

Scapa Flow Visitor Centre and Museum: Accessibility Information

The museum is reached by ro-ro ferry from Houton to Lyness. Museum visitors can borrow a wheelchair from the Houton ferry office, telephone 01856811397 to book. The ferry has an accessible cabin and toilet at deck level, whilst the main passenger accommodation is down a steep flight of stairs. The angle of the ramp between the ferry and the pier can be steep at low tide.

It is 175m from the pier to the museum, along a level public road and concrete surface. Those whose mobility is impaired can drive into the forecourt and park in front of the Pumphouse.

Pumphouse

The Pumphouse, which houses the main exhibition, has a level entry and is all on one level inside, although the floor surface is uneven in places. The café and one toilet are fully accessible. A large print version of the exhibition text is available, and there is an audio exhibition about different aspects of life in and around Lyness in WW2. The shop has an induction loop.

Oil Tank

The main access to the Oil Tank exhibition and film show includes two steep flights of steps. A route avoiding the steps is via a rough vehicle track, 450m from the car park to the tank. The track slopes gently upwards for 150m, then levels out before dropping down for the last 50m towards the tank. There are wooden walkways inside the tank and a ramp up to the seating area for the film.

The film show is linked to an infra-red hearing loop; headphones or a neck loop can be borrowed from the shop. Lighting inside the Oil Tank is quite dim.

Romney Hut

This building is 140m from the Pumphouse along a level gravel path/grassy area. There is a slight ramp up to the door and the floor inside is level.

Air Raid Shelter

The shelter is 170m from the car park, via the public road and 55m of grassy track. There is a kissing gate at the entrance to the shelter and a steep slope in and out. The floor is level throughout the 75m length of the shelter. The light is very dim inside.

If you have any specific questions about accessibility, please do not hesitate to get in touch on 01856791300.