

## 2 Willow Road Access Statement



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### Introduction

1. 2 Willow Road is a 1930's Modernist middle terrace house on a residential street in Hampstead in London. The property does not have a garden that is open to visitors. Only the small hall and introductory film room are situated on the ground floor are accessible to wheelchair users. The main showrooms are on the first and second floors, accessed via a wide spiral staircase.
2. The mobile phone reception is generally good, but a member of staff can call the emergency services from a land line at any point on a visitor's behalf. The Royal Free Hospital, which has an emergencies department, is less than 5 minutes' drive away.
3. Assistance dogs only are welcome inside the house.

### Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. There is one disabled parking bay at the Downshire Hill end of Willow Road (near the house), and several more in the surrounding streets. East Heath Car Park is a 5-minute walk from the property. Alternatively, disabled visitors can arrange to park on the small forecourt at the front of the property. Please call ahead to arrange this if possible as there is only space for two cars.
2. The forecourt surface is tarmac.

### WCs

1. There are no visitor toilets onsite. However, a toilet can be made available if someone is unwell. It is situated on the top (second) floor, up a spiral staircase.

2. The nearest accessible public toilet is at The Freemasons Arms which is next door. The pub's entrance is less than 5 minutes' walk away.

### **Visitor Reception and House**

1. The visitor reception is in the small domestic hall of the house, which contains original furniture and art.
2. There is a low threshold at the front door between the forecourt and the hall, approximately 5cm in height. The hall flooring is non-slip rubber tiles with a coir mat on top.
3. As the building is concrete, floor surfaces are hard and the rooms open plan, sound does echo around.
4. The entrance door is 73 cm wide and manually opened, inwards. It is always open during visitor hours and manned by a volunteer.
5. The hallway can be quite dark but the upper floors well-lit by natural light from banks of windows.
6. There are lightweight museum stools which can be walked around the house by visitors. There are also two reproduction Goldfinger chairs in the hall which can be sat on (one of which has arm rests but is quite low), and a stage on the first floor.
7. An induction loop is available.
8. Entry is by guided tour, lasting approximately one hour. Disabled visitors and any carers are welcome to telephone and hold places ahead of the day.
9. All visitors are invited to watch an introductory film about 2 Willow Road and Ernö Goldfinger. The film is 17 minutes long and shown in what was the garage on the ground floor. Space can be provided for one wheelchair user. Otherwise the seating is wooden benches. The film is subtitled for those who have hearing disabilities.
10. A supplementary film is available for those who cannot use the spiral staircase. This film is approximately 10 minutes long and gives a short tour of the upper floors. It is available around the playing of the introductory film.
11. A picture album of the rooms is also available, and Braille and large print guides with magnifiers.

### **Catering**

1. There is no catering onsite but many cafés, pubs and restaurants within a 5-10 minute walk in Hampstead village and South End Green.

### **Retail**

1. There is no retail area at 2 Willow Road.

### **Contact details for more information**

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