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Customer comments

If you have any comments to make on the Darby Houses Access Guide please write them below, or speak to one of the reception staff, thank you.

A detailed Access Guide to The Darby Houses



This Guide contains an overview of Access for:

Visitors with physical and sensory disabilities



Assistance Dogs are welcome at all Museum sites.

• The information given in this booklet is a **detailed** guide about access to **the Darby Houses - Rosehill House & Dale House**.

• Access to the Darby Houses, which stand side by side, is via a short steep hill (one in eight). Limited parking is available at Rosehill House for use only by visitors with disabilities. The car park surface is slightly uneven brick pavers. Otherwise parking is at the Museum of Iron car park, about two hundred and fifty yards downhill. You may visit the houses in any order. This guide starts with Rosehill House.

• Step inside the former homes of the Darby family and experience the everyday life of Coalbrookdale's Quaker ironmasters. Discover rooms packed with original family furniture, including the study where Abraham Darby III designed the Iron Bridge, china, mementoes, costumes and family papers.

• **Rosehill House** (dating from 1738) has two floors open to the public. Only the ground floor is accessible to wheelchair users. There is a ramp leading to the front door off the firm shale footpath. On request the receptionist can make easier access through a side door off the car park. The upper floor is only accessible by stairs. Printed literature is available relating to the upper floor exhibits.

• There are firm shale footpaths between the two houses.

• **Dale House** (dating from 1717) has the ground floor open to the public and this is fully accessible through the front door via a ramp (one in twelve).

• There are no refreshments at **Rosehill House** or **Dale House**, but the Museum of Iron café is nearby.

Please note: The Darby Houses are subject to seasonal opening. Full details of opening dates and times can be found in the general museum leaflet or ask any of the reception staff at any of the sites who will be happy to help.

