

Calderdale Industrial Museum

Visual Story



Museum Entrance

You can enter the museum by going up the stairs or the ramp.

The museum is through the green doors to the right of the ramp.



When you enter the museum

You will be greeted by a volunteer at the front desk wearing a uniform like the one in the picture.



This is where you can buy tickets and collect a map of the museum.



Sensory backpacks are also available.

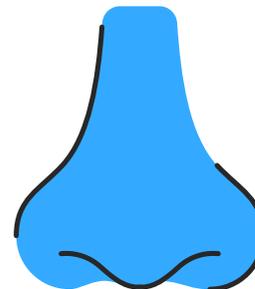
When you enter the museum



You will see the Printing Gallery and shop near the Front Desk.



You might be able to hear a bell outside, people moving around upstairs and machines.



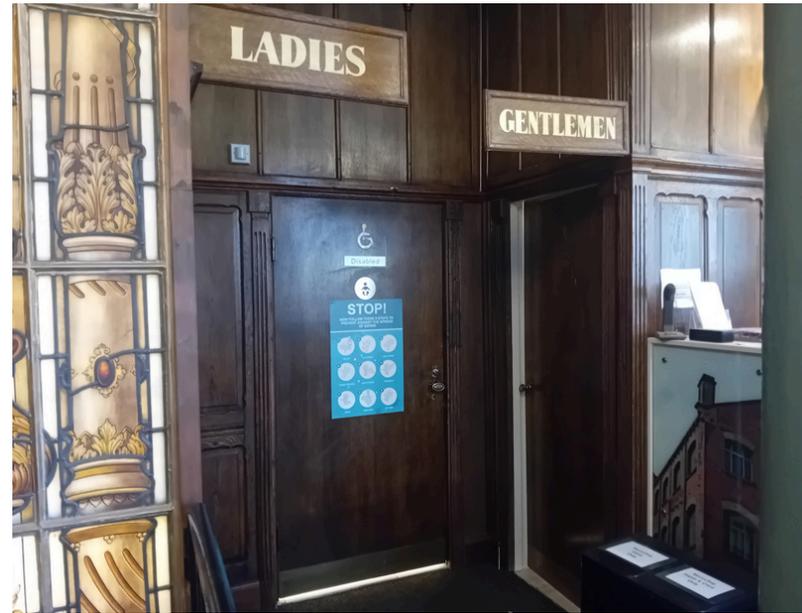
You might be able to smell food from the cafe.

Toilets

There are male, female and accessible toilets.

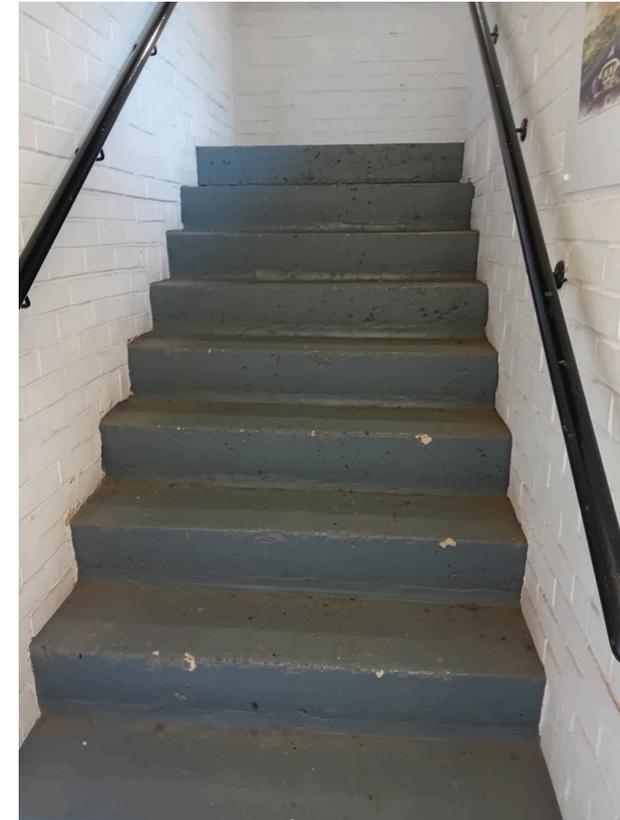
These are on the ground floor next to the front desk.

There is a hand dryer in the accessible toilet. All toilets have paper towels in them.



Getting around

You can use the two staircases or the lift to get to each floor.
The lift is noisy especially when the doors are opening and closing.
Please ask a volunteer if you need to use the lift.



Top Floor

This is the Fleece to Piece gallery.

The other gallery on this floor, 20th Century Worsted Manufacture, will open later in 2025.



Top Floor



You might be able to hear the TV playing a video and the looms.
You can ask for the sound to be turned off and the loom will only be on when asked for.

You can touch the models in front of 'Barbara', the museum's sheep and there are some activities using wool that our volunteers can show you.

First Floor

This is the Classic Carpets, Cork and Leather gallery.

The machines in this gallery are not currently working, but will be loud when they are on.



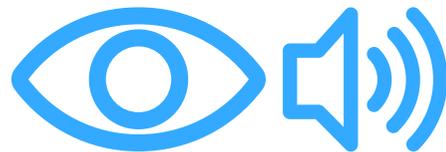
First Floor



You may be able to hear a ticking clock and a video playing on TV screens.



You may be able to touch cork, leather and the carpets on display.



You may see and hear 'Felix'. Felix moves from side to side making a whirring sound. This will only happen if a button is pressed.



First Floor - Moquette Loom

The Moquette Loom is only on when someone asks a volunteer to turn it on. It is very loud when turned on.

You will also be able to hear this on other floors.

