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Levant Mine and
Beam Engine
Levant Road,
Trewellard,
Pendeen,
TR19 7SX



Introduction

- Levant Mine and Beam Engine is a 19th Century mining site located on the cliffs at Trewellard in West Cornwall and is part of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site. Levant has a small complex of mine buildings including the Engine House, which houses the working 1840s Beam Engine, still working on steam. Levant is in an exposed position and surrounded by coastal countryside with footpaths to Botallack and Geevor. There are more ruined mine buildings in the landscape around Levant. Levant was gifted to the National Trust in 1967.
- Mobile phone reception is limited at Levant. There is some 4G reception on higher ground - in line with the car parking machine in the small car park that has boulders around the edge.
- Assistance dog only allowed on the tour. Dogs are welcome along the coast path, please keep dogs on a lead.
- The terrain at Levant is uneven with some hills. There are lots of stony footpaths with granite boulders and rocks. Some of the footpaths can be muddy in wet weather.

Arrival & Parking

- Parking for Levant is at Geevor Tin Mine in Pendeen, West Cornwall. Geevor is sign posted from the A30 and A3071 with brown signs.

- Geevor has a large gravel and shingle surface car park on a slight slope. There is a short 10-15 minute walk along the South West coast path to reach Levant.

- The footpath terrain is uneven with loose stones and can be muddy in wet weather, there are gorse bushes and Cornish hedgerows around the footpaths between Geevor and Levant. There are sign posts from Geevor.



- Visiting Levant is by pre-booking and there are a small number of disabled parking spaces at Levant. The disabled spaces are accessed by driving down Levant Road rather than parking at Geevor. Levant Road is narrow and there is an uneven cobbled stretch that can be bumpy for cars to cross, the car park is at the very bottom of the road and is surrounded by granite boulders. Levant is sign posted at the top of Levant Road in Trewellard.
- There are no marked bays in the main car park - disabled parking spaces will be allocated when booking a visit to Levant.
- There is a slope downwards from the car park to the main buildings at Levant. The path is tarmacked although there can be some loose stones and there are water breaks across the surface.
- The small car park at Levant is made of compacted hardcore which is uneven. It is on a gentle slope and surrounded by granite boulders.



WCs and Facilities

- The accessible toilet is within the small complex of mine buildings on the lower site inside a black corrugated metal building.
- In the accessible toilet there is a pull cord alarm that sounds in the site office.



- There is a female toilet, a male toilet and a disabled toilet. Both the male and female toilets open inwards. There are three female toilets in a stall with two automatic hand wash and dry machines. There is one male toilet and a urinal with one automatic hand wash and dry machine. The accessible toilet has a sink, hand soap and paper towels. All of the spaces are windowless and are lit by fluorescent lighting.
- Levant doesn't have a cafe or any facilities for drinks. Re-usable water bottles can be filled up with tap water.
- The nearest cafe facilities are at Geevor Cafe and Botallack Count House Workshop Cafe.
- There are benches around the site that can be used if required.



Visitor Welcome

- As you approach the buildings There is a large space on the cliff top with a mixed floor surface. The outdoor floor surface is concrete, loose stone, grass and mud with some historic metal tram rails running through.
- The first building on your left as you approach is the corrugated metal WC building. The site office is then raised on a platform to the left (no visitor access).
- The visitor reception at Levant is in the Electric Winder House. There is a central, single, metal plated black door with a push down handle, the door opens inwards. There is a perspex window with a metal cage covering to the right of the door. The door width is 78cm.
- There is a British Sign Language Tour of Levant available via a tablet to loan.
- There is a large print guide of information at Levant.



Levant Mine and Beam Engine - buildings

Levant is a small complex of industrial buildings and the buildings are within a short walk of each other. The surfaces are uneven and are a mixture of gravel and concrete. There are some steps on path leading to the beam engine house.

There is a level access route to the engine houses which is accessed from the tarmac path between the Levant Car Park and the buildings by a metal gate without a latch that swings inwards. The path is made of fine gravel and can narrow to 50cm in some places. It crosses a small wooden bridge platform. The bridge is 99cm wide and has an angled step down to the path on one side that is 7cm at its lowest. The pumping engine house is to the right of the path and the beam engine house is at the end of the path. There is a concrete hump in the path as you reach the beam engine house and a gradual slope leading to the doorway. The exit for level access is through returning along the same path and gate.



