

# Access Statement for the National Maritime Museum (Part 2)

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## Museum Spaces

The National Maritime Museum is laid out over four levels

Once you have entered the museum on Level 0 (ground floor) there are large areas with natural light with a variety of seating options  
Our larger objects are stored here such as Prince Frederick's barge and the stern decoration of the Implacable

Areas around Prince Frederick's barge and Miss Britain have audio accompaniments

Miss Britain and our Reliant paddle steam engine also have a short video with subtitles and BSL interpreter

All subtitles in the museum are in English



Image 28: Miss Britain and fixed wooden stools



Image 29: Prince Frederick's barge, the Implacable and metal benches

The museum galleries themselves have varying light levels

Some areas have low level lighting due to the delicate nature of certain objects

All have overhead lighting

Seating is provided in most galleries (except for Maritime London, Ahoy! And Jutland 1916)

## **Level -1 (lower ground floor)**

### **The Special Exhibitions Gallery**

The layout/carpeting/lighting of this gallery changes with each new exhibition

Please call 0208 858 4422 for more information on the current exhibition

The doorways are 1m 87cm wide

## **Level 0 (ground floor)**

### **Voyagers gallery**

The gallery introduces the museum's key themes, the breadth and diversity of our collections and the people whose lives have been shaped by the sea. It also features a dynamic audio-visual installation.



Image 31: The Voyagers Gallery

The floor surface is a combination of smooth, non-slip and carpeted flooring

The doorways are 87cm wide

The light levels are generally quite low but the cases are well lit

There are metal benches inside the gallery

There is an audio visual display in one part of the gallery which is subtitled

### **Maritime London**

Discover how life on the River Thames has evolved in the past 300 years



Image 32: The Maritime London Gallery

The gallery lighting level is low and provided by spotlights

The doorway is 1m 90cm wide

There is no seating inside this gallery but portable stools are available for use

The floor surface is smooth, non-slip flooring

### **Turner Trafalgar**

J.M.W. Turner's largest painting, The Battle of Trafalgar, 21 October 1805, is one of the jewels of our fine art collection



Image 33: The Battle of Trafalgar

The gallery light level is very low and provided by spotlights

The doorway measures 1m 70cm

There is a video playing on a loop with subtitles and BSL interpreter

There is a wooden bench inside this gallery

The floor is carpeted

### **Jutland 1916: WWI's Greatest Sea Battle**

Uncover the story of the largest surface sea battle ever through objects and accounts from both sides



Image 34: Battle of Jutland gallery

The doorways measure 1m 70cm

On one side of the gallery there is push-button door – to enter the gallery press the yellow button (which says 'Push to Open')

The exit door in the gallery requires manual opening

### **Ahoy!**

AHOY! our gallery for 0-7s is free and open daily, so weigh anchor and stoke the boiler!



Image 35: The Ahoy! Gallery

The gallery light level is medium and provided by blue coloured strip lights

The entryway is 2m 6cm wide

The floor is smooth, non-slip flooring

There is a small seating area around the palm tree (see image above) and portable stools are available for use

This gallery can be very noisy at times

### **Lecture Theatre**

The Lecture Theatre and Seminar Room can only be used by those attending an event using those spaces  
If you would like to view them before attending a lecture or seminar please ask a member of staff or call 0208 858 4422

