

Geevor Tin Mine Accessibility Guide

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Geevor Tin Mine is a multi-award winning heritage attraction and museum. The site was an operating tin mine from 1911 until 1990 and since the transition to a heritage site in 1993 Geevor has gone from strength to strength. Geevor covers 67 acres making it the largest preserved mining site in the United Kingdom. The site encompasses; a vast array of surface buildings, the mill processing plant and a tour of the an 18th century mine. Geevor is a key site within the UNESCO World Heritage sites and is a leading advocate of Cornish mining education. The site is staffed by a large group of passionate and welcoming staff some of which were employees of Geevor during its time as an operating mine.

Geevor has been maintained to its original state as much as possible in order to make the experience feel realistic and evocative. Therefore there are some areas of the site where extra help may be required with accessibility. We do however have a helpful and attentive workforce that is willing to help wherever possible. We offer a complementary ticket price for personal assistants. There are 3 separate disabled access toilets located on site and two lifts available in both the mine shop/cafe and the Hard Rock museum. There is also a wheelchair available on site for those who wish to use it. There are large print signs on display around the site and various films and sound effects describing the processes you will be witnessing. Assistance dogs are welcome all around the site including into the underground tour.

Getting Here

By Road

From Penzance - From the A30 Penzance bypass take the main road to St Just (A3071). Follow the brown signs indicating 'Historic Mining Area'. Continue along the A3071 and fork right on the B3318 to Pendeen. Turn left at the cross roads to drive through Pendeen and turn right at the Geevor main entrance.

From Lands End and St Just - Turn off the A30 to St Just on the B3306. At St Just continue to Pendeen. Geevor is situated about 3 miles from St Just along the north coast.

From St Ives - Follow the beautiful coast road (the B3306) through Zennor and Morvah to Pendeen.

By Bus

We offer a 10% discount to visitors who travel to Geevor by A3 or A17 bus.

There is also a community service bus available to all, PZS007.

The A3 service stop in the Geevor mine car park by the reception and cafe/shop.(Summer only)

From Penzance - Take the A17 and ask for Geevor Tin Mine.

From St Just - Take the A17 (also A3 vintage bus in summer) and ask for Geevor Tin Mine.

From St Ives - take the 17 (In summer take the A3 vintage bus).At other times of the year travel via Penzance.

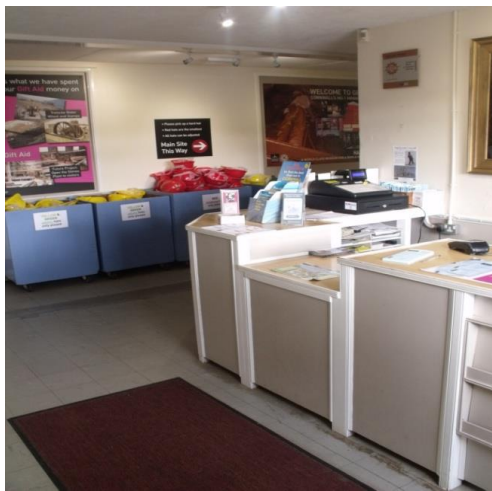
Arrival



Our main entrance has a sloped walkway allowing easy access for wheel chairs.

The main doorway is 865mm wide, followed by a second and third door both 780mm wide

Disabled parking spaces are available directly outside the main entrance make sure you follow directly down the main site road ignoring the general car park.



Entering reception you will be greeted by a member of staff who will explain how the site is operating on that day.

You will then be required to wear a hard hat as Geevor is classed as an industrial site and therefore they are required to be worn from the reception building onwards. Any requirements for assistance around the site during your visit can be organised at this point.



After purchasing a ticket you will then make your way through the main corridor containing three exhibition rooms on the left hand side of the corridor.

The corridor doorways are 840mm wide, at the end of this corridor to the right hand side is a doorway leading to the mine model room that is 740mm wide.

Continue to the main site through the double doors (1470mm wide) which are fitted with a wheelchair ramp

Navigating the Site Buildings

The site comprises of 13 separate surface buildings and sheds open to visitors that would have been of vital importance during Geevors' operating years. Many of these buildings are accessible with various ramps leading to the entrances. Some buildings are more challenging than others but we hope this guide will prove helpful in catering your visit to your own needs.

