

Access Guide for Sir Walter Scott's Courtroom



Sir Walter Scott's Courtroom,
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This guide aims to describe accurately the facilities and services that we offer all our visitors.

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Section 1 – Welcome

Sir Walter Scott's Courtroom is FREE to everyone and is located in the historic borders town of Selkirk, in Scotland. The Museum is an iconic link to the great Scottish writer and his time when he sat as Sheriff, dispensing justice to the town of Selkirk for nearly 30 years until his death in 1832. This building dates from 1804 and stands in the Market Place next to the statue dedicated to Sir Walter who was also known as 'The Shirra' (Sheriff). Inside the former Town hall, the story of Scott's association with the town is presented.

Visitors will enjoy the reconstructed courtroom and be intrigued by accompanying tales of past crimes, punishments and lucky escapes. Please visit our website to see what's on this year.

Due to the age and layout of the building there is no level access with a series of stairs to negotiate from street level.

Please get in touch if you require any further information about specific access or would like advice on planning your visit. Contact details can be found on the first page of this document.

Section 2 – Accessibility at a Glance

Access



Due to the age and layout of the building there is no level access and a series of stairs to negotiate from the street.

Toilets



There is no access to toilets for visitors in the museum. There are public toilets and an accessible toilet on the road up to West Port carpark with access via a radar key available in Halliwell's House Museum reception.

Assistance Animals



Registered assistance animals only may accompany their owner into the building.

Parking



There are two parking spaces in the nearby Market Square, and two in the West Port carpark directly outside the Halliwell's House Museum, which can be used by 'Disabled badge holders only'.

Section 3 - Getting to the Museum

Address

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Travel by Public Transport

There are two town bus services (X95 & 73) which operate in Selkirk. The nearest stop to the museum is in the Market Place next to the bookshop.

A taxi can bring you right to the Market Place carpark. There are several taxi companies operating in the Selkirk area.

Travel by Car

There are three FREE car parks in Selkirk. West Port carpark is longstay and the larger of the carparks, and it is next to Halliwell's House Museum. Market Square is a 30 minute stay carpark, which is approximately a 3 minute walk. There is also a small car park off Chapel Street, a 10 minute walk away.



There are two parking spaces in the nearby Market Square, and two in the West Port carpark directly outside the Halliwell's House Museum, which can be used by 'Disabled badge holders only'. This option is ideal for wheelchair users and people with mobility impairments.

Travel by Bicycle

If you're coming by bicycle there are bike racks located in both West Port carpark and Market Street carpark.

Section 4 – Arrival at the Museum

Due to the age and layout of the building there is no level access.



From Market Place the big front doors will be open. Inside is a sign to say entrance is around the corner up some steps. Turn right then go left up the steps to get access to Sir Walter Scott's Courtroom. There are 4 sets of 3 shallow steps up to the gate and entrance from Market Place. Then there are 6 stone steps up to the entrance door of the museum.



The entrance to the museum is 880mm in width. The door can be opened manually by pulling down the handle.



There is one step up into the reception.

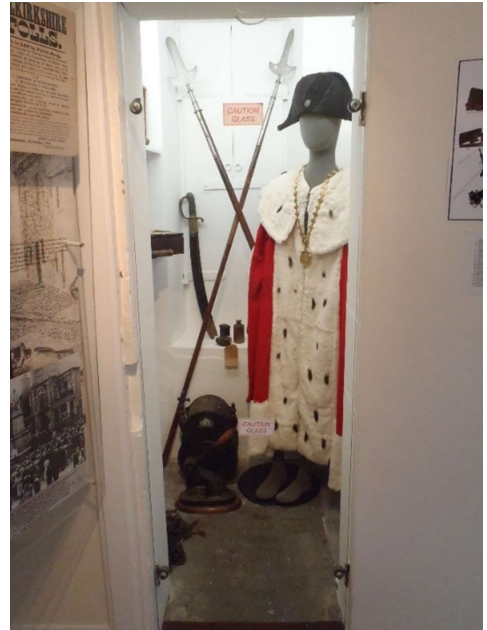
The floor inside the reception is laminate wood.

The welcome desk is on your left as you come in, and our Front of House assistant will welcome you in.



Section 5 - Exhibition Spaces

In reception you will find the old jail cell which has an open metal door and a glass front to the cell. Inside you will see a cloth mannequin and several items on display including two halberds.



You can access the main museum through the open door next to the jail. The door width is 920mm.

The floor is wood and there is underfloor heating which you may feel through your shoes. It is well lit by three big windows and a chandelier in the centre. When you enter you will see several mannequins. One, Sir Walter Scott will be up behind a wooden barrier. One, Jamie Inglis the Mace Bearer is seated on your right as you enter the room next to the book display.



There are more mannequins seated around the dock and inside the dock.



There are two big display cases in the centre of the room with a width of 1200mm on either side, and two at the far side of the room against the wall. There are various free standing display banners around the room.



The Law and Order case contains items used in punishment of criminals and items found by the police in times gone by.



Section 6 – Shop

Have a browse in our shop area, which is situated in the main museum room.

Choose from a variety of books and a small collection of souvenirs.

Our museum staff are happy to help discuss any books and items of historical interest relating to Sir Walter Scott and the period he lived in.

We are happy to process either cash or card payments.

Section 8 – Toilets

There are no toilets available in the Museum. The nearest are Public Toilets available on road up to West Port carpark near Halliwell's House Museum.

The disabled access one is opened by use of a Radar key which is available from the Welcome Desk in Halliwell's House Museum reception.



Section 9 - Emergency Evacuation Procedures

There are two fire-doors located in the building. All fire escapes have the appropriate signage. The main entrance is one and there is another in the main museum in the right hand corner which leads to the cobbled entrance near the front door.

In the event of an emergency evacuation, all visitors must follow the signage to their nearest fire exit.