1. Electric winder house

The electric winder house is the first building visitors enter. The electric winder house has a one-way route through; there is a front single door that visitors enter first and a rear side sliding door that leads out onto a concrete outdoor space where there are several other buildings. This area is perched on the cliff top.

The cliff is edged with a four-foot high metal fence that runs along the length of the small group of mining buildings.

There is a large piece of machinery in the Electric Winder House building, which is operated by a team member. The brakes and bell on this machine can be loud and sound in short bursts; the team member operating this machinery will advise visitors before they start.

2. Skip shaft

The first building on the left is the skip shaft. There is a single, industrial door with a large metal handle, this door swings outwards and is secured in an open position. There is a small lip in the concrete leading into the building. The door width is 93cm.

3. Engine house

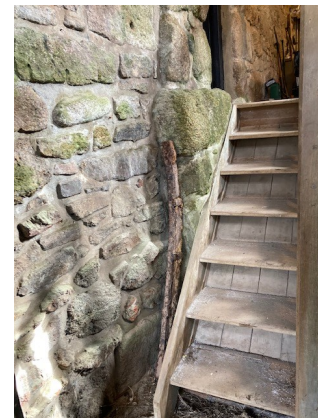
The engine house with a roof is the winding engine house and this is where the working beam engine is. It can be referred to as the winding house or the beam engine house.

There are some granite steps on the path leading to this engine house when accessing from the lower path through the mine buildings. There is a metal wire fence to the right of the path and there are three steps, followed by a short break and then a further three steps.



The path bends around to the left and there is a doorway leading through into the lower part of the engine house. This doorway has metal gates at the entrance that are secured open. The doorway is made of granite and feels like a short tunnel as you pass through. The width is 87cm at its narrowest and 2.05m high.

There is a space to stand in when you enter the building. To the left of the space there is a narrow open tread wooden staircase with a handrail that leads up to the beam engine.



At the top of the wooden stairs, there is a wooden galley platform with a handrail overlooking the Cornish boiler from above. The wooden galley is 76cm wide

To the left of the staircase off the platform, there is a doorway with a black door secured in the open position. This leads into the beam engine space, or the driver's floor.

There is an external door to the left that is also secured in the open position and this leads out onto a gravel space with a bench. There are some metal railings around the edge of this space.

4. Pumping engine house

When you leave the beam engine house, you join the higher path which is the level access path.

This then leads to the pumping engine house, which is taller and has no roof. The pumping engine house does have a small entrance just off the path by crossing a small grass and granite pebble area.

Inside the engine house there is a metal fence to protect against a drop inside the building. The ground is uneven and is made of various surfaces including gravel, rocks, compacted mud and grass. The floor of the engine house is granite block.

You can leave the small complex of buildings through the grate outside of the pumping house. This gate leads onto the tarmac slope.



5. The Man Engine Tunnel

The Man Engine Tunnel is Levant Mine's only underground section available for visitors to access. The Man Engine Tunnel is a short walk from the small complex of mining buildings.

The Man Engine Tunnel is on the dry, which is a large rectangular concrete platform, with three wide granite steps leading up, there is no handrail.

There is a curved metal fence and a granite spiral staircase leading underground. The welcome team or a tour guide will take visitors underground here.

The spiral staircase leading down has no hand rail and there is a metal grille at the top to cross. At the bottom of the staircase there is a metal gate that is the full height of the tunnel, this will be unlocked and opened by the team member.



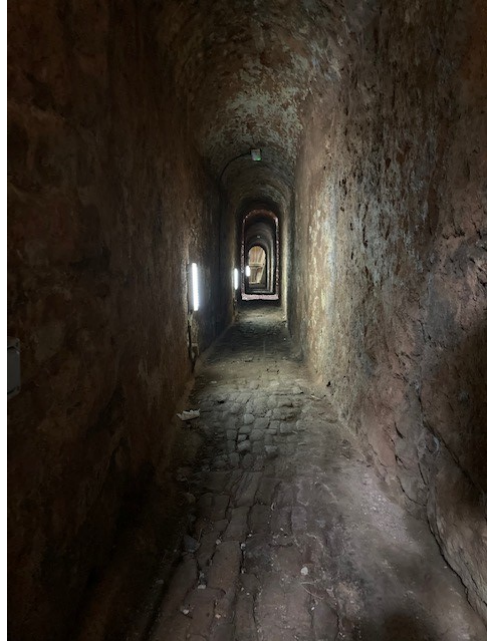
The Man Engine Tunnel is a small underground tunnel, it is around 20 metres long and about 4 metres below ground.

