

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 that we offer all our guests/visitors. The details are correct at the time of publication, February 2016.

Access Statement for Dinostar – The Dinosaur Experience – in Hull

Introduction

Dinostar is situated in the Fruit Market of Hull's Old Town. The Dinostar building is a former fruit warehouse built in the early 20th century.

The visitor attraction comprises an exhibition of dinosaurs and fossils. Highlights include a full-size Tyrannosaurus rex skull, genuine dinosaur bones visitors can touch and dinosaur sound boxes. The exhibition has been designed to appeal to children and adults with plenty of interactive exhibits – push buttons and hands-on activities. The exhibition occupies two floors with the upstairs galleries accessible only via stairs. Visitors who cannot use the stairs are admitted free to the ground floor part of the exhibition.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please feel free to contact us by calling (01482) 320424 or by email to info@dinostar.co.uk.

Pre-Arrival

Details of how to find Dinostar are on the “Find Us” section of our website, alternatively, you can plan your journey by car or public transport using www.transportdirect.info. The postcode for Dinostar is **HU1 1TH**. Note that Humber Street is no longer accessible to traffic – your satnav may not reflect this.

Dinostar is situated on Humber Street which has a bumpy (through age), but level, footpath. Some streets in the area, notably Blanket Row, retain Victorian cobbles.

Note. Humber Street is currently being pedestrianised and works to achieve this will continue during 2016. Areas that are being worked on may be fenced off but access to Dinostar will be maintained.

The nearest railway station is **Hull Paragon**, which is a walk of approximately 15 minutes from Dinostar. Taxis are available at the station.

The main bus terminus is Hull's **Transport Interchange** which incorporates Hull Paragon railway station. Bus number 16 serves the Fruit Market area from the Transport Interchange – the nearest bus stops to Dinostar are on Humber Street close to the Millennium footbridge which serves *The Deep* (approx. 100 yards away) and on the corner of Wellington Street and Humber Place (approx. 400 yards away).

There is free on-street parking in surrounding streets with a three-hour limit. Blanket Row Pay & Display surface car park is a two-minute walk from Dinostar. Blanket Row Car Park costs £1 to park all day on Sundays.

Entrance and Reception Area

The entrance to Dinostar is on Humber Street with a step-free, level access. The entrance door is approximately 83cm (32 inches) wide. The entrance door takes you into the attraction's souvenir shop. The reception desk is located approximately 5m (6 yards) from the entrance directly in front of the entrance door. There are chairs available in the entrance area.

Souvenir Shop

The Dinostar shop sells a range of souvenirs, toys and fossils. It is accessed directly from the entrance and when exiting the exhibition. The shop is carpeted and level throughout. There is space within the shop for a large wheelchair to manoeuvre and turn. There are display units accessible from a seated position. The shop is evenly and well lit with overhead lighting from both fluorescent and spot lights.

Exhibition

Due to the changing nature of the exhibition we do not offer audio tours. Display boards for exhibits are in a clear font interspersed with a variety of images. Galleries have bright overhead lighting from fluorescent and spot lights. There are chairs spread throughout the exhibition galleries.

Videos are played in some of the galleries and their sound can be heard throughout the exhibition. Visitor-operated push buttons play the sounds of dinosaurs – these are in a number of locations throughout the exhibition.

Access to the first floor galleries is via a single flight of 21 stairs with hand rails on both sides. Visitors who cannot use the stairs are admitted free to the ground floor galleries which comprise approximately half of the exhibition space.

Public Toilet

There is a publicly-available toilet on the ground floor of the attraction. It is approximately 15m (18 yards) from the entrance. This is a unisex toilet and a key is not required to access it. The toilet door opens outwards and it is locked by a slide lock. The toilet light and extractor fan are operated automatically by a sensor when visitors enter the toilet.

The dimensions of the toilet are approximately 200cm by 180cm (6ft 6in by 6ft) and there is a lateral transfer space. As you face the toilet pan the transfer space is to the right. The transfer space is approximately 87cm (34 inches) wide. The height of the toilet seat above floor level is 48cm (19 inches). As you face the toilet pan the drop-down grab rail is to the right.

There is a sink which is approximately 72cm (29 inches) high; the tap type is lever. There is a functional emergency alarm available. There is a mirror above the sink. Wall mounted rails are available either side of the sink.

Additional Information

Assistance dogs are welcome and water can be provided upon request.

There is space to leave bags, push chairs or wheel chairs behind the reception desk, if required.

Contact Information

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Opening Hours: 11am to 5pm, every Sunday plus some school holidays
(see web site for full details)

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