

Visual Story

Welcome to Bradford Industrial Museum

This visual story is for visitors who may have accessibility needs, are neurodiverse or simply curious about visiting. We want you to be able to plan a visit and know what to expect. It has information about how you can get here, what facilities we have and how you can get around the building.

An aerial shot of Bradford Industrial Museum in the grounds, image by Phillip Jackson.



Bradford Industrial Museum began life as a textile factory founded by John Moore in 1875. Ownership of the mills changed many times over the years, until in 1974 it opened as a museum. We have permanent displays of textile machinery, engineering, and motor vehicles!



An aerial shot of the Back-to-Back Terraced Houses at Bradford Industrial Museum, image by Phillip Jackson.

How to get here

Bradford Industrial Museum is located in Eccleshill, which is two miles away from Bradford City Centre.

There is a small car park on the grounds of the museum with a handful of Blue Badge parking bays also available. The car park is free.

The What3words location of the museum is [ozone.intro.hobby](https://www.what3words.com/ozone.intro.hobby).

The closest railway station is Bradford Forster Square in Bradford City Centre.

There are no direct bus routes to Bradford Industrial Museum but buses that will bring you nearby are the 645, A2, 686, 687, 660.

You can use the journey planner on [Plan a journey | Metro](#)



When you arrive

The main entrance is a straight line from the car park and has a slight ramp up to the doors. We have two sets of automatic doors and then you are inside the main museum.



A view of the main reception entrance.

As soon as you enter you will be in our reception area; you'll be greeted by a member of visitor services who will let you know what's on.

The museum is free, but we welcome 'Pay As You Feel' donations suggested at £3.00 per person.



We ask that large bags are left in the free lockers near the reception desk. Scooters, bikes or roller-skates cannot be brought into the gallery spaces as these can damage the floor.

Visitor assistants are friendly and will be wearing a uniform with the museum and council logo on it.



Lockers are available for visitors on reception.

All museum and gallery staff wear a blue lanyard. If you have any questions or require assistance, please speak to a visitor assistant. At reception they can provide a map to orientate you into the galleries.

The shop can be found on the ground floor directly after the reception desk. The shop sells a range of souvenirs, greetings cards, books, and items made by our on-site volunteers.



A view of the gift shop.

Toilets & Accessibility

We have gender neutral accessible toilets on the ground floor at the back of the lunch space.



A view of the lunch space, the open door at the back is an accessible toilet with baby changing facilities.

We have male toilets on the ground floor in the Motive Power Gallery and female toilets on the first floor in the Weaving Gallery. Baby changing facilities can be found in the accessible toilets on the ground floor. There are also male and female toilets outside directly opposite the entrance to the Horse Emporium.



The Gents toilet on the Ground Floor in the Motive Power Gallery.



The Ladies toilet on the First Floor in the Weaving Gallery.



A view of the male and female toilets opposite the Horse Emporium.



The Changing Places toilet just outside our Main Entrance.



We have a Changing Places facility on site at the museum, more information can be found here [Changing Places Toilets](#)

We have an Audio Frequency Induction Loop system on the reception desk.

Assistance dogs are welcome, but we ask that they are kept under control throughout the visit to protect the artwork in the gallery and please be aware that some visitors may be frightened of animals.

Visitor assistants will check with you if the dog is an assistance animal.

We have some benches and seating available for visitors as they make their way around the museum but these are not available in every gallery.

We have two lifts available in the main museum, one in the temporary exhibition space, and a larger one in the Motive Power gallery. These lifts are somewhat old-fashioned so require a member of staff to assist you when using them.



A view of the smaller lift available on the Ground Floor near the reception area.

Information about the exhibitions

We have a variety of exhibition spaces, and these are often changing, please ask at the reception desk about what's currently on display and visitor assistants will be happy to help you. You can also keep up to date on the latest exhibitions on the website

[Bradford District Museums & Galleries](#)

We have running machinery in our Spinning and Motive Power galleries which run twice a day and are extremely noisy. These run 11am-12pm and 2pm-3pm Tuesday through Friday. Ear defenders are available upon request from a member of staff.

Some of our exhibitions feature audio such as music, songs and speech. If you prefer a quieter visit, we have ear protector headphones which can be borrowed from the reception desk.

The gallery spaces might have different light levels, if you have any concerns about this please speak to reception desk who will tell you about these spaces.

Access to the outside buildings

The museum has a number of buildings open to visitors that are on the grounds but have separate entrances to the main museum building. These are the Back-to-Back Terraced Houses, the Horse Emporium, the Stables, the Carriage Shed, the Mill Manager's House, and the Blacksmith Forge.

The Back-to-Back Terrace Houses have steps into the front and backs of the houses, however, we do have small portable ramps available and a lift inside the houses that staff can help you use.



The front entrance of the Back-to-Back Terraced Houses.

The Horse Emporium, Stables, the Blacksmith Forge and Carriage Shed are easily accessible, are all on the ground floor, and do not have steps.



The entrance of the Horse Emporium.

The Mill Manager's House has steps into the building and also a flight of stairs to the upstairs, but it has no lift accessibility.



A view of the front of the Mill Manager's House.