The door to the Lecture Theatre Foyer is 88cm wide

There are 5 steps to reach the foyer; they are 20cm high and 30cm deep

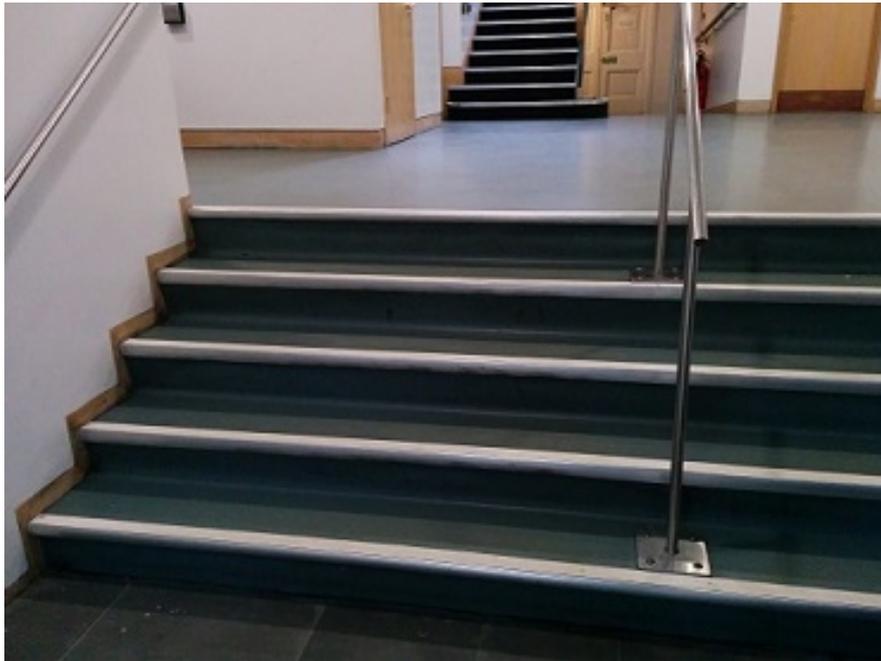


Image 36: Steps to the Lecture Theatre Foyer

There is an Accessible lift next to the stairs; the door is 90cm wide

The lift requires operation by a member of staff



Image 37: The Lecture Theatre Accessible Lift

The doorway to the Lecture theatre itself is 1m 44cm wide

The seating is tiered inside – the steps are very shallow (16cm high and 94cm deep)

There is seating available at the back on the same level and a wheelchair lift for those wishing to sit at the front

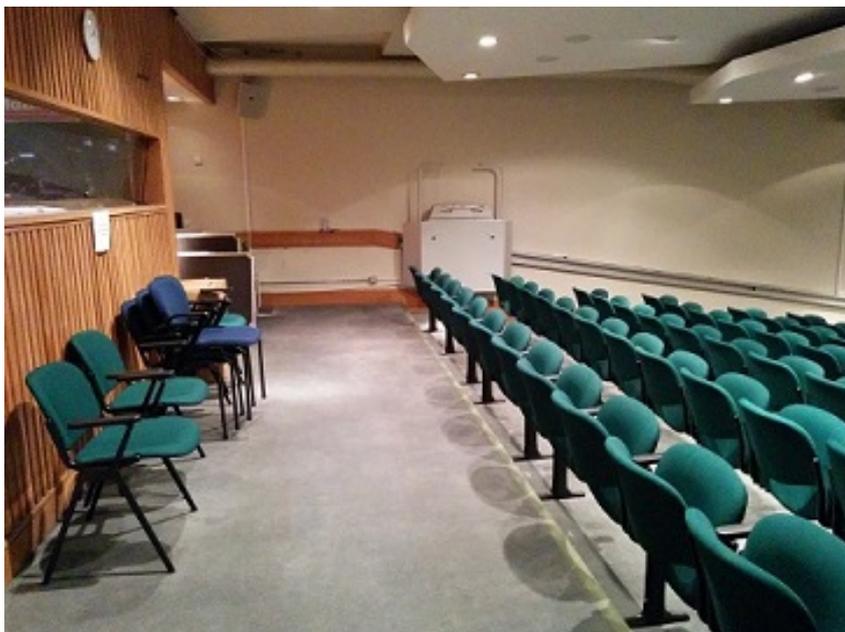


Image 38: The Lecture Theatre and Wheelchair Lift

The Seminar Room is located to the left of the Lecture Theatre Foyer through a push-button door



Image 40: The Seminar Room

The Seminar Room has a power assisted door

## **Level 1 (first floor)**

### **Atlantic Worlds**

This gallery showcases Atlantic trading which brought unprecedented cultural exchange and altered the world forever



Image 41: Atlantic Worlds Gallery

The gallery light level is low and provided by spotlights

The doorways are 1m 55cm wide

The floor is carpeted

There are benches in the middle of the gallery and portable stools are available for use

There are some audio soundscapes playing in parts of the gallery

### **Traders**

Discover the tumultuous history of Britain's relationship with Asia in this gallery about the East India Company



Image 42: The Traders Gallery

The gallery light levels are bright and provided by spotlights

The doorways to the gallery are 1m 44cm wide

The floor is smooth, laminated and non-slip

There are benches inside the gallery and portable stools are available for use

There are several audio-visual displays and video interactives with subtitles

### **Great Map**

The Great Map is a large interactive space on the first floor housing our giant world map



Image 43: The Great Map

The space has a glass roof and so light levels can be low/high depending on the weather and time of day

