

HAYNES INTERNATIONAL MOTOR MUSEUM

ACCESS STATEMENT

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This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our sustainability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer our visitors.

Welcome

Haynes International Motor Museum, Somerset's multi award winning motor museum, offers an enlightening and fun packed day out for the family and enthusiasts with over 400 exhibits.

Situated just off the A303 with a large free car park Haynes International Motor Museum is generally a ground floor attraction with plenty of hands-on exhibits and historical collections that will surprise and delight all ages and an exciting programme of events and activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

- Our first floor Motorcycle Mezzanine level has lift access. Manual wheelchairs and mobility scooters are available to borrow free of charge from reception (advanced booking is advised call 01963 440804).
- There are accessible toilets in our main reception area, at the AA display and in the Supercar Century
- Assistance Dogs are very welcome and a water bowl is available for use on the café terrace
- A portable induction loop is available from reception (advanced booking is advised)
- We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01963 440804 or email – visitus@himm.co.uk

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Planning your visit

By Rail

The main line station at Castle Cary is 5 miles from the museum, with its high speed link between Paddington and Penzance. The line also serves a regular daily route between Bristol and Weymouth with regular stops at Yeovil

Further information can be obtained from www.nationalrail.co.uk or call 08457484950.

By Bicycle

There is a bike rest just next to the main museum entrance

By Air

Bristol Airport with daily routes to many UK and European cities is just forty five minutes' drive from the Museum. Heathrow Airport is only a two hour drive and Gatwick Airport is only two and a half hours drive.

By Bus

There are regular bus services to Sparkford Village from Castle Cary and Yeovil.

Further information can be obtained from www.travelinesw.com or call 0870 608 2608.

By Road

The Museum is situated just off the A303 near Sparkford on the A359 Sparkford to Castle Cary Road. High profile brown tourist signs from all the major trunk roads provide easy to follow local directions. Parking is free of charge, no booking needed.

Satellite Navigation Co-ordinates:

- Post code – BA22 7LH
- Grid ref – ST616272
- Latitude ref – 51:02:35N (51.04318)
- Longitude ref – 2:32:53W (-2.54813)

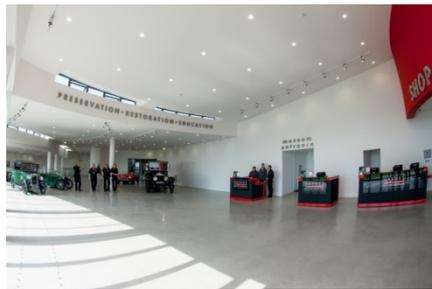
There are seven blue badge bays within the carpark:



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Main Entrance to Haynes International Motor Museum - Reception/Ticket sales

- Tickets can be purchased at the main entrance to the Museum
- Access is step free and there are accessible doors on the right of the entrance doors
- The flooring is polished concrete, smooth, and non-slip flooring
- Lighting in the main entrance is bright and is provided by spotlights
- There is no background music in the main entrance area but background noise from other visitors in the area is possible



- All staff wear branded Haynes International Motor Museum uniform
- The ticket desk is wheelchair accessible on the side of the desk
- A portable loop is situated at the ticket desk
- Concessionary rate tickets are available

Concessionary/discounted ticket policy

To be eligible for the concessionary ticket rate, you must receive one or more of the following:

- Registered Disability
- Serving forces – Inc. ambulance, fire and police
- Students
- Over 65

Please note that HIMM reserves the right to ask for evidence of status before issuing any such concessionary tickets.

Personal Assistants / Carers

- Visitors who require a carer to facilitate their visit will be issued a free complimentary carer's day ticket with every paying disabled admission (as of 1 Dec 2019). Please contact the Museum prior to your visit if you require multiple carers.
- Please be aware the reception staff may request proof of eligibility, accepted documentation includes: DLA (Disability Living Allowance), PIP (Personal Independence Payment), Attendance Allowance or Carer's Allowance award letter, Blue badge with photo ID, Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI), National

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Disabled Identification Card (DID), Max Card, The Access Card, Registered carer ID card. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Museum prior to your visit.

