

Bembridge Windmill Access Statement

The only surviving Windmill on the Isle of Wight.

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Points to note

1. There is reasonable mobile phone reception across the site.
2. Dogs are allowed in the grounds as long as they are on leads.
However only assistant dogs are permitted in the windmill. There is a water bowl outside the visitor reception area.
3. There is low level lighting in the windmill
4. There are low beams and steep steps within the property.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. There are brown signs leading from the village, and from the nearby mini roundabout. Parking is in a layby 100yards from the windmill and access is then on foot through a gate down a lane.
2. The parking layby is not exclusive to National Trust visitors and is also used by other members of the public. Alternative on road parking is available in the nearby village.
3. It is possible to drop visitors with limited mobility and park back in the layby.
4. Wheelchair access is available into the grounds, but given the nature of the windmill it is not possible to access the different floors.



Layby parking



Lane towards Windmill from
layby / road

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There are no onsite toilet facilities. The nearest public toilets are in the nearby village of Bembridge 0.6 miles away.

Visitor Reception

A small wooden building beside a popular walking route. It is accessed via two external steps, with disabled access through a side gate into the grounds. There is no seating provided within the kiosk, however picnic tables and benches are provided for visitors within the windmill grounds. There is a ramp on the windmill side of the building into reception allowing wheelchairs to then access the building. The building is well lit with both natural and florescent light.

Refreshments

Picnics can be enjoyed within the grounds outside the windmill. No food or drink is to be taken inside the windmill.

Route to the Windmill

Access is through the reception and a short concrete ramp down to grounds. The entrance to the windmill is approximately 12 yards. The area surrounding the windmill is laid to grass and is uneven. There are three picnic benches within the enclosed grounds.

The Windmill

1. The entrance to the Windmill is over a slight lip. It is possible for Wheelchair users to access the ground floor with assistance. On the ground floor there is a DVD playing and staff and volunteers are happy to provide added literature to enhance your experience if access to upper levels is difficult.
2. The Windmill has three further floors, The Machine floor, the Stone floor and the Bin floor. These floor surfaces are wooden, and again uneven. Access to each floor is via steep wooden steps (Ground floor – Machine floor 11 steps) (Machine floor – Stone Floor 11 steps) (Stone floor – Bin Floor 8 steps).
3. There are low beams to be aware of and low level lighting is used in some areas of the windmill.



