



# Rievaulx Terrace Access Statement 2021

## General Information

Please note, the Ionic Temple historic interior, is open for two hours per day due to the fragile nature of the interior and the collections displayed within. The display area in the basement of the Ionic Temple is open throughout the day. Opening hours are available from the Visitor Centre.

For more information about access and opening time please refer to the sections below, check our website for current information or contact Rievaulx Terrace on 01439 798340 or email [rievaulxterrace@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:rievaulxterrace@nationaltrust.org.uk)

Alternatively, contact Nunnington Hall on 01439 748283 or email [nunningtonhall@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:nunningtonhall@nationaltrust.org.uk)

## Mobile phone reception and emergency procedures

Mobile phone reception across Rievaulx Terrace varies between networks and location on the terrace. In an emergency, during property opening hours, call 01439 798340 for assistance from on-site staff.

Volunteers and staff are contactable during opening hours communicating with each other via radio.

## Assistance dogs

Dogs are welcome across Rievaulx Terrace on leads. Assistance dogs are welcome in the Ionic Temple.

## Other key information

### Arriving & parking facilities

- Rievaulx Terrace is located on the B1257 and it is half a mile north of Helmsley

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- The entrance to the site is next to the road down to the village and Rievaulx Abbey. All travellers need to be aware of potential confusion at the junction
- There are three designated spaces for disabled visitors. These are 5 metres from the Visitor Reception building
- The car park surface is a combination of tarmac and gravel

NB. Please note there is not a shuttle vehicle available due to the size of the site

## WCs

Accessible toilets can be found at the Visitor Centre. These are contained within the main visitor toilets.

- The toilets are lit with artificial and natural light
- Hand wash facilities are available outside of the cubicle with an automatic hand dryer
- Ladies accessible toilet is a left hand transfer
- Gentlemen's accessible toilet is a right hand transfer

## Visitor Centre

- The building is made of wooden slats with imitation wood flooring
- The main entrance is 166cm wide and has 2 steps into it
- The accessible entrance is to the rear of the Visitor Centre. Access to this is via a gate to the right of the Visitor Centre
- All doors require manual opening
- Staff members are on hand to assist if required

## Ionic Temple (upstairs)

- Opened at selected times during the day.
- The temple is 70 metres from the car park and Visitor Reception. There is a slightly sloping light gravel path that leads onto the grass terrace
- There are 12 stone steps to access the main room of the temple and due to the historic nature of the building no hand rail is available
- The entrance door to the temple is made of wood and manually opens. The entrance is 119cm wide
- The temple is lit only with natural light. This means it can be dark depending on the weather conditions
- There is a member of the team available when the temple is open to offer assistance

## Ionic Temple (basement)

- Access to the basement is via 5 stone steps. Unfortunately there is no handrail available due to the historic nature of the building and due to the design of the stairs a ramp cannot be put in place

- The door into the basement is made of glass and wood. The door manually opens and the entrance is 85 cm wide
- This area is lit by natural and artificial light
- The floor consists of stone flagstones

## Tuscan Temple

- The Tuscan Temple is half a mile from the Visitor Centre along either the grass terrace or a hard earth path through woodland
- For conservation reasons, the interior of the Tuscan Temple is not open to visitors. Mirrors are available in the windows to see the decorated ceiling
- To reach the walkway that runs around the temple there are 11 steps. There is no hand rail due to the historic nature of the building

## Terrace

- A map is available from Visitor Reception that highlights the main routes around Rievaulx
- A hard earth and stone path runs through woodland and the terrace is covered with grass. There are no specific footpaths on the terrace
- There are seats around the terrace, some with and some without arm rests

Information correct as of: March 2021

## Map



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Accessible route marked  
with dotted line