



Chiltern Open Air Museum Access Guide

Our site is 45 acres and has pathways, grass and woodland. The site has a downhill gradient from the ticket office to the far end of the site. You will find details of gradients, pathways and building access in this guide.

General Site

- The main paths are of a gravelled surface which some visitors may struggle walking on. If this surface makes access difficult, we recommend walking on grassy areas where possible or requesting a golf buggy lift from a COAM Team Member.
- The site has a number of undulations which some visitors may have difficulty with.
 - Exit of Blythe Road Ticket Office and Shop has a 1:12 gradient.
 - Path to Northolt Barn has a gradient of 1:20.
 - Main spine road passed Northolt Barn to Village Green has a gradient of 1:20.
 - Main spine road from Village Green to Tollhouse (both via farmyard and main road) have gradients in excess of 1:20.
 - The ramp to the Café/Furniture Factory has a ramp of 1:10.
 - The path from the Forge to Arborfield Barn has a gradient in excess of 1:20.
 - The path from Arborfield Barn to the Iron Age Roundhouse has a gradient of 1:6.
 - The Woodland Walk has varying gradients throughout its route which can be as steep as 1:12 or 1:6.
- Please be aware the Farmyard can be muddy.

Exhibit Buildings

Blythe Road Ticket Office

- Ramp from rear of shop to main spine road 1:12 over 5m
- Front entrance may be narrow for some users. Staff will be able to assist.

Caversham Toilets

- Please be aware there are dimmer lighting levels in the toilets.
- This is an exhibit building so the accessible toilet cubicles are smaller than modern designs.

Northolt Barn

- Access to Northolt Barn is on a gradient exceeding 1:20

Sewell WW2 Nissen Hut

- Entry into Sewell is via a pair of shallow steps.

WW1 Nissen Bow Hut

- The Bow Hut is accessed either end by a set of steep steps.

Amersham 1940s Prefab

- There is a portable access ramp to the front door, set at a gradient of 1:12.

Leagrave Cottages



- Outside the cottage is a cobbled stone path, which is uneven in places.
- Entry into the lower rooms of Leagrave cottage is through a narrow doorway and steps.
- There is a steep staircase to the upper floor of Leagrave cottage.

Henton Tin chapel

- There is a portable access ramp into Henton Chapel. This has a gradient of 1:10.

Skippings Barn

- Large double barn doors provide access into the barn.

Thame Vicarage Room

- Access into the building is via a short, sharply graded ramp with a lip at the top.

Mid-site Toilets

- The doorway to the accessible toilet is set at 780mm, which might be narrow for some wheelchair users.
- Baby-change is located within the accessible toilets.

Haddenham Cottage

- There is no pathway from the main road to Haddenham cottage so visitors gain access over grass.
- The doorways are very narrow which some visitors may find difficult to pass through.
- Access to the upstairs of the cottage is via a steep staircase.

Garston Forge

- The Forge has an uneven cobbled surface.
- There is a step access via the end door. There is level access by the double side door.
- There are low lighting levels in the Forge.
- Visitors must remain behind the iron bar at all times and not go near the hearth. This can be very hot when it is in use.

Arborfield Barn

- Access down to Arborfield is via a path with a gradient exceeding 1:20
- There is a 40mm upstand on the entrance door.
- The barn floor is uneven so caution is advised while in the barn.

Iron Age Roundhouse

- Access to the Roundhouse is via a very steep 1:6 gradient with tree roots along the path.
- Inside the Roundhouse is dark so we advise caution when in the building.
- If the Roundhouse has a steward, it is likely that the fire may be lit. This can make the inside of the building quite smoky.

Marsworth Stable

- Visitors should take care of the rough floor surface and low lighting levels in the stable.

Hill Farm Barn

- Visitors should take care of the rough floor surface and low lighting levels in the barn.

Borehamwood Cattle Bryre

- Access is provided via a portable ramp.
- Please be aware of the narrow corridors in the Bryre and the rough floor surface.

Rossway Granary

- Access into Rossway Granary is via a flight of very steep steps.
- Lighting levels are low inside the granary.

Victorian Tollhouse

- Access to the Tollhouse for wheelchair users is via the front door. There are several steps to the rear entrance of the building.
- Please be aware of narrow doorways in the Tollhouse.

High Wycombe Furniture Factory

- The external ramp down into the Café/Furniture Factory area is on a gradient of 1:10
- The upper floor is accessed by a long flight of steep stairs.
- Entrance into the lower exhibits is via portable ramps.
- The doorways in the Furniture Factory are narrow.

Haversham Toilets

- The ramp to the toilet is on a gradient of 1:10 and has a width of 900mm
- The accessible toilet is located within the unisex toilets.