The tunnel is around 8 feet in height and is quite narrow with a cobbled floor surface that is very uneven. As the tunnel is underground, it can be wet and slippery. Sturdy footwear is essential.

The tunnel is dark with two natural light points, one at half way and one at the end. There is electric lighting along the left hand side as you travel along the tunnel but light levels are still low.

At the end of the tunnel, there is a shaft down and a grille above it. Visitors can stand on the grille if they'd like to, there are three metal grille steps down and a handrail.

The exit from the Man Engine Tunnel is returning along the tunnel to the spiral staircase. There is only one entrance and exit to the Man Engine Tunnel.

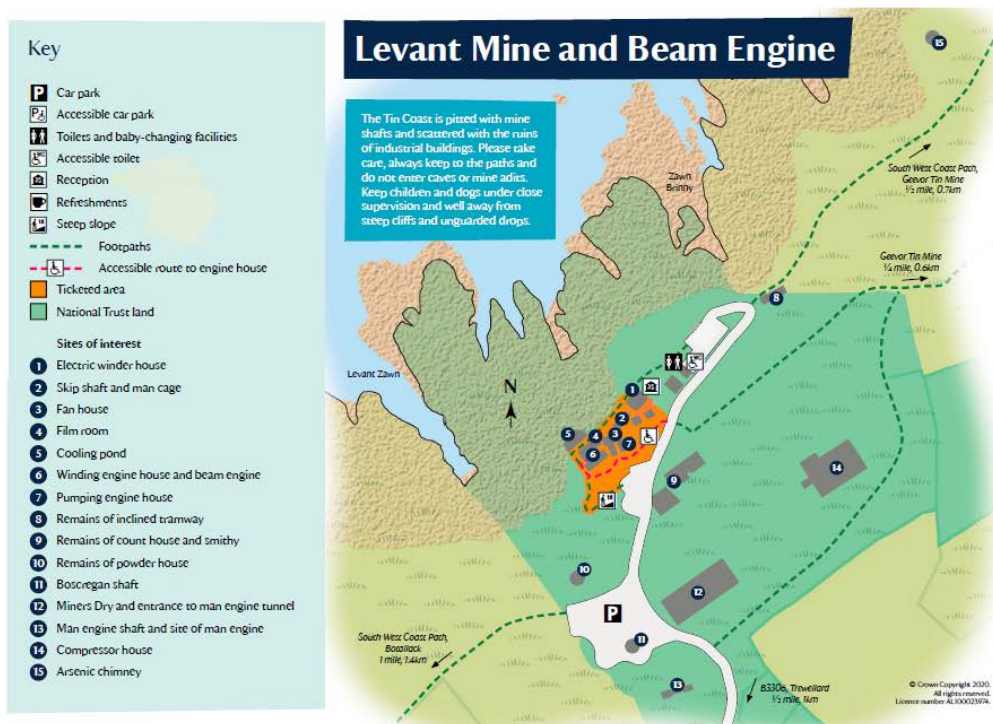


Duration of visit

- The length of time spent at the Levant buildings is limited to the booking slot, but the wider site is available to explore beyond this time.
- Levant is exposed to the weather and at times, it can be cold, wet, windy or very hot with limited shade.
- There aren't any refreshments available to purchase. Please bring a drink and snack if you feel you may need it. Water, sun cream/hats are essential during very hot weather.
- There is a large cafe at Geevor and a smaller cafe at Botallack. Both cafes have disabled car parking and level access into the buildings.
- If you have any requirements around your visit to Levant, team members are able to discuss these with you beforehand.

Specialist equipment

- Levant Mine has a BSL tour available on a tablet to loan.
- Levant Mine has a large print guide available.



About the Access Statement

- This Access Statement is intended to provide key information about Levant Mine that may be particularly relevant to visitors with disabilities. Please contact us prior to booking if you would like information that is more specific and we will be happy to oblige.

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