Spotlights also provide lighting

Please note the door to the Great Map from the Stanhope lift area is 86cm wide

The bridges coming from the Lewin lift and Traders gallery are both approximately 1m 50cm wide

There are wooden benches on the Great Map and seating at the adjacent Neptune café

The floor is a combination of smooth, plastic coated and non-slip flooring

### **Baltic Glass Display**

A display of stained glass painstakingly restored after a bomb destroyed the original Baltic Exchange memorial



Image 44: The Baltic Glass Memorial Display

The floor is smooth, laminated and non-slip

The light levels are low and provided by spotlights

There is no seating in this display but portable stools are available for use

## **Level 2 (second floor)**

### **Nelson, Navy, Nation**

Explore the life and times of great British hero Horatio Nelson and the history of the Royal Navy and British people from 1688–1815



Image 46: The Nelson, Navy, Nation Gallery

The gallery light levels are moderate and provided by ceiling mounted lightboxes and spotlights

The doorways are 1m 42cm wide

The doors to this gallery are automatic and open upon approach

The flooring is smooth and non-slip

There are some audio soundscapes playing in parts of the gallery

There are benches in this gallery within certain areas and portable stools are available for use

There are also some audio visual displays in the 'Surgery at Sea' display which have subtitles

### **Forgotten Fighters**

As part of the National Maritime Museum's commemoration of World War I, Forgotten Fighters: The First World War at Sea gallery explores the naval and maritime dimensions of the conflict



Image 47: The Forgotten Fighters Gallery

The light levels are medium and provided by spotlights

The doorways are 1m 29cm wide

The floor is carpeted

There is no seating in this gallery but portable stools are available for use

There are touch screens below the cases which provide videos and information about the gallery

Large print guides are available

There are two level changes either side of the gallery to form a circuit around the case displays (as can be seen in the above image)

There is no ramp to this part of the gallery but all the objects within the cases can be viewed from the central aisle of the gallery

### **All Hands**

Explore maritime skills and technologies past and present in our hands-on gallery for older children age 6-12



Image 48: The All Hands Gallery

The lighting is bright and provided by spotlights

The entryways to the All Hands Gallery are 1m 2cm wide if coming through the Ship Simulator or 1m 29cm wide if coming through the Forgotten Fighters gallery

There are wooden benches inside the gallery and portable stools are available for use

The floor is a combination of smooth, plastic and non-slip flooring

There is a very gentle incline inside the Seahorse boat area

This gallery can be very noisy at times

### **Ship Simulator**

Become the captain of a ship and try your hand at manoeuvring into port using the state-of-the-art bridge simulator



Image 49: The Ship Simulator Gallery

The light level is low in certain areas and provided by spotlights and natural light

The doors to the gallery are 1m 2cm in width

The floor is carpeted

There is no seating inside the gallery but portable stools are available for use

The Ship Simulator may affect those with vertigo/dizzy spells/motion sickness as it simulates a moving ship with audio visual display screens



Image 50: The Ship Simulator

## **Level Changes**

There are certain areas of the museum where the level of the floor changes due to the layout of the building/galleries

