

Electric Mountain Access Statement

Electric Mountain Visitor Centre, Llanberis,
Gwynedd LL55 4UR Tel 01286 870636

Car park: This is situated to the side of the visitor centre with four allocated bays for blue badge holders and has a firm surface. A pay and display machine is in use and is centrally located. There is a firm level path to the main access area of the visitor centre and two wide swing gates from the designated car park. There is a slight rise to the curb. Distance from car park to visitor centre is 65 metres.

Visitor Centre: This is also accessible via a lay-by which is opposite the main automatic sliding doors of the building. Distance is 11 metres and it is a drop off area. The curb here has not been lowered but is accessible when coming out of a vehicle. There is a slight downwards gradient from the curb to the main entrance.

The centre has two floors which are laid with slate and is a firm and smooth surface. There is a slate staircase which is split into two flights, totalling 22 steps. A lift connects the two floors with Braille signs. Assistance dogs are welcomed in the building.

Access around the shop and tills is good. Two manual wheelchairs are available within the centre. Toilets and baby changing facilities are on the ground floor and there is a disabled toilet fitted with a grab rail.

Café: This is located on the ground floor with good all round access. There is a tea garden attached to the café which is accessible via sliding doors. The sliding doors are slightly raised, which may be unsuitable for wheelchairs however there is an alternative route to the garden area. The garden is level with grass and firm paths. The distance from the Café to garden is 5 metres.

Tour: This starts from the first floor which is accessible by lift. The audio visual film has an induction loop system. Benches are provided. After the film a guide will escort you down a ramp which has a gradient of 1 in 12 and is fitted with grab rails. Assistance is available if required, or the lift could be used.

There are no toilets once on the tour. Lockers are provided for personal belongings and are low level and easily accessible. The distance from the locker room to the tour bus pick up area is 20 metres. Paths are level and firm.

Tour buses have semi low floors. A designated wheelchair friendly bus is available. Safety straps are in place to safeguard wheelchairs.

The distance to the Power Station from the Visitor Centre is .75 miles. The first stop offers an option to get off the bus and have a closer look at the machinery. The route is over a slightly uneven concrete floor that can be wet, it is also on a downward gradient without a handrail. It also involves climbing twenty four steps split between three flights of stairs which take you up to the next viewing level. Ear plugs are available if desired. Visitors with mobility problems may stay on the bus while the driver reverses the bus to the pick-up location. Visitors are able to alight here and meet rest of the group, thus avoiding the stairs.

The second stop is at the "Viewing Gallery". There is a ramp with a slight upwards gradient with a handrail when getting off the bus. The remainder is level flooring. There are exhibition panels on the walls. Benches are provided for a short film. The bus is re-entered at the same point.

The bus then returns to the centre through a different exit tunnel, then uses the original route off the bus to the locker rooms and back to the café/shop area.

Local information

Other attractions within close proximity are Snowdon Mountain Railway, Llanberis Slate Museum and Llanberis Lake Railway.

There is a local bus service and local taxi phone numbers are available from the reception desk. The nearest mainline railway station is 15 minutes away by car or 30 minutes bus ride, located in Bangor.

The nearest Doctors' surgery is opposite the main doors across the road.

Mobile telephone coverage is good in this area.