



## An access guide for your visit to Corinium Museum & Cirencester Visitor Information Centre

### Introduction

The award winning Corinium Museum is the must-see visitor attraction of the Cotswolds.

The Museum is based on two floors with lift access to the mezzanine level. You should allow at least 1.5 hours to go around the Museum. Volunteer gallery stewards are on hand most days to answer any questions. We encourage all visitors to touch exhibits and some of the interactives have Braille interpretation.

You can also enjoy the adjoining café and our shop selling a range of gifts and souvenirs. These are situated on the ground floor with step free access. The Cirencester Visitor Information centre is also situated in the Museum shop the friendly staff are on hand to provide information about Cirencester or the Cotswolds.

### Pre-Arrival

- For full details and maps of how to reach us please see the [How to Find Us](#) section of our website.
- **Train** - The nearest train station is Kemble Railway Station (3 miles). Taxis and buses serve the station. See [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or contact National Rail Enquiry Line on **08457 48 49 50**.
- **Coach/bus** - National Express coaches operate daily services from many parts of the UK to Cirencester. Full details of National Express services on **08705 808 080** or visit <http://www.nationalexpress.com/home.aspx>
- Gloucestershire County Council offers further details on bus services. Please see the [Gloucestershire County Council website](#) for further details. Or contact the local public transport information line on 0871 200 2233
- **Car** - Once in Cirencester follow the brown signs for the Corinium Museum and the “i” logo for the Information Centre. These will lead you to the nearest long stay car park in ‘The Old Station’. For pedestrians, the car park is about

2 minutes from the Museum. The Corinium Museum is clearly sign posted from the Old Station car park and around the town centre.

## **Car Parking and Arrival**



- There is a clearly marked bay for Blue Badge parking at the museum. As you approach on Park Street on the one way system it is the first bay that you will come to in front of the museum, the other being a loading bay. The Blue Badge bay should fit up to two cars.
- The nearest long stay car park is The Old Station, GL7 1US. It has 149 spaces and is approximately 200m from the entrance. There is a charge of £6.50 for up to 10 hours. 2 clearly marked Blue Badge spaces are available.
- There is a nearer short stay car park in Sheep Street, GL7 1QW. It has 77 spaces and 2 Blue Badges Spaces. All the car parks are pay and display.
- There is a dropped kerb outside the museum for easy access.
- The entrance to the museum has level access throughout.
- The main entrance door is automatic and measures 200cm wide.

## **Main Entrance, Reception and Ticketing Area**

- The reception and ticket area is located on the ground floor with step free, level access, throughout.
- There are several bench seats in the reception area.
- The area is evenly and well lit with overhead lighting.
- There is a lowered section at the welcome/ticketing desk.
- There is a hearing loop system installed at the counter.
- Wheelchair loan is available, free of charge, on request.
- There is also an entrance to the Cirencester Visitor Information Centre and Shop. Entrance to this and the temporary exhibition space is free.

## Around the Museum

- There are interactive touch screen activities throughout the museum; all can be accessed from a sitting or standing position.
- Interpretation boards are all in large text, and have pictorial representation where applicable. Large print and braille guides are available from reception.
- The Corinium Museum is very hands on with tactile interactives some of which have braille, mosaics and sculpture on open display which visitors are welcome to touch and smell.
- There is a returnable laminated floor plan available from reception which highlights new Roman displays and the ten treasures of the collection.
- There is an audio visual area sited in the Iron Age gallery providing background to the Iron Age in the Cotswolds with clear audio commentary.
- Some galleries have background sounds and music playing representing the period in history.
- There is seating throughout the galleries.
- Early Years zones are placed strategically around the Museum with toy boxes and books for their engagement.

## Lifts



- There is lift access to the mezzanine level.
- The lift has automatic doors measuring 90cm wide.
- The lift measures 150cm x 150cm.

## Toilets



- All toilets on site are easily accessible.
- Toilets are located on the ground floor with level access from the reception area (opposite the temporary exhibition gallery). There are also two toilets by the Lifelong Learning Centre.
- The toilets have light, easy open doors measuring 92cm wide.
- The toilet height is 48cm
- The toilets are well lit with automatic lights which switch on as you enter the room.
- There are hand rails either side of the toilet.
- Each toilet has an emergency alarm pull cord.
- There are lever taps on the sinks.

## Food and Drink

- Jacks Café is adjacent to the Museum and offers a wide range of drinks, hot meals and snacks. Please let the café know if you have any dietary requirements or allergies, telephone 01285 640 888.
- The café is accessible via the Roman Military Gallery of the Museum and from outside via Black Jack Street.
- Your entry ticket to the Museum is a valid all day. This allows you leave the museum to use any of the other cafes, pubs and restaurants in Cirencester and then re-enter the museum to complete your visit.
- Further information on what is available in town can be obtained from the Visitor Information Centre onsite or by calling 01285 654180.

- The Museum activity room is available for picnics at weekends and in school holidays between the hours of 12pm and 2pm.

## Shop



- The Corinium Museum Shop and Cirencester Visitor Information Centre can be accessed directly from the reception area.
- The shop has a wide range of gifts, books, cards, souvenirs and jewellery.
- The shop is level throughout.
- A low level desk and counter are provided.
- Staff can offer assistance if required.
- Visitors can exit the shop through the level reception area or through a side glass door with a small step.

## Garden

- There is a small courtyard garden with a paved path which is level throughout.
- There are several bench seats overlooking the garden.
- There is a central raised bed with aromatic herbs and flowers.

## Additional Information

- In the event of the fire alarm sounding, if you are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor the lifts will automatically open into fail safe mode and therefore should not be used. You are advised to stay put and a member of staff will assist you to a refuge point.
- All our information brochures are available in large print.

- Clear signage is used throughout the building.
- Through the Cirencester Visitor Information Centre can offer a list of nearby accommodation providers and help you make a booking.

## **Contact Information**

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Website: [www.coriniummuseum.org](http://www.coriniummuseum.org)

### **Opening Hours**

#### **April – October:**

Monday – Saturday	10am – 5pm
Sunday	2 – 5pm

#### **November – March:**

Monday – Saturday	10am – 4pm
Sunday	2 – 4pm

Closed 24 – 26<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January

### **Local Equipment Hire:**

Assured Mobility <http://www.assuredmobilityltd.co.uk/cirencester.php>

### **Cirencester Visitor Information centre:**

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