

Visitor information

Opening and Closing Times

The Royal Air Force Museum opens at 10:00. From March to October it closes at 18:00, with last admission at 17:30. From November to February it closes at 17:00, with last admission at 16:30.

Access to the Museum

The entrance to the Royal Air Force Museum site is located on Grahame Park Way.



The Museum site entrance

There is a car park charge of £3.00 for 3 hours and £4.00 for up to 6 hours. You will find pay and display machines located around the car park.



The Museum Car Park



Pay and display machine

Museum entrance

Please make your way to Reception when you arrive at the Museum. There is no admission charge, but if you would like to purchase a guide book you can do so at the reception desk. If you have a bag, a member of security staff may ask to look inside it.

Signage and assistance

Inside the Museum there are signs to help you. The writing and symbols are in yellow and are on a dark background. In all of the halls there will be Museum staff and they will be able to help you if you need assistance. They wear red uniforms and have walkie-talkie radios. All Museum staff have a pass with their name and photograph on display.

Toilets are located in every hall.



Examples of signage

Food and drink

The **Wessex café** can be found in the Historic Hangars, which serves hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and cakes. We also have **Claude's Restaurant** which serves a range of meals and drinks.

You can bring a packed lunch which you can eat in the **indoor picnic area** in Aeronauts Interactive Gallery, although this area can get very busy and is often noisy. If the weather is nice you can eat at the **outdoor picnic area** which can be found on the grassy area at the front of the Museum. Food and drink may not be consumed in the rest of the Museum.



Wessex Café and the indoor picnic area

Quiet Space

If, while you are visiting the Museum, you find that you need somewhere quiet to retreat to, please speak to a member of staff who will assist you. The Museum has a quiet room where you can sit and rest until you feel better.

Alarms

Should an alarm sound, follow the instructions and make your way through any exit door. Staff will guide you to the nearest assembly point.

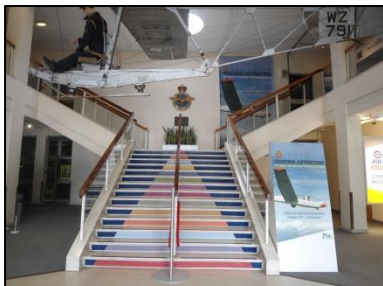
Museum Halls

Historic Hangars contains our collection of helicopters, along with aircraft and vehicles. In this hall you will also find the Wessex Café, the 4D Theatre, the shop, the exit to the car park and the entrance to Aeronauts Interactive Gallery.

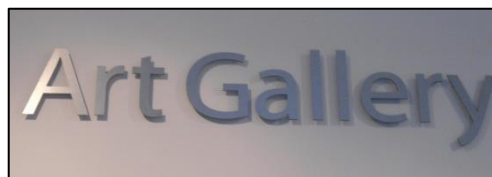


Historic Hangars

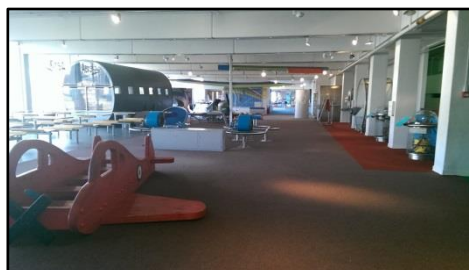
The **Art Gallery** can be found above the Conference Reception. Take the stairs and turn right for the Art Gallery.



Stairs to the Art Gallery



Aeronauts Interactive Gallery is designed to show families and young people the science that is involved in flight. This space can get very busy and noisy, especially during lunch periods, weekends, school holidays and Bank holidays. It also gets busy when the weather is bad. Aeronauts Interactive is the one gallery in the Museum where you can touch exhibits. The indoor picnic area is located in this gallery.

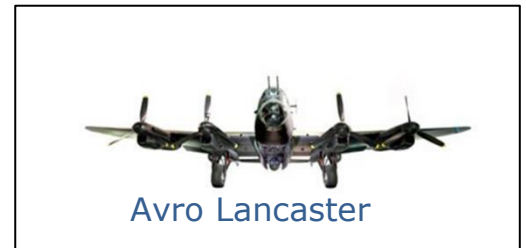


Aeronauts Interactive Gallery

Bomber Hall contains the larger Bomber aircraft. The Bomber hall is not very brightly lit. When you arrive at the Avro Lancaster, there is a slope up in to the hall.



Historic Hangars and Bomber Hall from the car park



The final building is the **Grahame-White Watch Office and Factory**. It is located at the opposite side of the site to the main entrance.

These historic buildings house our First World War collections and tell the story of the men and women who brought aviation to the fore. There are interactives that you can try and stunning audio visual displays with sound effects and narrative. You can view much of the exhibition from the balcony on the upper level.



Grahame-White Watch Office and Factory



Some of our interactives



The view from the balcony

Further information on the Museum and its collections can be found on the Museum website www.rafmuseum.org.uk .

If you have any feedback about your visit, we have feedback forms in each entrance or exit area. You can also email us at Access.London@rafmuseum.org.