

# A detailed Access Guide to The Iron Bridge & Tollhouse

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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 Iron Bridge & Tollhouse**.

- The Iron Bridge & Tollhouse are accessible from either side of the River Severn. From Ironbridge Town, the **Square car park** on the North side and from the **Station Car Park** on the South side. Both car parks are local authority Pay and Display car parks with accessible parking spaces for Blue Badge holders.

- Access to the **Iron Bridge & Tollhouse** from the **Square Car Park** in Ironbridge town is via 100 metres of mixed tarmac and paving varying in levels.

Access to the **Iron Bridge & Tollhouse** from the **Station Car Park** is via a ramp with a tarmac surface leading to a dropped kerb onto a tarmac path.

The Iron Bridge has quite a steep slope (1 in 8) to its crest, and a firm 'peanut brittle' type asphalt surface. There is a defined footpath on each side with a 10cm cast-iron kerb, but no dropped kerbs.

- **The Tollhouse** is accessible through a single entrance door with a 7cm step up and a 5cm step down onto flagstone flooring. The ground floor is accessible to wheelchair users. The upper floor houses an exhibition with graphic panels and is only accessible by stairs. A full colour booklet of the exhibition is available on the ground floor.

- *An Act of Parliament was passed in 1776 giving permission for the Iron Bridge and Tollhouse to be built. The Iron Bridge was opened on New Year's Day 1781 and as the cost of crossing had already been set in the Act of Parliament, tolls were taken straight away. The Tollhouse itself was not built until 1783. The Toll Keeper and his family lived here as they had to be available to take tolls at any time day or night. The original Tollhouse was enlarged in 1835 which is how it stands today.*

The Tollhouse is open every weekend in the local school summer holidays and by prior appointment for groups and schools.

## **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.



- Tactile items on display where indicated.



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



- Situated in Ironbridge Town Square and fully accessible with side transfer and support rails. They are about 30 metres from the designated parking spaces.

The approach is by a tarmac slope (1 in 20), with a wide outward opening door locked by RADAR key.

## **Rest Stops**

There is plenty of seating on the north side of the Iron Bridge and seating and a small picnic area close to the Tollhouse on the south side.



## ① Ironbridge Town - The Square Car Park



### **ACCESSIBLE \***

3 designated DDA parking spaces. Level access from car park towards a tarmac ramp. Varying levels of mixed tarmac and paving and a road to cross leading to the Iron Bridge.

## ② Toilets



### **ACCESSIBLE \***

Accessible toilets with side transfer and support rails are situated next to the Tea Emporium on the car park level. Entry is by RADAR key.

## The Iron Bridge

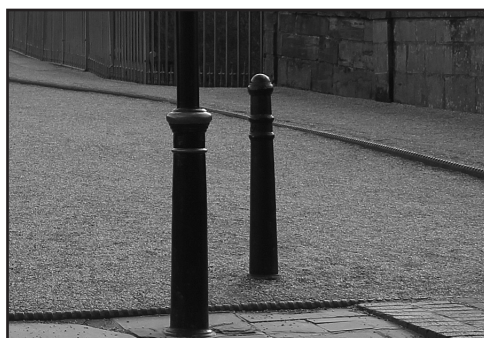
## ③ Crest



### **ACCESSIBLE \***

Steep slope to Iron Bridge crest (1 in 8). Pathways on either side of the roadway but no dropped kerbs. Roadway is pedestrian only.

## ④ Road Surface

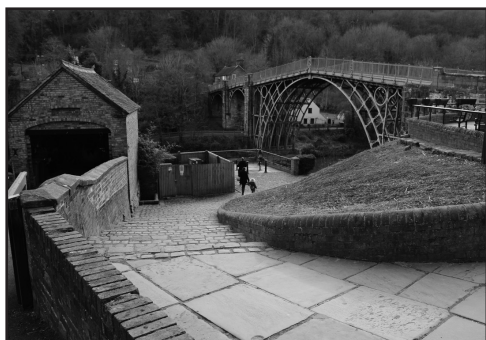


### **ACCESSIBLE \***

'Peanut brittle' type asphalt. Wide pedestrian roadway over Iron Bridge. 10cm cast iron kerbs to pathways either side of the Iron Bridge.

There is a viewing platform for the Iron Bridge at a lower level accessible via steps or a ramp - see over page.

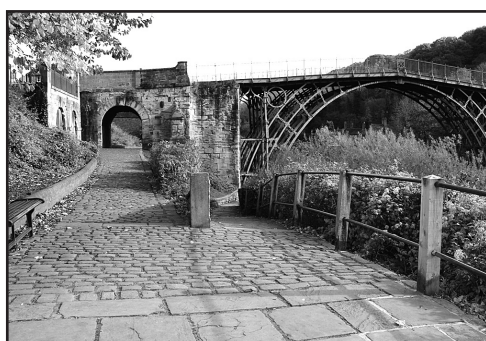
## ⑤ Iron Bridge Viewing Platform from the Square Car Park



### **DIFFICULT ACCESS \*\*\***

As you look at the Iron Bridge, to the left of the War Memorial, 2 flights of steep brick steps to uneven paved area below. Benches for seating.

## ⑥ Ramp from Wharfage



### **LIMITED ACCESS \*\***

To the right of the Iron Bridge 20 metres down the hill left hand turn on to long unevenly paved ramp and large cobble stones underneath the arches of the Iron Bridge leading to viewing area and benches for seating.

## The Tollhouse & Iron Bridge from Station Car Park

### ⑦ Car Park



### **ACCESSIBLE \***

Level surface tarmac car park with 4 DDA parking spaces.

### ⑧ Ramp from Car Park



### **ACCESSIBLE \***

Tarmac ramp leading to roadway and dropped kerb on to pathway in front of Tollhouse leading to the Iron Bridge.

Access is available to the pathways underneath the Iron Bridge on the south side via steep steps only.

## ⑨ Iron Bridge Tollhouse - Ground Floor

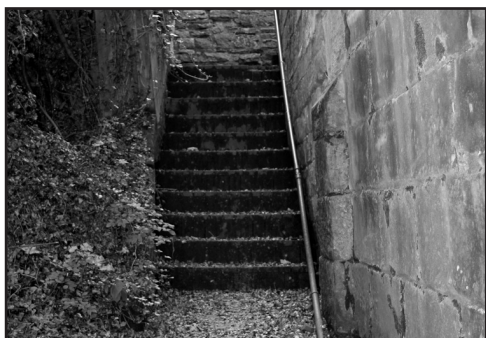


### LIMITED ACCESS \*\*

Single entrance door with a 7cm step up and a 5cm step down onto flagstone flooring.

## South Side Access to the Underneath of the Iron Bridge

### ⑩ Steps down to the river bank



### DIFFICULT ACCESS \*\*\*

Set 2 of 3 sets of steep brick steps to earth pathway.

### Customer comments

If you have any comments to make on the Iron Bridge & Tollhouse Access Guide please write them below, or speak to a member of staff, thank you.