The Main Site Walkway



The main site walkway is on a steep gradient and is uneven in places due to its industrial nature. Caution is advised when moving between buildings.

Compressor House



The compressor house doorway is 720mm wide and is served by a wheelchair ramp. There is a fire exit at the very rear of this building that is 800mm wide.

The building itself is large and there is plenty of room in the various walkways. There are several signs detailing this building and a short sound clip describing some of its contents.

Sub Station



Before entering the building there is a gate leading into the main entrance at a width of 980mm

The main entrance doorway is 1170mm wide and has a wheelchair ramp providing access

There is a small amount of signage in the Sub Station the lighting is fairly low in this building.

Winder House



The winder house doorway is 1170mm wide and is served by a wheelchair ramp.

The wheel chair ramp is fairly steep if assistance is required please feel free to alert a member of staff who will be more than willing to assist you.

Inside the winder house there are various different signs in relatively large print and there is also a soundtrack describing the winder.

Mine Rescue Room



The Rescue Room displays the history of the rescue team at Geevor. There is a small ledge upon entering the building. The doorway is 1120mm wide.

There are several large print signs in the room with good lighting describing the building and the items on display. The room is relatively small.

First Aid Room



The First Aid Room displays some of the first aid kit used at Geevor and describes accidents that took place on site. The door way to this room is 1140mm wide.

There is a small viewing area to observe the whole room. There is several display boards with medium size print in this building.

Drill shop



The drill shop doorway is 1370mm wide.

There are various railway tracks in proximity to the drill shop entrance so please take care when approaching.

The space within the drill shop is wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair and there is signage on display.

The Dry

Entrance



The entrance to the dry has a small concrete elevated ramp that leads through the main doorway.

The doorway is 770mm wide there is a sharp corner followed by a doorway of the same width.

There are several smaller rooms and signage to view before entering the main dry area.

Inside the Dry



Within the dry there are several smaller rooms to visit and also the main locker room section. Each of these areas has displays showing pictures and information. The lighting varies throughout the building with some areas low lighting others high.

Once you have visited these rooms throughout the dry you can make your way to the exit section through this door served by a concrete ramp. The door is 1020mm wide.

The Dry-Exit



There is a long tunnel walkway leading down towards the exit doors of the dry.

These doors are 1020mm wide.

This leads out to the Shaft bank area containing the Landing House.

The Landing House



The Landing House is more challenging to access for those in wheelchairs due to the railway tracks running past and the steps leading into the building.

It is however viewable from the outside as the building is relatively small.

The doorway is 750mm wide.

There are various different posters to view inside the lighting is relatively low.

Victory Shaft



It is possible to access the top of Victory Shaft the main shaft at Geevor within this space there is a view down into the shaft and a donation box.

There is a small step coming into the gateway, the gateway itself is 750 mm wide the room is small.

There is signage and photos to the right hand side detailing the shaft and how it worked.

The Mill



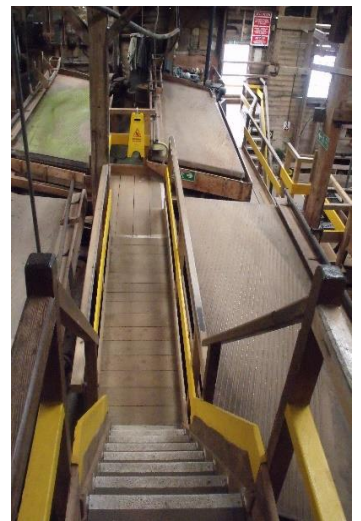
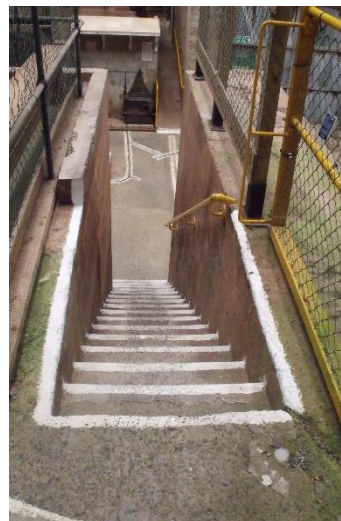
The Mill is the old processing plant at Geevor responsible for extracting Tin and other minerals from the rock recovered by the miners.