### **The Sammy Ofer Wing Link Corridor**

This corridor links the new Sammy Ofer Wing section to the main museum building

There is a moderate incline



Image 51: The Sammy Ofer Wing Link Corridor

### **The Bridges from the Great Map**

The Bridges link the Great Map to the First floor Traders and Atlantic Galleries

There is a gentle incline to both areas

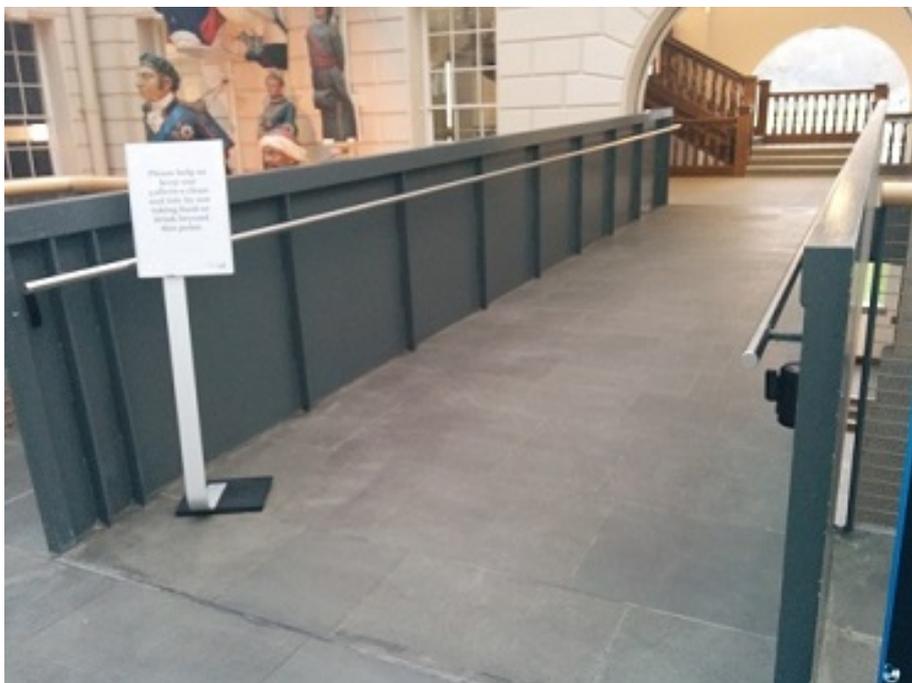


Image 52: Bridge from the Great Map to Atlantic Worlds/ Lewin Staircase

## **Starboard side of Prince Frederick's Barge**

There is a gentle incline to form a circuit around the barge



Image 54: Ramp to view Starboard side of Prince Frederick's Barge

## **Toilets**

There are accessible toilets on Levels 0 and 1 in the museum. We also have baby changing facilities

### **Stanhope Toilets**

These toilets are located next to the Stanhope Entrance on Romney Road



Image 55: The Stanhope Accessible Toilet

The doorway to the foyer is 93cm wide and the doorway to the Accessible toilet is 93cm

The dimensions are 2m 22cm long by 1m 48cm wide

The toilet seat is 51cm from the floor and the sink is 76cm from the floor

There are grab rails in place

### **Sammy Ofer Wing Toilets**

These toilets are located in the Sammy Ofer Wing next to the Sammy Ofer Wing Entrance

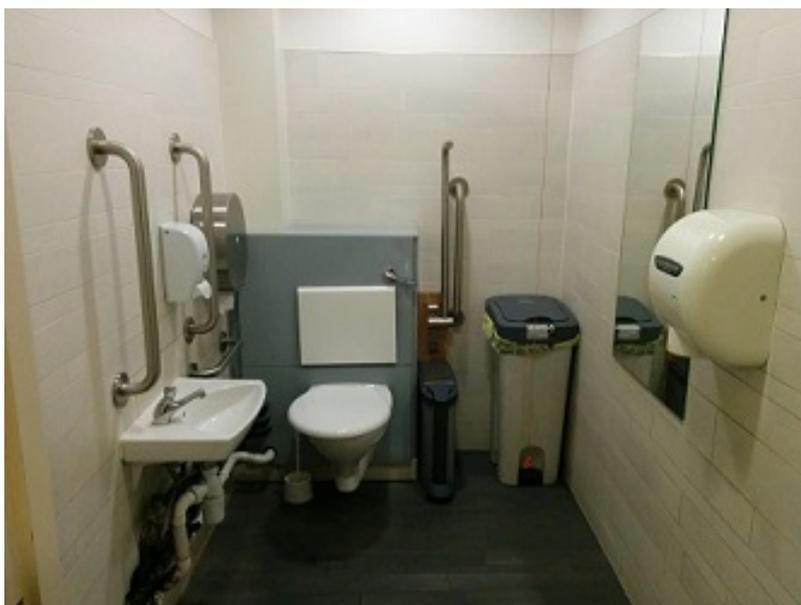


Image 56: The Sammy Ofer Wing Accessible Toilet

The doorway to the Accessible toilets is 1m 3cm wide

The dimensions are 2m 45cm long by 1m 48cm wide

The toilet seat is 47cm from the floor and the sink is 73cm from the floor

There are grab rails in place

### **Baltic Glass Toilets**

These toilets are located through the Baltic Glass display on Level 1



Image 57: The Baltic Glass Accessible Toilet

The doorway through to the toilets from the gallery is 1m 44cm wide

The doorway to the Accessible toilet is 95cm wide

The dimensions 2m 6cm long by 1m 90cm wide

The toilet seat is 50cm from the floor and the sink is 75cm from the floor

There are grab rails in place

### **Lecture Theatre Toilets**

These toilets are only accessible to those attending a lecture or seminar

Please see the entry for the Lecture theatre under 'Museum Spaces' for information on how to get there



