

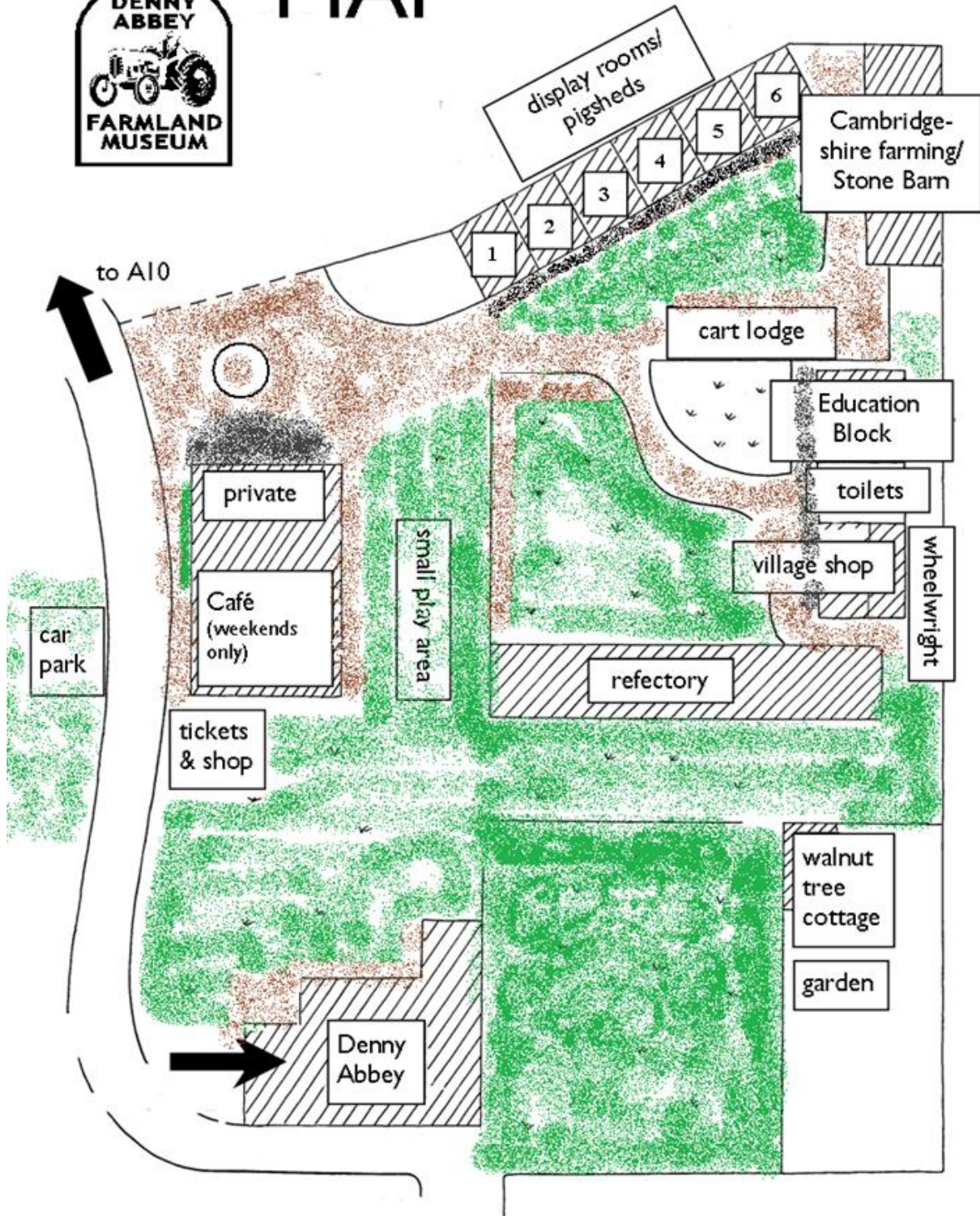
The Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey



Access Statement



MAP



Colour Key:



Grass



Gravel



Concrete

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This Access Statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with disabilities, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services which we offer all our visitors.

Introduction

The Farmland Museum is a local and social history museum, with a particular interest in farming, located just off the A10 near Waterbeach. The Museum also looks after Denny Abbey, a listed 12th Century set of religious buildings, including a Victorian cottage, on behalf of English Heritage. The museum is set in farmland, a few hundred metres from the main road, comprising a set of farm buildings, as well as some purpose-built structures. Some of the larger exhibits are open air, but most of the museum's collection is housed within these buildings. The site is spacious, with grassy areas between the buildings and views beyond, lending it a relaxed, rural feel.



Admission to the English Heritage part of the site (the abbey, refectory and cottage) is free for members, who pay a reduced rate for entry to the Farmland Museum. Non-members pay a flat rate for entry to all parts of the site. Concessions, family and season tickets and reduced rates for children, apply.



There is no disabled access to the upper floor of the abbey, or the cottage. Booklets showing pictures of these areas are placed on the ground floors for the benefit of those unable to access them. All other areas of the museum are accessible. The paths are gravelled, and there are grassy areas. There are two wheelchairs that may be borrowed from the entry kiosk.

