

## Cobham Wood and Mausoleum Access Statement

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### Introduction

1. Cobham Mausoleum, designed by the 18th-century architect James Wyatt, is set in historic woodland, once part of the Cobham estate. The South Lodge Barn is our information centre for visitors. It is situated a mile away from the Mausoleum, through the woodland and along a path that is not fully surfaced
2. The mausoleum is accessed by a series of 16 stone steps down to the Crypt and 10 steps up to the Chapel - as such there is limited accessibility for wheelchair users and those with walking difficulties
3. Mobile phone reception is limited across the site. In an emergency, please make contact on the phone number above as soon as you are able
4. Dogs are welcome in the grounds and the Mausoleum on short leads. Assistance dogs are welcome throughout.
5. There is no charge to access the woodland. There is a charge to enter the Mausoleum on the days it is open
6. The site is unmanned, apart from open days, when volunteers will be present at the South Lodge Barn and the Mausoleum
7. There is no shop but refreshments and toilet facilities are only available at South Lodge Barn on open days



Above: the Mausoleum Crypt is accessible via stone steps up to the entrance

## **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

8. The site is signed from the main road on open days
9. There is no public parking at the site, but it is possible to drop off outside South Lodge Barn which is a 1 mile walk away from the Mausoleum
10. Parking is available at Shorne Woods Country Park (not NT). A small fee is required for parking. The Mausoleum is approximately a 2 mile walk across some challenging terrain - please follow the black route on the map overleaf.

## **WCs**

11. An accessible WC is available in South Lodge Barn on open days only – there is no toilet at the Mausoleum
12. There is artificial light from normal light bulbs
13. There is no hand dryer

## **Catering**

14. Self-service refreshments are available from South Lodge Barn when open
15. There is a table that can be used if seated in a wheelchair

## **South Lodge Barn – Visitor Welcome and Information Centre**

16. The Barn is available on open days only, subject to volunteer availability
17. The entrance is wheelchair accessible – please ask for assistance on arrival to open the main doors
18. The entrance can be fully opened out and has a glass frontage
19. For those unable to walk to the Mausoleum, there is a film available to watch about the restoration project with aerial views of the site

## **The Mausoleum**

20. The Mausoleum is a mile walk from South Lodge Barn along a path that is not fully surfaced and has some potholes. It is mostly flat with an incline near the approach to the building (see photo overleaf)
21. There are two gates across the track, with pedestrian access via kissing gates
22. There are benches along the path and approx. 20 metres from the Mausoleum entrance
23. The Mausoleum has two rooms – the Chapel and the Crypt
24. The Chapel is accessed by ascending 10 stone steps and the Crypt is accessed by descending 16 stone steps. There is no alternative access – as such it is not possible for wheelchair or powered mobility vehicles to access the Mausoleum
25. The doors have manual openings but are left open on open days
26. There are no soft furnishings so the hard surfaces will cause sound echoes
27. The rooms are naturally lit
28. There are no seats for visitors to use in the Mausoleum
29. Volunteers staff the rooms on open days



Above: access to the Mausoleum is via a 1 mile track which is not fully surfaced

## **Cobham Woods**

- 30. The woodland is normally grazed by highland cattle
- 31. There are five walking routes – see map overleaf (not all walks are currently waymarked)
- 32. There are seats at regular intervals on the walks, approx. every 500 metres

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