The Mill is built on a hill and is a complicated building to navigate given its industrial structure. There are 86 steps throughout the building which limits access for wheelchair users.

The Mill entrance door way is 860mm wide and is followed by two steps. There are five separate fire exits throughout the building

The Mill Interior

There is a Yellow Trail throughout the mill to help guide visitors through the building. The steps are marked with white paint throughout which will be particularly useful for visually impaired visitors.



The Mill- Tin Floors

The bottom section of the mill is known as the 'Tin Floors' this area can be accessed through the mill building but also through an alternative route for those with mobility issues. There is a hill running adjacent to the mill building that leads to the 'Tin Floors' area, those who cannot manage the mill can follow this route instead. Your own vehicle may be taken down this hill if it proves to be steep. Contact a member of staff at reception to arrange this. The main activity at the 'Tin Floors' is panning for gems and gold which those who cannot manage the mill can still experience. Preparation for the underground tour also takes place here.



The Entrance/Exit from the 'Tin Floors' area has a wheel chair ramp allowing access. The doorway is 750mm wide. The terrain is relatively uneven outside this area, mostly made up of gravel pathways so caution is advised.

The Union Hut



The Union Hut is a small building detailing the history of trade unions at Geevor.

There are 3 steps leading up this building and the door way is 760mm wide.

The inside of the building is spacious and there are various letters and poster on display most of which are smaller print.

The Sample House



The Sample House was used by the mines samplers and geologists to test samples from all corners of the underground at Geevor.

The doorway has a small ramp for wheelchair access and is 760mm wide. There are various items of signage inside and a film detailing the vanning process that would have taken place inside this building.

The Holman's Exhibition



The Holman's exhibition is located halfway down the site with a gravel pathway leading to the main doorway, this may be challenging for some wheelchair users.

The doorway into the Holman's exhibition is 730mm wide

There is signage within this building describing various displays of machinery and historic items. Some of this signage is small print and may be challenging for visually impaired visitors.

The Hard Rock Museum

The Hard Rock Museum is the most modern building on site therefore making it one of the most accessible. It offers an overview of the whole site telling the story of Geevor. It is an essential building for those who may not have been able to access other buildings on site. The Museum contains a lift to access the upper levels, an accessible toilet, and a cinema showing the underground and the mill in Geevors' operating years.

Hard Rock Entrance



The automatic doors entering into the museum and they are 1670mm wide

There are two interior doors leading to exhibition rooms both 680mm wide.

There is also a double fire exit door in the case of an emergency which is 1550mm wide

Hard Rock- Cinema



Within the Hard Rock Museum there is a cinema detailing the history of Geevor showing the mine in full operation both above and below ground. The door way to the cinema is 710mm wide.

There is audio description in some parts of the film. For those who may not be able to enter the mill and underground due to accessibility issues the film is essential in offering an insight into both of these places.

Hard Rock- Lift

There is a lift in the museum offering accessing to the upper level which includes further exhibition displays, the gallery and the toilets. The lift has a call button in order to bring it to the appropriate area and this also opens the door. The lift doorways are both 970 mm wide. The interior of the lift is 1120mm wide and 1420mm in depth. The button must be held down throughout the journey in the lift.

Once on the top level there are various large print and interactive exhibitions to view. There is also a gallery displaying the work of local artists at different times throughout the year, the doorway for this room is 710mm wide.



Hard Rock- Accessible Toilet



There is an accessible toilet on the top floor of the museum which can be accessed via the previously mentioned lift.

The doorway is 860mm wide. From the doorway to the toilet there is a distance of 1360mm.

There is 900mm of space on both sides of the toilet.

Hard Rock- Exit



The exit from the museum is an automatic double door leading out to the main site, the doorway is 1350mm wide.

Directly outside the museum doors there are some railway tracks which will need to be approached with caution.

The Mine Shop

The mine shop is located on the main site at Geevor and can be visited at any time during a visit. There is level access down to the shop and the doorway is 740mm wide. Within the shop the walkways are 1300mm wide. If there are any extra requirements the shop staff will be on hand to help you navigate the building. The door connecting the shop to the café is 900mm wide.