There is enough on site to occupy at least a half day visit (2-3 hours).

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01223 860988, or email: info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest train station is Waterbeach which is 3 miles away from the site.
- Wheelchair accessible taxi services include A1 Taxis - **Cambridge** 01223 525555
- The #9 Stagecoach bus from Cambridge to Ely stops opposite the entrance to the site. There is a metalled track 400 metres long before the museum buildings are reached.

Car Parking and Arrival

- The on-site car park surface is grass with a firm surface. The car park is spacious and only 5 metres from the entry kiosk.
- Visitors can be dropped off just a metre from the kiosk



- There are no steps up to the entry kiosk, which has double doors which can be opened by the front of house staff. The double door width is 1150mm
- The kiosk doors open outwards.



Kiosk and Ticketing Area

- The floor surface in the kiosk is wood
- The kiosk counter desk area is 900mm high
- A hearing loop system is in place



Displays

The display areas comprise:

- **Pigsheds**, with rooms of Fenland crafts and sound loops of local people talking. There are no steps to these, but space within is limited. There are concrete floors. Three of the sheds have door widths of 950mm, 1 of 800mm, and two of 730mm



- **Stone Barn**: a large building with displays of farming equipment and short films of old farming methods on a continuous loop. There are 2 metres of gravel path leading to the entrance. Access is through wide barn doors of more than 2000mm, with plenty of space within. There is a concrete floor, uneven in places.



- **Cartlodge**: with large machinery. Access along the mown grass.



- **Education Block**: Linoleum floor. Gravel path leading to it of some 10 metres; concrete before entrance. Double door width to Education block is 1630mm. The Education Room door width is 800mm



- **Village Shop:** Displays of early to mid twentieth century shop goods in authentic period shop setting. Double doors give access (width 1600mm).



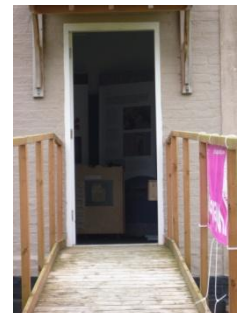
- **Wheelwrights:** Authentic workshop complete with tools and wheels. 5 metre gravel path leading to it. Double doors give access (width 1800mm).



- **Refectory:** accessed via grass. Step up (140mm) towards interpretation panel and observation area. Wood floor. Double door width 2000mm)



- **Exhibition Room:** Contains temporary exhibitions. Ramp to entrance. Door width 800mm. Little space within. Carpeted floor.



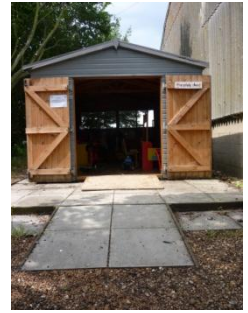
- **Cottage:** Cottage is recreated to show life in the 1940's. Doorway through wall from main part of site is tight as ramp to cottage entrance is close to it, but there is an alternative approach through a doorway in the wall abutting from the north wall of the abbey . Entrance doorway 780mm. Brick floors are uneven.



- **Abbey:** Step up to east entrance 70mm. Ramp down from East entrance. External doorways 900mm. Level ramp to west entrance. Wooden stairway to top floor is open. Ground floor is compacted earth with wooden walkways.



- **Playshed:** Ramp to entrance. Double doors 1450mm.



- **General:**

- The museum is self-guided with interpretation panels throughout the site. The majority of the boards are in large print with illustrations
- Audio is used in the Pigsheds
- There is a film viewing area in the Stone Barn
- There are seating areas in the Education Room, Stone Barn, Tea Room, and on benches outside around the site
- Most areas are well lit, except for the abbey which relies mainly on natural light.

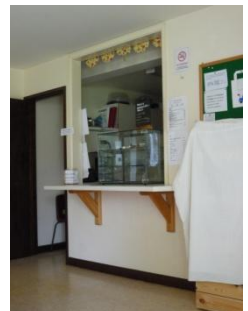
Public Toilets

- There are three public toilets located on the ground floor next to the Education Room. One of these is an accessible toilet with baby change facilities. The doorway to this toilet is 900mm wide. There is another toilet beside the Exhibition Room.
- In the accessible toilet, the height of the WC is 440mm; the washbasin is 750mm high. There are vertical grab rails to the left of the WC, and horizontal grab rails to left and right. The surface of the floor is linoleum. The taps are lever style.



Catering

The tea room is open at weekends and on event days. It does not serve cooked food, but sandwiches, cakes, drinks, etc. Access is via double doors 1400mm wide. There is limited space for movement inside. Linoleum floor. The serving counter is 920mm high, but is not self-service.



There is a limited refreshments service available in the entry kiosk where we can serve tea and coffee on all days.

Shop

The shop is located within the entry kiosk.

Additional Information

Our staff receive equality and disability awareness training

Contact Information

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Hours: Weekdays 12.00 to 5.00pm, Weekends (and event days) 10.30am to 5.00pm

Local Accessible Taxi: A1 Taxis – Cambridge 01223 525555

Local Public Transport: Stagecoach, Cambridge-Ely #9