

Middleton Top Engine House Accessibility Statement

Middleton Top Engine House is a historic industrial site located on the High Peak Trail in Derbyshire. It features a preserved steam engine and visitor facilities in a countryside setting. While we aim to make the site as accessible as possible, the historic nature of the building and surrounding terrain presents some challenges. Visitors with specific access needs are encouraged to contact us in advance.

Site Overview

Middleton Top Engine House includes the engine house, visitor centre, cycle hire and access to the High Peak Trail. The site is partially outdoors with uneven surfaces and gradients. The engine house is a historic structure with limited internal accessibility. Interior floors are uneven and may pose challenges for those with limited mobility.

Terrain and Access

The High Peak Trail is surfaced with compacted grit and is generally suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Access to the engine house involves steps and narrow doorways, which is not suitable for wheelchair users. The visitor centre and cycle hire are on level ground with step-free access.

Parking and Arrival

Parking is available at Middleton Top, including designated Blue Badge spaces. The car park is surfaced with tarmac and connects to the trail and visitor centre via level paths. Signage is provided at the entrance with maps and interpretation boards.

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](#)

Toilets

An accessible toilet is available near the visitor centre.

Assistance Dogs

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

Seating

Benches are located along the trail and near the visitor centre.

Events and Activities

Middleton Top hosts steam engine demonstrations. Some events may involve uneven terrain or long distances. Please check event details for accessibility information.

Emergency Procedures

Staff are trained in emergency procedures. Emergency vehicle access is available if required. First aid kits are located 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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