

East Pool Mine Access Statement

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Introduction

1. East Pool Mine is a former tin and copper mine located in the heart of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site. The Mine is made up of two separate sites: **Taylor's Engine House** (with reception building) and **Michell's Engine House**. There is a flat, even walk between the two sites, of approx. 600m, which crosses a supermarket car park and a busy main road via a pedestrian crossing.
2. There is accessible parking at each of the sites.
3. There is full mobile and 3G coverage at both sites. If you require assistance, please call 01209 315027.
4. Assistance Dogs are welcome in all areas of the site. Non-Assistance Dogs are welcome in outside areas and in the reception building.
5. Local brown road signage says to *East Pool Mine* or *Cornish Mines and Engines*. Look for the National Trust oakleaf logo.
6. The postcode TR15 3NH will take you to Morrison's Car Park, from which you can access the main site – after exiting your vehicle – via a gentle path, steps or ramp.
7. This National Trust property also offers other significant mining features such as the man cage, and the Miners Dry – both accessible and easily viewed.

Taylor's Pumping Engine House and Reception Building

Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. Taylor's Engine House and the reception building are located behind Morrison's Supermarket in Pool, just off the A3047 at Illogan Highway.
2. Parking for visitors with disabilities is located onsite immediately adjacent to the reception building. The access route is via Trevithick Road, postcode TR15 3NW although this is not signposted.
3. Disabled parking adjacent to the reception building is marked as such, but the two entrances are clearly visible, and either is accessible by wheelchair users by ramp or gentle slope. *Due to limited space, we will ALWAYS welcome drop-off, and prioritise disabled drivers in the first instance.*
4. The main visitor parking area is located at the far end of Morrison's Supermarket car park. With the exception of Easter Sunday (when it is closed completely and alternative arrangements are signposted), this carpark is open from 7am until 10pm.
5. Parking spaces for East Pool Mine are not marked as such but the entrance to the mine is clearly visible with the usual NT information board at the top of the entrance path.
6. There is a sloping, curved, gravel pathway which runs from the carpark to the main entrance to the site, of approx. 50m. It is suitable for walking sticks and prams, but wheelchair users are recommended to park in the disabled parking areas (see above).

7. The external surface of the whole site is either gravel or concrete. As it is an industrial site, there are some uneven surfaces but, in general, there is fully flat access around the outside grounds of the site.

WCs

1. There is a fully accessible/family toilet located within the main toilet building, which is to the right of the reception building. This toilet has an emergency alarm which goes through to reception.
2. This accessible facility is 2.5m X 2.5m with wide entrance and space for movement.
3. The entrance to the toilet facility is 83cm wide, the doorway to the accessible/family room is 90cm.
4. **The WC is in the right-hand corner in the room, with support bars facilitating transfer to the right.** The room also has a drop-down baby changing table and facilities for nappy disposal. It does not have an adult changing facility.
5. All toilets have automatic hand dryers and movement-activated LED lights.

Visitor Reception Building

The Visitor Reception Building contains four separate rooms which are connected by gently sloping ramps and are outlined in more detail below.

When leaving the reception building by means of the flue (see below), visitors will find themselves outside in the grounds of the site, which are of an industrial nature in parts.

A site guide, which includes a map, will be supplied to all visitors upon arrival at reception.

Reception and Discovery Centre (museum)

1. There are two entrances to the Visitor Reception building. Both have gentle ramps and wide inward-opening manual doors. Doors are held open during opening times.
2. The reception desk is 90cm high, and 75 cm at its most accessible point.
1. The displays of the collection are fully accessible.
3. Due to the high ceilings, the acoustics in this room are challenging in times of higher visitor numbers so guided tours of the room and its artefacts are usually carried out in small groups.
4. There are several seats in this room and the majority of the chairs have arm rests to aid rising. There is a quiet area available for resting or reading.
5. There is an induction loop at the reception desk area.
6. There are no wheelchairs or powered mobility vehicles available for loan, but there is adequate room to manoeuvre a wheelchair between the artefacts and the displays.
7. The historical material and interpretation in this area is available to touch and is fully accessible, mostly displayed at a low level on the old compressor foundations.
8. There is a picnic table outside for the consumption of picnics. Alternative accessible refreshment options nearby at Morrisons and Cornish Oven.

Film Room

9. The film room has an even surface, with a gently sloping ramp leading down into the Boiler Room.
10. There are no wheelchairs or powered mobility vehicles available for loan but there are two wheelchair spaces at the front of the seating area.
11. The film can be shown with subtitles and the historical material and interpretation in this area is all fully accessible.
12. This room is covered by CCTV, so security and safety are constantly monitored in the reception area.

Boiler Room

13. This room is accessed through two heavy fire doors, so help to open these can be requested from reception if required.
14. The floor in this room has an even surface and the models and activities are fully accessible.
15. This room is covered by CCTV, so security and safety are constantly monitored in the reception area.
16. The exit from this room is via the flue and underneath the chimney stack to the ruins of the Boiler House at the rear of the site. Return via the ramp and film room can be arranged easily upon request.

Outdoors

1. The Boiler House foundations can be viewed from the even grass surface that surrounds them. This is the building in which five Cornish Steam Boilers produced the steam for the pumping engine in the adjacent engine house.
2. The interpretation and artefacts are mostly accessible in this area.
3. Continuing along the pathway at the back of the site brings you to the steps of the engine house.

Taylor's Engine House

1. The engine house is accessed via the steep stairs to the front door of the building, with a handrail. There are 13 steps and their average pitch is 22cm or more.
2. Once inside the engine house there are further wooden steps – in flights of 10-13 to access the higher levels, but there are chairs on the lower level for those unable to climb any higher.
3. After descending the stairs to exit the building, the surrounding area is again level although of mixed surfaces.
4. Please note that evacuation of the engine house building would be via the same steps.

Michell's Winding Engine House

1. This is accessed through the gate next to KwikFit, and there is disabled parking available adjacent to the entrance door.
2. The bottom floor is accessible to wheelchair users, but the higher floors are only reached by 10 wooden stairs, with a handrail.
3. There are seats next to the reception desk for those not choosing to climb to the higher levels. On this level there is a conserved Cornish Steam Boiler and other artefacts and photographs to view.
4. There is no WC at Michell's Engine House.
5. Once the visit to this building is over, the visitor can walk or drive over to the main site at the back of Morrison's Supermarket, or drive down Trevithick Road to the disabled parking spaces.

The Miners Dry

Recently acquired, this building is to the rear of the Trevithick Rd main site and accessed in vehicle via the road in front of Wheal Agar bungalow, or via a pedestrian gate adjacent to Taylor's engine house, about 200m from the main reception building. There is no parking outside the Miners Dry so drop off is encouraged, or the short walk from the main accessible parking (as above). The Dry is accessed via a street level door, or bifold main doors (open weather permitting or by prior arrangement). This space is all one level inside, subject to how the space is being used. Please check in advance of your visit for opportunities to access this space.

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