



## Accessibility Guide for Lauriston Castle

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### Welcome

With its calm, tranquil atmosphere, and stunning views across the Firth of Forth, Lauriston is the perfect place to escape from the bustle of the city centre.

Enjoy a woodland walk, a visit to our award-winning Japanese garden, or step back in time and experience what life was like in an Edinburgh middle-class home at the beginning of the 20th century.

## At a Glance

### Level Access

- The main entrance has 4 steps. There is no lift and no ramp.
- There is level access from the main entrance to:
  - Dining Table
  - Outdoor accessible toilets
  - Castle Gardens

### Access with steps

- There are steps from the main entrance to:
  - First Floor
  - Mezzanine Floor (Library)

### Visual

- Some parts of the venue have low lighting.
- We have display information in large print and other.

### General

- We have a concessionary rate for disabled visitors.
- We have a complimentary ticket policy for personal assistants.
- There is at least 1 public toilet for disabled visitors.

## Getting here

2 Cramond Road South  
Edinburgh  
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- You can get to Lauriston Castle by bus and train.
- Davidson's Mains (for buses 21, 41 and 42) or Silverknowes Terminus (16, 27, 29 and 37). Both are around 10 minutes walk away from Lauriston Castle The bus stop is 0.40 miles / 34.5 km from Lauriston Castle.
- The nearest train station is Edinburgh Haymarket. The train station is 3.3 miles / 5.3 km from Lauriston Castle.
- Waverley Station in the city centre may be more convenient for picking up bus routes out in the direction of Lauriston Castle. The 29, 41, and 37 pass along Princes Street near to Waverley Station. A taxi ride takes about 25 minutes.

- You can get a taxi with City Cabs by calling 0131 228 1211. The taxi company has a wheelchair accessible vehicle.
- There is parking near the venue. There are accessible parking spaces. Parking is free.
- There is a drop-off point at the main entrance. The drop-off point has a dropped kerb.
- From the car park to the entrance, there is level access. The distance between the parking and the castle is about 5 minutes walking.



View from the path

## Arrival

- The main door is side hung and manual.
- The door is 770mm wide.
- The main entrance has 4 steps.
- The other entrance door is 790.00mm wide.
- When you approach the path, the accessible entrance is one the right of the café, through a courtyard
- The accessible entrance leads you to the old kitchen and staff offices. Unfortunately, due to the historic nature of the castle, the visitor route is not accessible to wheelchair users. Nevertheless, there is a power point presentation with photographs of the castle that the staff would be happy to show you.

The castle can be visited by guided tour only and must be arranged in advance. For a group, if you have any special requirement, please contact us.



Courtyard entrance



Accessible castle entrance from the courtyard

## Getting around inside

### Visual Impairment - General Information

- Some parts of the venue have low lighting.



Low lit corridor on the visitor route

### Things to See and Do

- We have a concessionary rate for disabled visitors.
- We have a complimentary ticket policy for personal assistants.
- We have display information in: large print .
- Large print information can be printed if you requested before your visit by email

### First Floor

- From the main entrance to this area, there are 14 steps. There is no lift and no ramp.
- Some display information is low, for wheelchair users. There are seats.
- Once visitors have reached the first floor via the main entrance, all rooms are on the same level except the library and the kitchen (on the lower ground floor and mezzanine floor). All doors are approximately the same size (around 108 cm)



Drawing Room



Grand staircase from main entrance to first floor



The Study

### Mezzanine Floor (Library)

- From the main entrance to this area, there are 7 steps. There is no lift and no ramp.
- There are seats.
- The library is low light and only accessible via a small staircase.



The Library

## Public toilet

### Outdoor accessible toilets

- There is a public toilet for disabled visitors.
- From the main entrance to the public toilet, there is level access. There is a permanent ramp.
- The toilet door is 890mm wide.
- The direction of transfer is to the left.
- The toilet seat is 500mm high. The toilet has handrails.
- There are also baby changing facilities available and a disabled assistance button.



Outdoor toilet block



Accessible toilet

## Place to eat and drink

### Lauriston Courtyard Cafe

- From the main entrance to the dining area, there is level access. The door is 900mm wide.
- To get to a table, there are no steps.

## Getting around outside

### Castle Gardens

- From the main entrance to the gardens, there is level access.

### Picnic Area

### Castle Grounds

- You can bring your own food to the picnic area.
- The grounds are open on a daily basis for dog walkers and the general public. Depending on the weather, please feel free to bring picnic blankets and sit on the grass.

## Customer care support

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- If you are bringing a group, please contact the castle staff in advance and ask about any special requirements you may have.
- We have other services for people with accessibility requirements.

- Opposed to a guided tour, there is also a virtual tour using a powerpoint possible for visitors.

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