Cranwell Aviation Heritage Museum

Accessibility Guide for Cranwell Aviation Heritage Museum

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Welcome

Cranwell Aviation Heritage Museum is a 10-minute drive from Sleaford. The museum tells the history of RAF Cranwell from its early days as a Royal Naval air base to the present day.

The museum is on one level and is fully accessible except for the gravelled area in the courtyard.
Please get in touch if you require any further information about specific access or need advice on planning your visit.

At a glance

Level Access

• There is level access from the main entrance to:
  – Gift shop and cafe.
  – Displays of artefacts and interactives.
  – The exhibition area displaying a changing programme of exhibitions.
  – There is an accessible toilet outside the main museum.

Visual

• The walls and the doors have colour contrast.
• Some parts of the venue have low lighting.

General

• Admission to Cranwell Aviation Heritage Museum is free.
• We are open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10am until 3pm (last entry is 2.30pm). For details of seasonal closure, please check our website.
• Our knowledgeable staff and volunteers can answer any queries.

Getting here

Cranwell Aviation Heritage Museum
Heath Farm
North Rauceby
Sleaford
Lincs
NG34 8QR

Travel by public transport

• Access to the museum is only by car. The museum is clearly signposted from the A17 between Sleaford and Newark.

Travel by taxi

Parking

• There is a grass area dedicated to parking. There are spaces reserved for visitors who have access requirements, however, it should be noted the distance is 43 metres from the entrance due to a natural slope on in the grass area
• The driveway is tarmac.

Arrival

Path to main entrance

• From the car park to the wheelchair entrance, there is a grassy slope.
• The path is 990mm wide, or more.

Main entrance

• The main entrance has a level access into the museum.
• The flooring in the museum is paving stones.
• The door is 860mm wide.

Main Entrance

Getting around inside

Visual Impairment - General Information

• We have colour contrast between walls and doorframes.

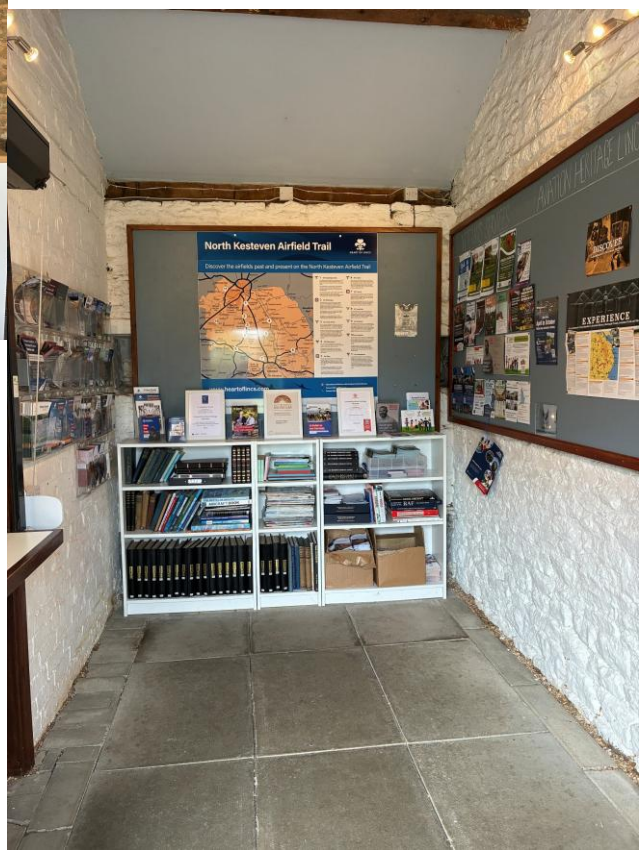
Lift

• The museum is on one level.

Information desk

• Admission to the museum is free.
• There is no hearing loop.
• Please ask staff for any assistance necessary.
• We have signed up to the Kids in Museums Manifesto.
• Hot and cold drinks and light refreshments are available and can be consumed in our cafe which has tables and chairs.

Refreshment Area



Library/Information Area

Things to See and Do

• The shop sells aviation related items including pictures, books and souvenirs.
• There are a large number of artefacts including a Vampire nose cone, engines, ejector seat and balloon basket.
• A number of interactives exploring aviation themes.
• There is a Jet Provost plane in the courtyard (please note gravel area is soft – there is some hard standing near to the entrance to the courtyard).
• There is an exhibitions area with a changing programme of exhibitions.

Shop

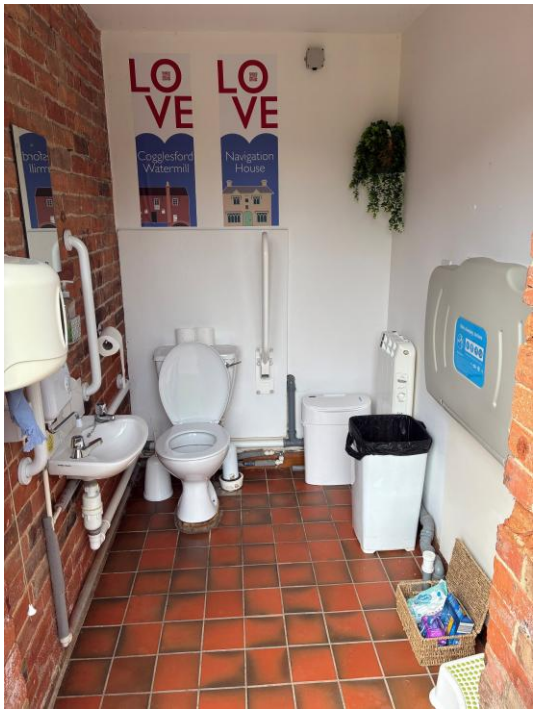
• From the main entrance to the shop, there is level access.
• The route through the shop is 860mm wide, or more.
• The flooring within the shop is paving stones.
• There is a doorway from the shop to the exhibition hall. This is 1520mm wide.
• Our staff are available to assist customers who require merchandise from higher shelving.
• Merchandise is displayed on shelves up to a height of 1900mm. Staff are available to help customers who require assistance to navigate between fixtures throughout the shop.

Shop Display

Public toilet

Unisex Accessible Toilet

• There is a public toilet for disabled visitors.
• The toilet is in an adjacent location and the toilet door is 1060mm wide.
• There is 1260mm space in front of the toilet. The toilet seat is 460mm high.
• There are horizontal grab rails located to the left of the toilet.
• The route from the museum to the toilet is level and on tarmac.
• There is a sanitary disposal unit in the accessible toilet.
• There is also a fold-down baby change unit fixed to the wall.
• A basket of sanitary items is located beneath the baby change.



Accessible Public Toilet

Exhibition Hall

Jet Provost in our courtyard

Customer care support

Accessibility equipment

• We welcome all dogs including assistance dogs in our café/shop and courtyard areas and can provide water bowls for them. Please ask staff for assistance.
• There is no toilet area for assistance dogs.
• We are a North Kesteven District Council Breast Feeding Friendly venue.
• We have signed up to the Kids in Museums Manifesto.
• We have emergency evacuation procedures for disabled visitors.
• In the case of an evacuation, all customers inside the museum will be led to safety by a member of the team or by a member of the fire brigade.

Customer care support

 Our staff will be available to assist at all times.

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