



Accessibility Guide for Scott Monument

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Welcome

The Scott Monument, the largest monument to a writer anywhere in the world, is a truly unique building. On the death of Sir Walter Scott in 1832, the great and good of the city came together to agree on a fitting monument to this outstanding Scottish literary figure.

Come pay us a visit and enjoy the breathtaking views of the city from Edinburgh's most iconic monument.

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At a Glance

Level Access

- The main entrance has 1 step. There is no lift and no ramp.

Access with steps

- There are steps from the main entrance to:
 - Main Entrance desk
 - Upper floors
 - Princes Street Gardens

Visual

- Some parts of the venue have low lighting.

General

- We have a complimentary ticket policy for personal assistants.

Getting here

East Princes St Gardens
Edinburgh
EH2 2EJ

- You can get to Scott Monument by bus, train and tram.
- Princes Street or Edinburgh Bus Station on Elder Street. The bus stop is 0.2 miles / 0.3 km from Scott Monument.
- The nearest train station is Waverley Station. The train station is 0.2 miles / 0.3 km from Scott Monument.
- The nearest tram station is Princes Street Tram Stop. The tram station is 0.3 miles / 0.5 km from Scott Monument.
- Princes Street is an incredibly busy street so please use the designated pedestrian crossings.
- You can get a taxi with City Cabs by calling 0131 228 1211. The taxi company has a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

- Unfortunately, there is no drop off point outside the main entrance. There is an available drop off point on Market Street approximately 0.2 miles from Princes Gardens.

Arrival

- From the street to the main entrance, there is 1 step. There is no ramp and no lift.
- The main entrance has 1 steps.
- Visitors must cross a ticket barrier to access the monument.
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Getting around inside

Visual Impairment - General Information

- Some parts of the venue have low lighting.

Ticket/ information desk

Main Entrance desk

- From the main entrance to this desk, there is 1 step. There is no lift and no ramp.
- Tickets must be purchased at the entrance.
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Things to See and Do

- We have a complimentary ticket policy for personal assistants.

1st Level Museum

- There are seats.
- There is an audio display translated into French, German, Spanish and Italian.

Upper floors

- From the main entrance to this area, there are 287 steps. There is no lift and no ramp.
- Please note: Due to the historic nature of the building, access to the upper levels is by stairs only.

Getting around outside

Princes Street Gardens

- The route is sloped. From the main entrance to the gardens, there is 1 step. There is no lift and no ramp.

- Located just outside the Monument, feel free to enjoy a picnic or walk through the City Centre Gardens.

Customer care support

Accessibility equipment

- Princes Street Gardens.

Emergency evacuation procedures

- This site is inaccessible for wheelchairs and walking aids.

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