

Access Guide To Celtic Copper Kingdom - A guide to disabled visitors

All explanations of access assume the visitor will start at the sail loft visitor centre. The centre is sign posted with brown tourist signs on the B5111 road on the near approach to Amlwch, and from the centre of Amlwch to the main turning down into the port adjacent to the Adelphi Vaults pub. Thereafter there are 'Copper Kingdom' pavement signs leading visitors to the sail loft via the quayside or top road to the right.

Access to the Sail Loft:

Road access to the sail loft visitor centre is via a narrow signposted road which offers 2 options for parking. The left hand option for parking takes you down onto the quayside and the freestanding signs guide visitors to the car park on the north (seaward side) of the sail loft building. Access to the sail loft from here is via a paved incline along the length of the landward side of the building, followed by 7 steps and a ramp up, of approximately 10 feet in length leading to the front door.

The right hand road access option for the sail loft takes the visitor to the south (landward) side of the sail loft building. Although not a designated parking area, visitors may park at the curbside. There is a short walk of up to 50 yards which includes a curb and the ramp up, of approximately 10 feet. The ramp is steep but is wide enough for a wheel chair. Alternatively there is a designated public car park approximately 200-300 yards from the sail loft. This is via a flat tarmac road to the right hand side, if you are standing with the sail loft on the left.

Access from the front door into the first floor of the sail loft. The floor is sloping down from the front door, as a feature of the sail loft. The first floor features the café, gift shop, interpretation panels and artefacts explaining the ship building & maritime heritage of the port.

Inside the sail loft:

Access to the ground floor of the sail loft is via a stair case of 16 steps down, starting at the lowest part of the sloping floor. The ground floor provides access to interpretation panels and artefacts explaining the copper mining heritage of the mountain, the town of Amlwch and the port.

Access to toilet facilities: On the ground floor of the sail loft, access to toilets is via 8 steps up with hand railings to the right of the steps. One toilet in the ladies and gents, has hand rails in the cubicles.

Access to Amlwch Port Heritage Trail:

The trail starts at the seaward side of the sail loft building, overlooking point 1 on the heritage trail guide leaflet (the dry dock). This is in the car park on the north (seaward) side of the sail loft. Approach from the main sail loft entrance and the south (landward) side of the sail loft is via the 7 steps and paved slope down along length of sail loft building. See notes on 'Access to Sail Loft'. From here the trail guides the visitor down a sloping tarmac road of approximately 200 yards, beyond which the trail continues for approximately ¼ mile on the flat on a tarmac road along the quayside. This takes the visitor up to point 10 on the heritage trail guide. The remaining points up to point 16 have more difficult access over uneven ground, not accessible to wheelchair users. Disabled visitors can however, see most of the remaining points of interest from point 10.

Access to Parys Mountain Heritage Trail:

The mountain heritage trail is approximately 2 miles from the sail loft. The designated visitor car park is on the western side of the mountain on the B5111 road between Llangefni and Amlwch. The car park surface is rough gravel, uneven under foot and could make wheel chair access difficult although not impossible, at least up to the viewing platform to the great opencast. The path to the viewing platform is a gentle slope. Wheelchair access around the entire heritage trail is not possible.

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Additional Notes:

Visually impaired – Explanation of the mining and maritime heritage of Amlwch is with interpretation panels, a printed guide for the artefacts, and a DVD with audio playing on the ground floor. Guides can be booked by calling 01248 725758, to give walking tours of the centre, the port and mountain heritage trails. Assistance dogs are welcome.

Hearing impaired – Explanation of the mining and maritime heritage of Amlwch is with interpretation panels, a printed guide for the artefacts, and a DVD playing on the ground floor. Assistance dogs are welcome.

Mobile phone Network – Mobile phone network can be poor at the sail loft visitor centre, in the port area and on Parys Mountain. Visitors should therefore not rely on a mobile phone in an emergency.

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Celtic Copper Kingdom & Amlwch Industrial Heritage Trust will endeavor to introduce facilities to improve disabled access as part of its future development plans, and sail loft staff are available to offer assistance wherever possible.