13 Dale House - The Dining Room

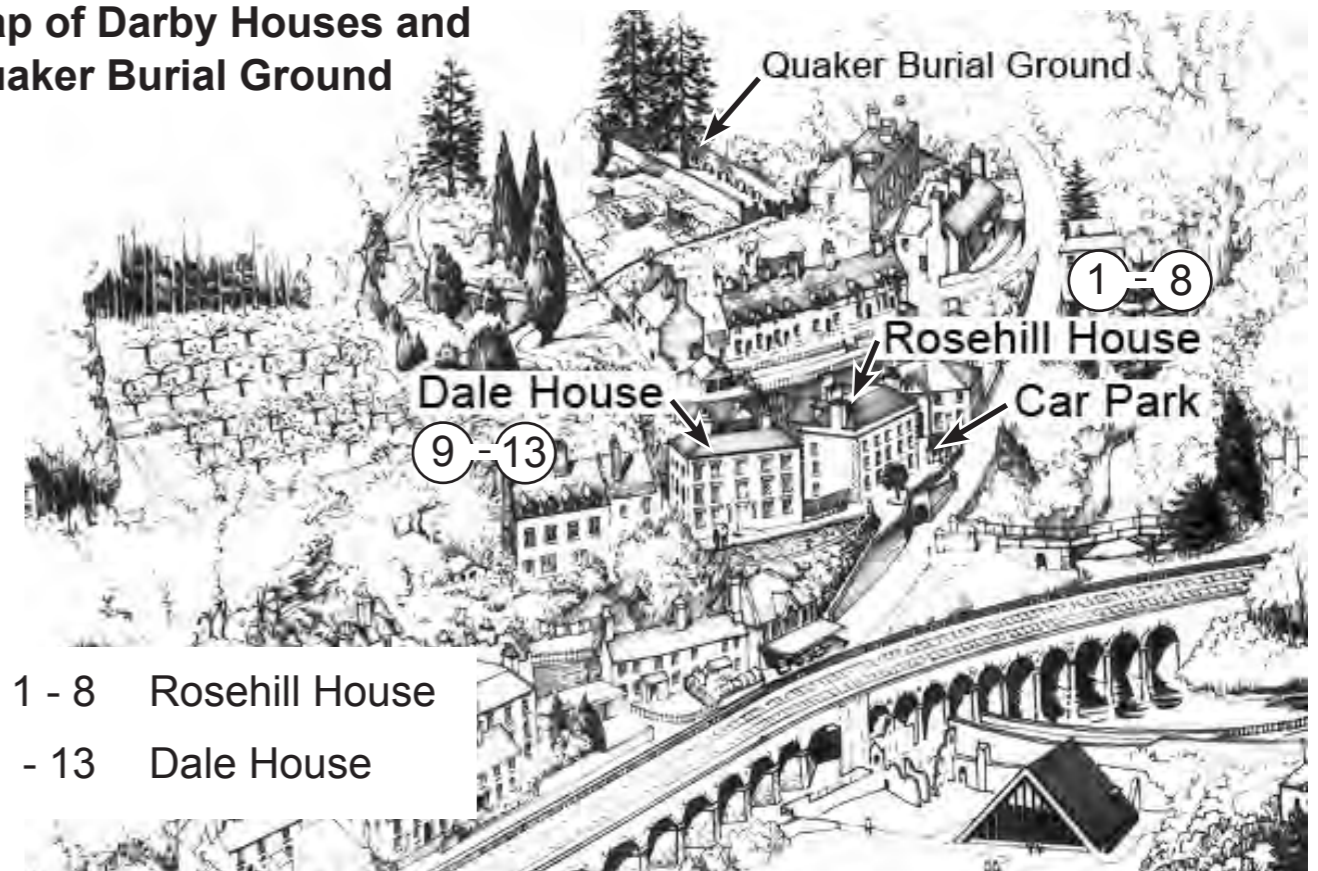


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View this room from the Hall. This room has been left to display the top arch of the vaulted cellar that runs below this room and the Parlour.

Exit Dale House via the front door and ramp.

Map of Darby Houses and Quaker Burial Ground



The Quaker Burial Ground is accessible from the Darby Houses on foot only, 50 yards further up the hill via three sets of steep brick steps. A separate Access Guide and information sheet on the Quaker Burial Ground is available from Rosehill House and the Museum of Iron.

Make your way across the firm shale pathway to **Dale House**. Ramp access to the wide wooden front door.

⑨ Dale House - Main Entrance, ramp and front door



ACCESSIBLE *

Wooden ramp from firm shale pathway through a large wooden door onto quarry tile floor.

⑩ Dale House - The Hall



ACCESSIBLE *

Quarry tile floored hallway with access to the Parlour, Study and view into what was originally the Dining room.

⑪ Dale House - The Parlour



ACCESSIBLE *

Level access onto wooden floor boards. Large print information available.



⑫ Dale House - The Study



ACCESSIBLE *

Level access onto wooden floor boards.



Key to symbols used in this guide:

ACCESSIBLE *

- A ramp or incline provide access for all visitors.

LIMITED ACCESS **

- Small steps or uneven surface may limit access for visitors with restricted mobility and access is best achieved with the aid of a helper.

DIFFICULT ACCESS ***

- Large steps and restricted door widths make access difficult for those with restricted mobility and limited access may be achieved with the aid of a helper.



- Loop system available where indicated.



- Large print guides to both houses are available from reception at Rosehill House. The galleries and rooms on the upper floor of Rosehill House display family effects, which are explained with large print labels.



- Assistance Dogs are welcome on site and into all areas.



- An external unisex Accessible Toilet with ramp access is available at the side of Rosehill House.

Rest Stops

Seating is available inside on the ground floor of both houses and outside at Dale House.

① Car Park



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Designated DDA parking spaces only close to the Main Entrance. Level access from slightly uneven block pavers onto firm shale pathway concourse leading to a wooden ramp. On request the reception staff can make easier access through the side door off the car park.

② Rosehill House - Main Entrance, front door



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Wooden ramp from firm shale pathway through a large wooden door onto flagstone floor. Alternative entrance from car park through side door - please ask at reception (through the front door).

③ Rosehill House - The Study



ACCESSIBLE ✱

Level access to the Study viewing area. Large print room guide attached to rail.



④ Rosehill House - Dining Room



ACCESSIBLE ✱

Level access to Dining Room viewing area. Large print room guide attached to rail.



Level access to the China Display Room and Kitchen from the hallway. The upper floor is only accessible via the stairs. Large print upstairs Room Guides are available at the reception desk.

⑤ Rosehill House - The China Display Room



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Level access from the hallway. Large print room guide available.



⑥ Rosehill House - Kitchen



ACCESSIBLE ✱

Level access from the China Display Room. Large print room guide available.



⑦ Rosehill House - Costume Room



ACCESSIBLE ✱

Level Access from the Kitchen. Try on Victorian costume.



Return to the hallway for the Way Out. The accessible toilet is located at the side of Rosehill House via the side entry between the two houses.

⑧ Unisex Accessible Toilet



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Access via wooden ramp from firm shale courtyard.