A detailed Access Guide to Coalport China Museum

This Guide contains an overview of Access for:

Visitors with physical and sensory disabilities

Assistance Dogs are welcome at all Museum sites.

www.ironbridge.org.uk
• The information given in this booklet is a detailed guide about access to Coalport China Museum.

• Access to the Tar Tunnel is difficult for visitors with restricted mobility. The Tar Tunnel is open during the main season only between March and November. Please visit www.ironbridge.org.uk or pick up a current Museum leaflet, available at all our sites.

• Coalport China Museum is housed in the former world famous eighteenth century Coalport China Works. Displays and demonstrations bring the history and techniques of china making to life. A programme of workshops, and hands-on activities for all ages and abilities is available on-site, on the Museum website and in Museum literature.

• This guide follows a natural route around the museum, but you may explore the site in any way you wish.

• This historic site remains largely as it was when manufacturing ceased at these premises and moved to Stoke-on-Trent in 1926, and therefore the buildings and ground surfaces can prove challenging to those with restricted mobility.

• An accessible lift is available to all floors in the main museum building. The rest of the site is accessible from the block paved yard area which covers the natural contours of the site.

See site map on the back page for exhibit number references.

There are craft tenants on site - access to their Workshops is at the discretion of the visitor.

13 Reconstructed Kiln

LIMITED ACCESS ★★
Level access from original uneven brick paving. Route round the Kiln is uneven and best assessed before attempting.

Visiting the Second Floor - Caughley Gallery & Brierley Gallery
Return to the accessible lift located in the Children’s Gallery (5), via the Display Kiln (7), and Social History Gallery (6). On the Second Floor (level 2) you will find the Caughley Gallery and the Brierley Gallery.

14 Caughley Gallery

ACCESSIBLE ★
Level access from accessible lift onto original waxed wooden floor boards. A touch-screen computer point visually illustrates items from the Collection.

15 Brierley Gallery

ACCESSIBLE ★
Level access from original waxed wooden floor boards onto carpeted surface.

Return to the accessible lift and level 1 for the Shop and Way Out.
9 Picnic Area

ACCESSIBLE ★
Access from yard, small brick step at front entrance.

10 Saggar Makers Workshop

ACCESSIBLE ★
Level access from yard onto concrete surface.

11 Pottery Workshop

ACCESSIBLE ★
Level access from block paved yard onto concrete flooring.

12 Smuggler Kiln

ACCESSIBLE ★
Level access from original brick paving into similar open area.

The brick paved surface leading to the Reconstructed Kiln (13) is original to the site and is uneven in places with an incline into the Kiln area. The route around the Kiln is uneven with no room for turning.

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.
- Demonstrators, when working, will explain the various techniques of china manufacturing. Social History audio recordings are located in the Long Workshop and a tactile display of common china cup shapes can be found in the Introductory Gallery.
- Assistance Dogs are welcome on site and into all areas.
- A unisex Accessible Toilet is available off the yard area. Exit the lift in the Children’s Gallery on the Ground Floor (level 3), progress through the Social History Gallery out onto the yard, turn left. The toilet is on the left just beyond the entrance to the Children’s Gallery.

Rest Stops
Seating and a small picnic area can be found off the yard area.
Main Entrance - The side door is fully accessible from the ramps.

Main Entrance

ACCESSIBLE ✴
Fairly short steep incline to side entrance door into shop area with carpet flooring. Access also from right hand side of canal and across the wooden bridge.

Shop Area and Museum Entrance

ACCESSIBLE ✴
Level carpet shop floor area with dropped counter service. Accessible lift First Floor (level 1) and Introductory Gallery.

Introductory Gallery

ACCESSIBLE ✴
Slight downward slope into gallery. Tactile interpretation panels with braille and audio feature. Return to the accessible lift for access to all floors.

Children’s Gallery

ACCESSIBLE ✴
Level access from lift onto carpet surface.

Social History Gallery

ACCESSIBLE ✴
Level access onto flagstone floor. Exit through the display kiln onto the block paved sloping yard.

Display Kiln

LIMITED ACCESS ✴✴
The area around the Display Kiln is fully accessible, further show cases are located on a raised brick display area via 3 steps. Exit the Display Kiln for access to the yard.

To follow the story of the making of Coalport China, turn left after exiting the Display Kiln and make your way along the brick paved yard to the far end of the Long Workshop (8).

Long Workshop

ACCESSIBLE ✴
Level access from yard through wide wooden door onto concrete surface. Demonstrations and Social History audio recordings with Braille support giving a history of arts and crafts.