

Ormesby Hall Access Statement

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Introduction

The Pennyman history at Ormesby dates back to 1600. The original house was a medieval style manor house built on the site of the monastic grange. In the eighteenth century a Palladian style house was built. Both houses still stand, with the original manor house converted into servants quarters.

Ormesby Hall sits in 250 acres of parkland on the edge of Middlesborough. The formal gardens are all on one level with gravel and grass paths. Inside the eighteenth century house, the ground floor is all on one level. There are steps into the Entrance Hall but an access ramp is provided. Access to the medieval manor house is through a separate entrance and again an access ramp is provided. On the ground floor, only the laundry has limited access due to steps down into it. Floor surfaces are a combination of carpets, rugs, wooden floor boards, stone flagstones and cobbles.

Due to the location of Ormesby Hall, mobile phone reception is good, with 4G available throughout the house and grounds. Dogs are welcome in all outdoor areas, including the courtyards. Assistance dogs only are welcome in the house.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

Brown signs direct visitors from the A19 (main road from York to Newcastle) and the A174 (main road from A19 to Redcar).

The main car park is located 100m from the front door of the house. The car park surface is predominantly made of grass, this can get muddy after heavy rain and in the winter. There are six assisted parking spaces on the grass main car park and then access to the front door of the house or garden is over a gravel surface on a slight incline.

NB. Ormesby Hall has two wheelchairs that are available for visitors. These can be booked in advance from the property. There are no mobility scooters for hire.

Toilets

There is an accessible toilet available as part of the main visitor toilet block. This is located within the former servants quarters. Visitors with limited mobility are able to access this through the entrance into the servants quarters that is located off the disabled car park. The toilet is a left hand transfer. There is currently no changing places facility. The area is lit by electric light. The accessible toilet has electric hand driers.

Visitor Welcome

Visitor welcome is currently a small wooden welcome hut inside the gates at the main car park. The Visitor Welcome team greet visitors outside of the hut on the surface of the gravel pathway, which is on a slight hill. There is a chair if needed.

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House

The house is 100m from the main car park. The surface is a combination of grass, tarmac and gravel. There are steps into both entrances but there is a ramp available to allow access. Both entrance doors are left open. If the main house door is closed due to weather conditions, it will be opened by a volunteer when they see a visitor arrive. The door into the eighteenth century mansion is 1m wide and the door into the servants quarters is 95cm wide.

The downstairs of the eighteenth century mansion is soft furnished, however one small room has exposed floorboards and each room has elements of exposed wooden floorboards and stone flagstones. The former servants quarters do not have any soft furnishings, the floors are all stone flagstones. Each room has enough space to turn a wheelchair around in.

For visitors with limited mobility there are at least two volunteers on each floor that can provide information on the rooms and guide visitors to places where they can sit. There are spaces to sit in each room on the ground floor for visitors that do not want to visit the same amount as other members of their group.

All of the rooms are lit by a combination of natural and electric light. None of the rooms have fluorescent bulbs.

Toilets are available for visitors but these are on the first floor, currently there is not an accessible toilet within the house.

Currently there is no access to the upper floors for visitor with limited mobility. Due to the size of the historic house door ways mobility scooters cannot be used within the house.

Catering

The café is contained within the former servants quarters. The access to this section of the building for visitors with limited mobility is directly inside the old servant's wing. From this entrance, both are about 50m across flagstones and cobbles. The café is lit by a combination of natural and electric light. The counter is lower than 850mm and there is space of over 1200mm for circulation between tables.

Currently we do not have an induction loop and menus are not available in Braille. Large print menus are available on request.

NB. Staff and volunteers will assist visitors as required.

Garden

The garden is all on one level and there are no steps except onto the terrace outside of the cafe. This is accessible via two steps. An alternative ramped entrance to the tea room is available through the former servants quarters. Paths in the garden comprise light gravel, paving slabs, and grass. There are no changing gradients or gates. Benches are available for visitors to sit on around the garden.

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