Image 58: The Lecture Theatre Accessible Toilet

The doorway to the Accessible toilets is 95cm wide

The dimensions are 1m 55cm long by 1m 56 cm wide

The toilet seat is 50cm from the floor and the sink is 80cm from the floor

There are grab rails in place

### **First Aid Room**

There is a First Aid room in the Sammy Ofer Wing which can be used upon request for adult changing or as a private space

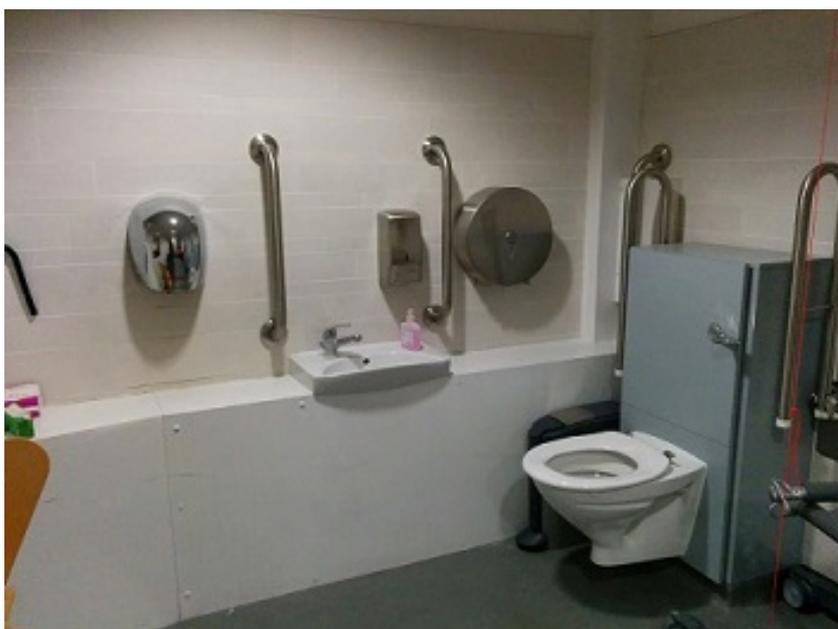


Image 59: The First Aid Room

The doorway is 1m wide

The First Aid couch is fixed height and 43cm from the floor



Image 60: The First Aid Couch

The sink is 74cm from the floor

## **Cafes**

There are 2 cafes in the museum and also the Brasserie restaurant above the Sammy Ofer Wing

### **Parkside Café**



Image 61: The Museum's Parkside Café

The Museum Café is in the Sammy Ofer Wing on Level 0

It is right next to the Sammy Ofer Wing Entrance

The Café is open from 10.00–17.00 every day, with service ending at 16.30

The Café has large windows which provide natural light and also strip lighting

High chairs are available

It is a self-service café with assistance available on request

Large print menus are available

The Café can cater for various dietary needs on request

Smaller portions are available on request

Water bowls can be provided for Assistance Dogs

The floor surface is smooth and non-slip

The tables are 74cm from the ground

**The Great Map Café**



Image 62: The Great Map Cafe

The Café is next to the Great Map on Level 1

Level Access is provided

The café is open from 10.00–17.00 every day, with service ending at 16.30

The café is under a glass ceiling which provides natural light. There are also spot lights

High chairs are available

It is a self-service café with assistance available on request

The café can cater for various dietary needs on request

Smaller portions can be made available for certain menu items (please ask staff for options)

Water bowls can be provided for Assistance Dogs

The floor surface is smooth and non-slip

The tables are 76cm from the ground

## Shop

The Museum Shop is located on Level 0 of the Museum



Image 65: The Museum Shop

The Shop is open every day during museum opening hours

It can be accessed through the large arches next to Prince Frederick's barge on Level 0

There is step free access and the area inside the shop is step-free

Assistance is available from staff members at all times

The floor surface is smooth and non-slip

Lighting is bright and is provided by strip lighting and spotlights

## Additional Information

During an evacuation a combination of alarms and red light systems are used

Wheelchairs on Levels 1 and 2 will be assisted to a refuge area by members of staff and accompanied throughout the evacuation

## Future Plans

Please let us know if you have any suggestions for future improvement of our Access Statement or our facilities by filling in our Visitor Survey [here](#) or calling us on 0208 858 4422 or speaking to a member of staff when you are on site

## **Contact Information**

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