

Dalton Castle Access Statement

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Introduction

1. 14th- century tower built to assert the authority of the Abbot of Furness Abbey, located in Dalton town centre. Its interior has seen many alterations, the last and most radical being that of 1856 when three upper floors, accessible from a stone spiral staircase, were superseded by a single upper room and an additional stairway.
2. There is reasonable mobile phone reception across most of the site.
3. Only assistance dogs are welcome inside the building.
4. There are no catering or retail facilities at Dalton Castle.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. Dalton Castle is situated in the market place, at the top of Dalton's main street. There is a small sign on the side of the building beside the main entrance.
2. There is no car park at Dalton Castle. Limited parking is available in the market place with one designated parking space for disabled visitors. These spaces are on a cobbled surface. There is very limited street parking behind and to the side of the castle, which has a tarmac surface.
3. There is a free public car park in the town centre, located on Broughton Road. This is approximately half a mile from the castle. Access to the castle is uphill along the pavement.
4. It is possible to drop visitors off outside the castle if all parking bays in the market place are full.
5. There is no pavement directly outside the castle. The surrounding roads are narrow and regularly accessed by local residents and users of St. Mary's Church.

WCs

1. There is one toilet at the castle which is located on the ground floor. It is accessed by two steps up and two steps down.
2. There is no accessible toilet at Dalton Castle.
3. The toilet contains paper towels for hand drying and is lit by fluorescent bulbs. There are no baby changing facilities onsite.

Building

1. Visitors are welcomed by volunteers at the front door to the castle, to the left of the building from the market place.



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2. Entrance to the building is by three stone steps leading up to the front door. There is no handrail. Unfortunately there is no ramp available.
3. The front door is non-powered opening and opens inwards to 90 degrees. The front door remains partially open to 60cm wide when the building is open to visitors, however volunteers can assist with opening the doors fully if required.
4. Wood flooring runs throughout the building and the area is lit by both natural and artificial lighting.
5. There are chairs without armrests available if required.
6. Access to the first floor is up 18 steps. There is a handrail on the left side of the staircase. There is no ramp or lift available.
7. Access to the museum room (lower room) is on the ground floor.
8. Access to the first floor is up the main staircase with a 180 degree turn halfway up.
9. There is also a steep spiral staircase which leads to the first floor. There are 23 steps to the first floor. The staircase is 90cm wide and the treads are 27cm at their widest point.
10. There are no guides or virtual tour of the castle available, for further information please ask a volunteer.
11. Powered mobility vehicles cannot be accommodated in the building due to steps and restricted turning circles. Small personal wheelchairs can be accommodated on the ground floor.

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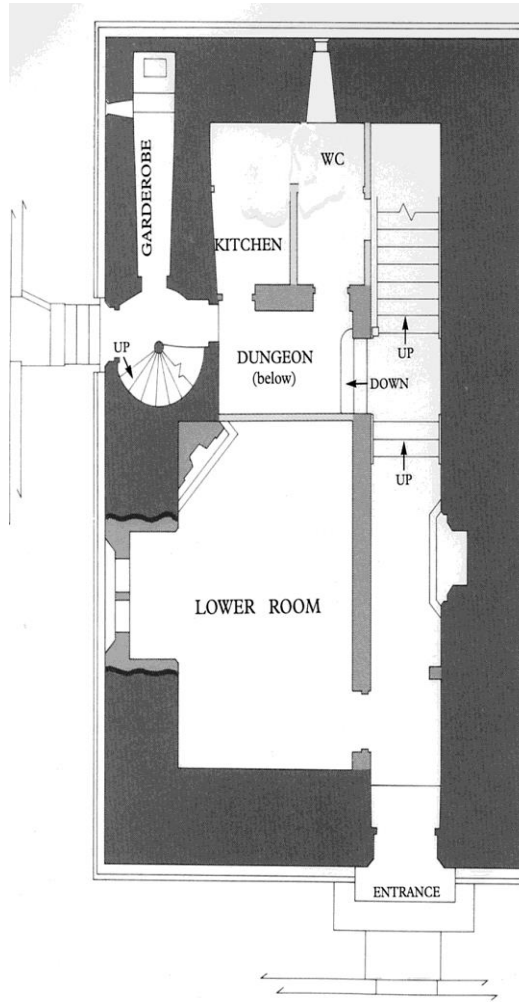
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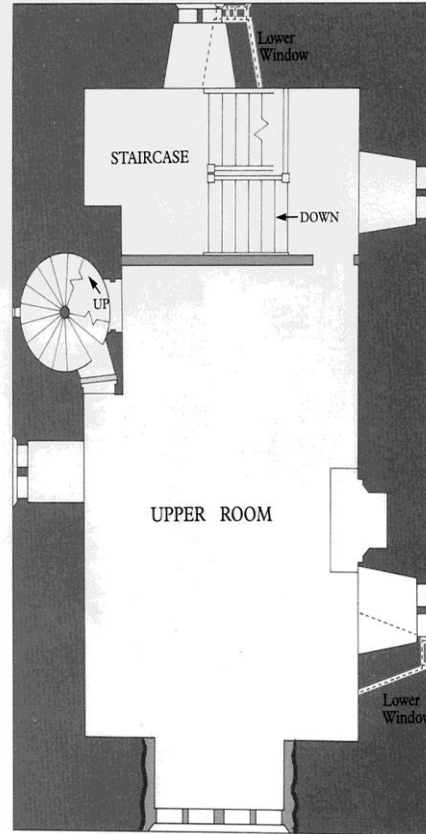
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Map

Plans of the Castle



Ground Floor



Upper Floor

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 c. 1330-50
 1856
 1969

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 Scale in Metres