Accessible Toilet- Shop/Café Lobby

There is an accessible toilet in the lobby area between the shop and the café. The doorway is 860mm wide, the distance from the doorway to the toilet is 1290mm. There is 320mm of space from the toilet to the left hand wall and 1290mm to the right hand wall.



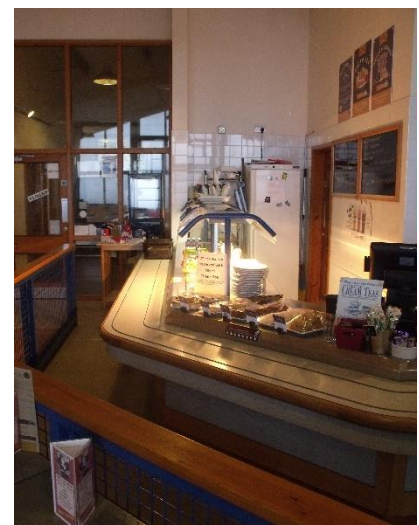
Shop/Café Lobby- Lift

In the lobby space after exiting the shop there is a lift which allows access to the lower level leading to the Counthouse Café. The lift doorway is 830mm in width and 1250mm in depth.



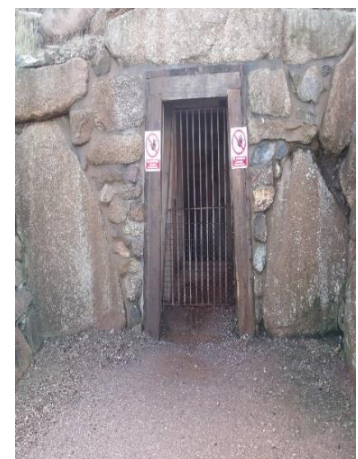
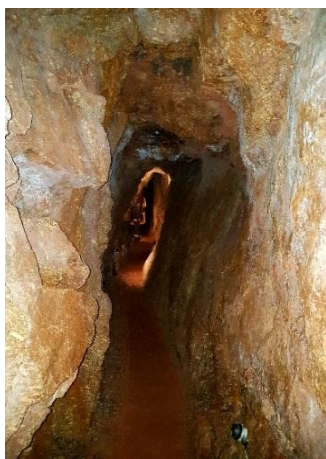
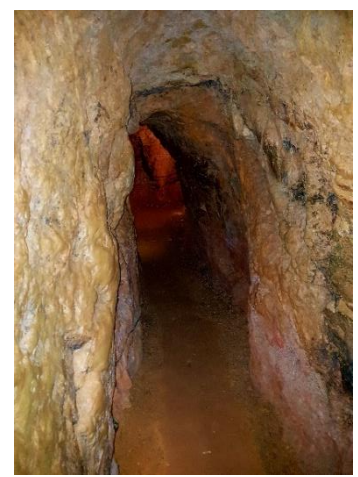
The Counthouse Café

The Counthouse Café offers a large variety of food and drink for visitors to enjoy during or after a visit to the site. The doorway to the Café is 900mm wide, upon entering the café there is a serving counter which can be used before or after you have found a seat. The café is spacious but if you need help rearranging furniture and making more space the staff members will be pleased to help.



The Underground

At Geevor there is the opportunity to experience a real 18th century mine. Wheal Mexico demonstrates the extremely difficult working conditions of 18th century miners. It is not wheelchair accessible due to the nature of the tunnels being narrow and low throughout. The lighting is also low throughout in order to replicate the candlelight's that would have been used by the miners. The mine is less than 1.5m metres in height in some areas so the tour involves bending down for short periods of time, it is also less than 1m wide in some places. There are 7 steps within the mine to negotiate. Although this mine can be challenging for those with mobility issues our experienced tour guides will be willing to cater the tour to your capabilities. Assistance dogs are permitted through the underground if required.



Once the underground tour has been completed the buildings at the top of the site can be accessed by the hill running adjacent to the mill building. This also leads back to the reception where helmets can be deposited.

Accessible Toilet- Car Park



There is an accessible toilet located in the main car park on the site. The doorway is 860mm wide, there is a 1410mm space between the door and the toilet. There is 680mm of space to the left hand wall and 590mm of space to the right hand wall.