The floor will vibrate when it is on.



First Floor

Also on this floor is Sock Knitting, the Special Exhibition Area, Washing Machines and Wire Drawing. The Special Exhibition Area may look different each time you visit.



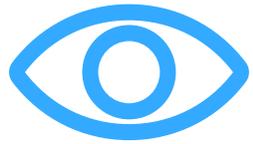
First Floor



You may hear TV screens playing films and machines running in the Wire gallery.



You may see volunteers doing some sock knitting, and they can help you to have a go too.



You may see one of the washing machines light up when it spins. This will only happen when a button is pressed.



First Floor

This is the Mackintosh's gallery.

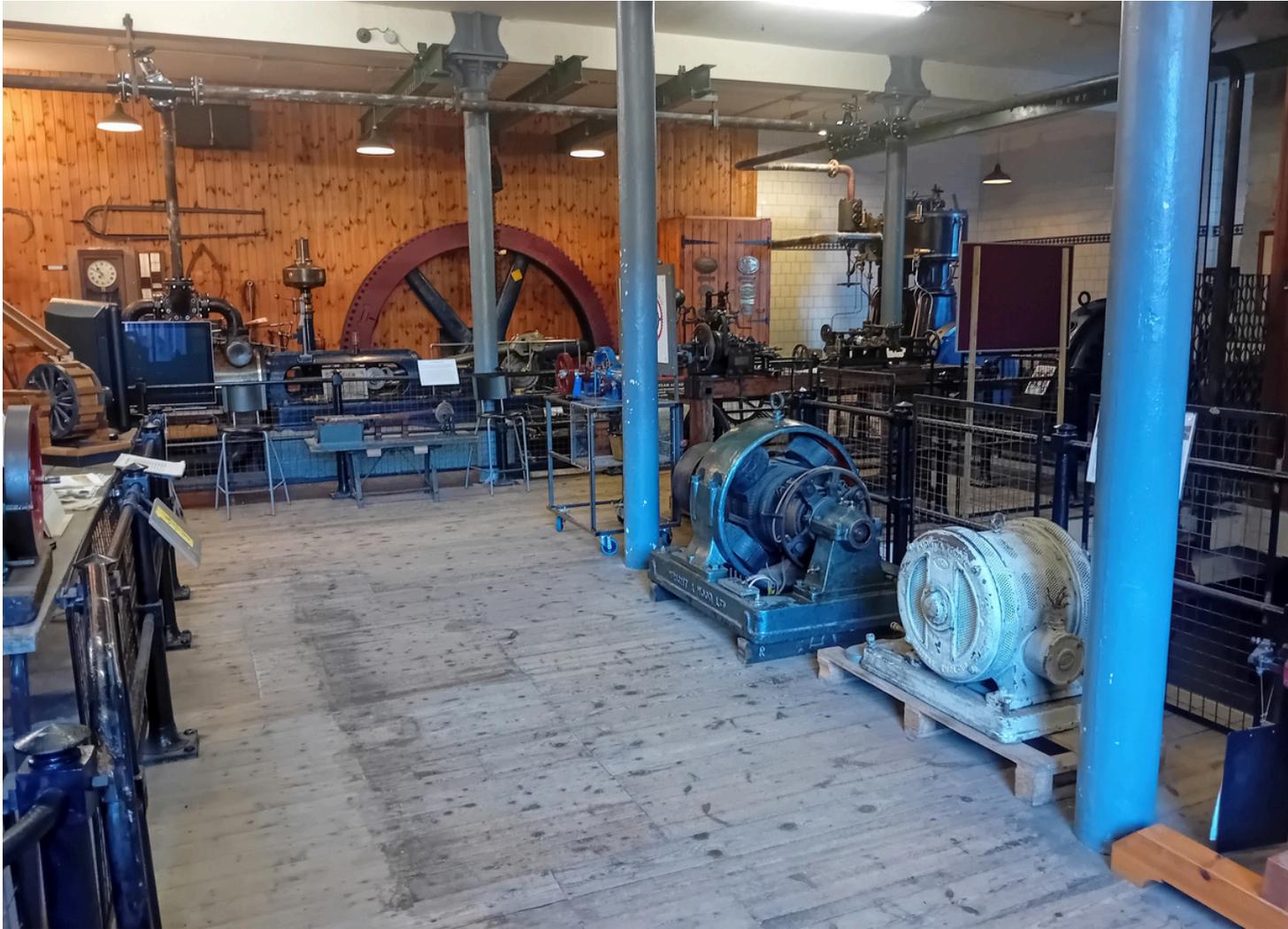
In here you will hear the sweet wrapping machine. A volunteer can show you how this works.

You may also hear a ticking clock.



Ground Floor

This is the Power for a Revolution gallery.



Ground Floor



You may be able to hear running water and the fulling stocks from the water wheel, a clock and a TV screen playing a film.



Later in 2025, you may also be able to hear the steam powered machines. These will only be turned on when a volunteer is asked to.

Cafe

There is a cafe on the ground floor.

The cafe serves sandwiches, soup and cakes.

You are welcome to eat your own food in the cafe if you have specific dietary needs.



Basement

These are the Coal Mining, Machines that made Machines and the Robson Engine galleries.



Basement - Coal Mining

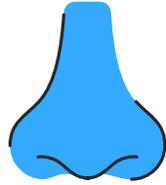


You will see that the lighting levels are low in the Coal Mining section.

You may also see two mannequins and tunnel that you can go through.



Basement



The Robson Engine and the Planing machine make a loud screeching sound when first turned on. The Engine then makes a steady sound until turned off.

The Robson Engine also makes a diesel smell.



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