

## Access Statement for the Rotunda Museum

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs but aims to accurately describe the Facilities and Services that we offer to all our guests/visitors.

### Introduction

Situated in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, The Rotunda Museum tells the story of the Geology and Archaeology of the local area. The Museum is situated on the main road with the option of steps or gradual inclined walkways.



We are a member of the Visitor Attraction Quality Assurance Scheme.

The Museum is based on three floors with lift access to galleries on the first and second floor.

There are large print labels and opportunities for fossil handling every Tuesday through the school holidays.

The shop is on the ground floor in the Reception area selling a range of gifts and souvenirs.

Visitor Services Assistants are on hand in the Museum to offer assistance.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01723 353665 or email [rotunda@smtrust.uk.com](mailto:rotunda@smtrust.uk.com)

### Pre-Arrival

For full details and maps of how to reach us please see the information section of our website: [www.scarboroughmuseumtrust.com](http://www.scarboroughmuseumtrust.com). Alternatively, you can plan your journey by car or public transport using

<http://www.theaa.com/route-planner/index.jsp> ; enter your postcode and ours, which is YO11 2PS to get directions.

The nearest railway station is Scarborough, which is 0.6 miles away (10 minutes' walk).

Taxis are available at the railway station.

The nearest bus stop is 10m/10 yards from our main entrance.

There are pictures of the venue available on the website for visitors who may benefit from some reassurance on what to expect when arriving at the Museum.

### **Car Parking and Arrival**

There is no car parking on site as the Museum is adjacent to a main road, however there is limited on street pay and display car parking on Vernon Road for approximately 8 vehicles and ample on street pay and display parking on Valley Road approximately 30m from the main entrance, with an underground car park below Spa Bridge 0.1 miles away, which can be accessed via nearby steps to arrive at the Museum by foot.

Blue Badge and disabled parking is subject to the local council policy and to access the up-to-date car parking information use [www.scarborough.gov.uk](http://www.scarborough.gov.uk)

The two on street car parking areas have ample lighting. The surface is hard concrete and tarmac with the statutory dimpled sloped areas for wheelchair access from the pavement on to the road and then from the road on to the main path entrance to the Museum which is approximately 354cms/146" wide at its narrowest point. There are no steps to access to the main entrance via this route.

The main entrance door is open and the second door at the entrance tunnel is automatic and is 120cms/47ins wide.

### **Main Entrance, Reception and Ticketing Area**

The main entrance is situated on the ground floor with step free, level access throughout. The floor surface is marmoleum (similar to linoleum).



The area is well lit with overhead lighting from tungsten and LED lights. There is a space for welcome at the till end of the Reception desk. There is a hearing loop system installed at the Reception desk. A magnifying glass, pen and pad of paper are available on request.

## The Attraction

The Museum is on three floors. There is a lift in Reception to all floors. There are no steps into the galleries.



All the galleries have interpretation boards with some pictures and large text. There is background music and sounds in the Shell Gallery Now gallery, Orientation space, and Scarborough's Lost Dinosaurs Gallery. There are audio headphones for the videos in the Shell Geology Now gallery. There are two interactive screens in the Shell Gallery Now gallery and one interactive screen in the top floor gallery. The interactive touch screens can be accessed from a sitting or standing position.

The two narrowest doors in the building accessible for wheelchairs lead into the Shell Geology Now and Scarborough's Lost Dinosaurs galleries on the first floor. Both doors measure 109cms/43" wide.



All the doors on the stairwell are open and close automatically when there is a fire.

There is a map of each floor pinned to the walls to show fire exit routes.

There are four seats in the orientation space: two recessed that are built into the walls and two benches which can be moved.

There are portable fold down seats available for use that can be taken anywhere in the Museum on request from Reception.

The floor surface is marmoleum (similar to linoleum) throughout. The galleries are well lit with a mix of spotlight tungsten and LED lighting.

There is a hearing loop at reception.

## Public Toilets

Public toilets are located on the ground floor with level access from the main entrance.



There is a unisex accessible toilet which can be described as having the following:

- A light, easy open door 90cms/36" wide.
- 150 by 170cms/59" by 67" wide transfer space to the left when facing the toilet
- The toilet height is 46cms/18".
- When facing the toilet, there is a vertical fixed rail to the right with a horizontal pull down rail, to the left there is a fixed vertical and a fixed horizontal rail.
- There is a flashing light when the fire alarm sounds
- An emergency pull cord is to the right of the toilet
- The toilets are well lit with a tungsten halogen light in the centre of the toilet
- The floor is non slip
- There are lever taps on the sink

## Shop

There is a shop in the Reception area with a range of souvenirs and books. The shop is level throughout and is large enough for a wheelchair or pushchair.

The Reception desk has an area at the till end for accessibility.

Items are displayed at a variety of levels. A staff member is always present if required. The counter has a hearing loop system.

## **Grounds and Gardens**

There is a small bedded area to the left and right of the Museum entrance. There is one bench at either side of the main entrance belonging to Scarborough Borough Council.

## **Additional Information**

We have a set of evacuation procedures and should you require assistance a member of the Visitor Services Team will be available to help you to evacuate the building. Evacuation cushions are also available.

We welcome trained assistance dogs. A water bowl is available at Reception for assistance dogs if required.

Clear signage is used throughout the Museum using a sans serif font in a dark colour on a light background.

## **Future Plans**

Rotunda refresh, HLF redevelopment bid to change Exhibitions and Interpretation, with accessibility in mind

## **Contact Information**

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Open Bank Holiday Mondays