

Leawood Pump House Accessibility Statement

Leawood Pump House is a historic steam-powered pumping station located beside the Cromford Canal. It offers visitors a glimpse into the industrial heritage of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. While we aim to make the site as accessible as possible, the historic nature and terrain present some challenges. We encourage visitors with specific access needs to contact us in advance to discuss their requirements.

Site Overview

Leawood Pump House is situated in a rural setting adjacent to the canal and surrounded by woodland and trails. The site includes the pump house building, canal towpath and access to nearby trails. The pump house is open to the public on steaming days and during special events.

Terrain and Access

The canal towpath is flat and surfaced with compacted grit, suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Access to the pump house involves a short walk along the towpath and a gravel path. The entrance to the pump house has steps and narrow doorways, which are not suitable for wheelchair users. Interior floors are uneven and may pose challenges for those with limited mobility.

Tramper scheme

We are pleased to be able to offer hire of our Tramper 'all terrain mobility scooters', which give people with more limited mobility the freedom to explore. More information on how to hire the Tramper can be found here: [Access for all - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Parking and Arrival

Parking is available at High Peak Junction with accessible routes via a gravel path and access bridges from the car park leading to Leawood Pump House. There are designated Blue Badge spaces at High Peak Junction. Visitors should follow signage along the canal towpath to reach the pump house.

Toilets

Accessible toilets are available at High Peak Junction, approximately 5–10 minutes walk from the pump house.

Assistance Dogs

Assistance dogs are welcome throughout the site, although the nature of the pump house structure may make it difficult for assistance dogs to navigate it safely. Please keep dogs under control, especially near livestock and trail and canal edges.

Seating

Benches are located along the canal towpath and near the pump house. Picnic tables are available nearby.

Events and Activities

Leawood Pump House hosts steaming days and heritage events throughout the year. Events may involve uneven terrain or long distances. Please check event details for accessibility information. Interpretation boards and volunteers are available to support inclusive learning.

Emergency Procedures

Staff and volunteers are trained in emergency procedures. Emergency access is available for vehicles if required. First aid kits are available on site.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about accessibility or would like to discuss your visit, please contact us in advance:

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