- Free carer tickets cannot be used without being accompanied by the disabled person. For those persons that may require multiple personal assistants, prior arrangements must be made with the Reception Manager.
- Due to our adherence to health and safety guidelines, we cannot allow anyone under the age of 16 years to be a personal assistant to another person

Additional resources

We have a variety of resources available for visitors to use during their visit. These are available from the Information desk at reception.

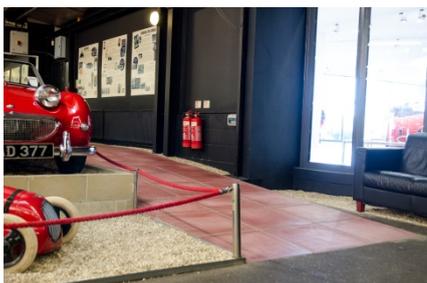
Resources include

- 2 x wheelchairs and 2 x mobility scooters
- Large magnifying glasses
- Portable induction loops



Lifts/ramps

- 100% of the building is accessible by wheelchair users
- The building has an accessible lift for access to our mezzanine floor
- There are ramps situated in the Red Room and the families room. There is also a large ramp for access to the Café 750



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Museum exhibits

HIMM has 18 individual exhibitions looking at a variety of motoring groups. There is no set route around the Museum and visitors are free to explore as they wish, site plans are available from reception. Visitors are also able to leave the site and return on the same day if required, you will need to retain your receipt or ticket as proof of purchase.

- Seating is available throughout the Museum
- Lighting levels are varied in the Museum and provided by florescent and ceiling spot lights
- The floor surface of the Museum is mainly concrete tiles, polished concrete and some areas are carpeted

Haynes Motorland and Vroom Room

Our outside play area is designed for children from 12 months to 8/9 years of age and consists of climbing frames, sand pits, ropes and Electric Go-Karts and Diggers (£1.00 charge applies). The Vroom room our car inspired soft play room which is designed for children from 6 months to 11 years.

- The floor surface in the Vroom room is non-slip
- The surface in the play area is mainly laid with soft tarmac



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Public Toilets

Our Accessible toilets are situated:

- Main reception
- AA Exhibition
- Black Box

These are also all fitted with baby changing units.

Reception toilets



AA Toilets



Black Box



Café 750

Our Café 750 is open from 9am – 4pm (5pm during summer hours).

- The café has windows the whole length making it full of natural daylight, it is also fitted with ceiling spot lights
- Caters for varying dietary needs
- High chairs are available
- Smaller portions can be arranged on request
- It is an assistance and self-service café
- The floor surface is polished concrete
- Outside terrace area with giant family games



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Shop

The Haynes Gift Shop is located right next to the Museum reception. The shop offers wonderful souvenirs of your visit not to mention a large collection of the Haynes Manuals and some inspiring presents for special occasions.

- The museum shop is open 9.30 am – 5.30 pm daily (winter is until 4.30pm) and is available to non-Museum visitors. There are no doors and it is very open plan
- The area is step free
- Displays and tables are at various heights and are well spaced out
- Assistance is available at all times
- There is no background music
- There is a portable hearing loop at the counter
- The floor surface is polished concrete
- Lighting is bright and is provided by spotlights



Additional Information

- Evacuation sheets are not available but all staff are trained to assist visitors in the event of a site evacuation
- Wheelchair users will be evacuated as soon as possible in the event of an evacuation
- We do not have any facilities for charging mobility scooters but we do have them for hire along with 2 manual chairs
- Assistance Dogs are very welcome and a water bowl is available for use
- Trained First Aiders are available if required

Future Plans

We are always looking for ways to improve the service we provide our visitors, so please contact us if you have any comments or suggestions about this access statement or anything else that you think can improve your visit to the Museum.