



## Royal Pavilion & Museums, Brighton & Hove

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 all our guests/visitors.

### **Access Statement for Booth Museum**



#### **Introduction**

Founded by Edward booth in 1874, the Booth Museum is all about birds, butterflies, fossils, bones and skeletons.

Admission to the Booth Museum is free.

Visitor Services Officers are on duty should you require any assistance and are happy to answer any queries.

There is no cafe in the building, but there is one across the road in Dyke Road Park.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 03000 290900 or email [visitor.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:visitor.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk).

### **Pre-Arrival**

- For full details and maps of how to reach us please see the 'How to get here' section of our website. Alternatively you can plan your journey by car or public transport using [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info); simply enter your postcode and ours, which is BN1 5AA to get directions.
- The nearest railway station is Brighton, which is a 20 minute walk, or you can take a bus from outside the station. Taxis are also available at the station. If you require an accessible taxi you can book this in advance.
- See contact information section for details for taxi companies in Brighton & Hove.
- The Fed Centre for Independent Living also provides helpful information on the various Wheelchair Accessible Taxis on the road to help you find the taxi that's right for you.  
[www.thefedonline.org.uk](http://www.thefedonline.org.uk) Montague House, Montague Place Brighton BN2 1JE 01273 296747 [info@thefedonline.org.uk](mailto:info@thefedonline.org.uk)
- Buses stop at Dyke Road. The bus stops have a shelter and seating. See contact information section for more details of bus services.
- Visitors using mobility scooters are asked to leave them at the rear accessible entrance and transfer to one of our manual wheelchairs. If you do this, please bring along a companion to push the wheelchair or if you need a member of staff to assist you phone 03000 290900 or email [visitor.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:visitor.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk) in advance to book someone to help.
- If you have a powered wheelchair please note that some of the doorways in the building are narrow or have tight turns so you may not be able to access some areas.

### **Car Parking and Arrival**

- The only available parking is on street on the opposite side of the road, however visitors can be dropped off at the accessible entrance in the Fairways flats site.
- In Brighton & Hove, providing the badge and time disc are displayed correctly, you can park in a disabled bay, a pay & display bay and a shared use bay but not in 'resident permit only' bays.
- Additionally Blue Badge holders with a clock are allowed to park on yellow lines for up to 3 hours provided they are not causing an obstruction and there are no loading restrictions.
- There are 8 steps to the main entrance with handrails, with risers of 150-170mm, and then a further 2 steps inside to the main museum.
- Level wheelchair access is available at the rear of the building, through a 97cm wide door. There is a bell push and intercom to access the building through this door. There is currently no sign at the main entrance to direct visitors to this door.



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

- The reception desk has a lowered section.
- A hearing induction loop is fitted.

- The floor is carpeted and the area is well lit with overhead lighting.
- Pen and paper are available on request.

### **Attraction**

- The museum is all on one level and is carpeted.
- The galleries are well lit, apart from the butterfly gallery which has lower levels of lighting.
- Most of the aisles are wide; the narrowest doorway is 84cm wide.
- There is a variety of seating around the building.
- Most of the exhibits are in glass cases, some at a high level.
- There is some clear labeling of exhibits, but because of the historic nature of the collection, some of the labeling is not as clear or in smaller font.
- There are some tactile exhibits and interactives.
- An induction loop is fitted in the education area in the butterfly gallery, and there is clear space for wheelchair users under the tables.

### **Public Toilets**

- A unisex accessible toilet, locked with a radar key available from the reception desk, is located in the entrance.
- There are two steps down to this area from the main building, so it is currently only suitable for ambulant disabled visitors.
- The door is 90cm wide, and there is a non-slip floor.
- There is transfer space to the right of the toilet.
- Toilet height is 45cm.
- There is an emergency cord.
- The toilet is well lit with overhead fluorescent lighting.
- There are vertical and horizontal grab rails in a contrasting colour to the walls.
- Fixtures are white and there are lever taps.
- Baby changing facilities are also provided.

- A clinical waste bin is provided.

### **Shop**

- There is a shop with a range of gifts and books on a natural history theme, located at the front of the museum close to the reception desk.
- The shop is level throughout and there is space for a wheelchair to manoeuvre.
- Most of the shelves are low, and staff are available to assist if needed.

### **Additional Information**

- All of the staff have undertaken disability awareness training.
- We have a set of evacuation procedures and should you require it someone will assist you with evacuation either out of the building or to a refuge. We have evac. chairs to assist.
- All information brochures are produced in a minimum of 12 point font, and some are available in large print.
- Assistance dogs are welcome in the building.

### **Contact Information**

Address (Inc postcode): Booth Museum of Natural History 194 Dyke Road Brighton BN1 5AA

Telephone: 03000 290900

Email: [visitor.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:visitor.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Website: <http://www.brightonmuseums.org.uk>

Hours Of Operation: Open Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm Closed Thu (Open Bank Holiday Mondays)

Local Equipment Hire: Brighton Shopmobility Opening Times and Contact Details Registration forms, scooters

and manual and powered wheelchairs are available from the Shopmobility centre at:

- Brighton Shopmobility Centre, Churchill Square Car Park 1, Level P3, Regency Road, Brighton
- Opening times: Monday-Fridays, 10am-4pm. Closed on weekends & Bank Holidays. (Opening times can sometimes vary so it's best to ring ahead to check the centre will be open when you plan to visit.)
- Telephone: 01273 323239. It might be a good idea to contact the Scheme before visiting to find out directions as it can be quite difficult to find the office.

Local Accessible Taxi: Contact Brighton & Hove Radio Cabs 01273 204060 [admin@brightontaxis.com](mailto:admin@brightontaxis.com)  
[www.brightontaxis.com](http://www.brightontaxis.com)

City cabs 01273 205205 Text 07528 964384  
[www.205205.com](http://www.205205.com)

Brighton & Hove Streamline 01273 747474  
[operations@streamlinetaxis.org](mailto:operations@streamlinetaxis.org)

Hove Streamline Taxis 01273 202020  
[operations@streamlinetaxis.org](mailto:operations@streamlinetaxis.org)

Local Public Transport: Buses have easy access for boarding and space for 1 wheelchair or any vehicle with a parking brake. Scooters are not permitted.

- The Brighton and Hove bus timetables are available on-line or in large print.
- Main bus stops have "real time" information screens for passengers, and most buses have visual and audible announcements of the next stop.
- Award winning Talking Bus Stops are

also available in the city if you are blind or partially sighted. People using the scheme have a battery-operated key fob which alerts them when they are near a talking bus stop. Pressing the fob allows you to receive spoken information on which buses are coming and when they will arrive. For more information on this scheme please see [www.journeyon.co.uk](http://www.journeyon.co.uk) or contact the Access Point Team on 01273 29555 email [accesspoint@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:accesspoint@brighton-hove.gov.uk)