no steps.

Toilets:

- We have an accessible toilet on the ground floor
- There are designated ladies and gents toilets on the ground and first floor

Refreshments:

- We have a small Coffee Shop on the ground floor and offer prepacked flapjacks, biscuits, crisps plus coffee, teas, cappuccino, hot chocolate and cold drinks.

The museum grounds:

- The surfaces of the grounds of the museum are predominantly flat with a good tarmac surface and grassy areas.
- There are benches available for visitors as well as 2 picnic benches

Large groups:

- We are able to accommodate large groups provided that an advanced booking is made.
- We have a large car-park providing room for coaches
- We offer a discounted admission rate of £2.00 per person for groups
- We can provide tea and coffee for groups on arrival at an extra £1.00.

We are open Tuesday to Friday from 10.00 am to 5.00pm, Weekends from 2.00pm to 5.00pm, Mondays during school holidays 10.00am to 5.00pm, Bank Holiday Mondays 10.00pm to 5.00pm.