

Cradle Mountain Visitors Centre

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Cradle Mountain Visitors Centre is located just inside the national park entrance; this centre provides visitors with a wide range of services that includes informative displays and an art gallery. Information officers provide advice on walks and activities. The centre is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm.

Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania have produced a booklet titled *'Parks for all people, Access for the mobility impaired in Tasmania's National Parks and Reserves'*. This booklet is available at the Visitors Centre and features several walks around Cradle Mountain.



Reservations:

Email: cradle@parks.tas.gov.au
Web: <http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/natparks/cradle/facilities.html>
TTY: n/a

Transport:

Travel to Cradle Mountain Chateau is by private car or coach service. Tassielink Coaches travel from Launceston or Strahan however at the time of writing did not provide a wheelchair accessible service. It would be advisable to contact the service in case this was to change in the future. Tel: 1300 300 520 www.tassielink.com.au
To reduce traffic flow within the park the Cradle Shuttle Bus Service departs from the Cradle Transit Terminal. This service is not wheelchair accessible.

Parking:

There is one designated accessible car space with signage on road only. Path of travel to the visitors centre is to cross the road immediately in front of the parking space. When crossing the road veer to the right approx 45 degrees to a drop down gutter for access to opposite footpath (existing zebra crossing does not lead to drop down gutter). Once on the foot path veer left and continue on approximately 15m until reaching a covered walkway. The covered walkway is approximately 32 metres long and has a downward slope of changing gradient varying from 6.2% to 5.7% to 11.4%. The walkway is 2.1 meters wide at its narrowest point. At the end of the covered walkway is a double door entry.



Picture 1: Parking

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Entry:

At the entry there are two sets of double doors with an airlock in between. The outside doors swing toward you and are heavy to open. During summer the doors are propped open. The right hand door has a hook lever handle at 1020mm high and is 690mm wide. Both doors open is 1380mm wide. There is a flat landing before the doors, although there is a double lip 30mm and 20mm in height on entry. In the airlock the floor is covered with medium pile carpet and the distance between doors is 3 metres. The inside doors are light to open and are outward swinging. The door on the right has an opening of 720mm and a 'D' handle at 1020mm to 1180mm. The door also has a self closure. When both doors are open the total clearance width is 1440mm. Once in the reception hall, the reception desk is on the right.



Picture 3: Entrance

Service counter:

The reception counter is 900mm at its lowest and 1100mm at its highest. The reception counter serves as a point of contact with park staff and for purchases within the park shop. The floor covering is low pile carpet.



Picture 4: Service counter

Park Shop:

On the left hand side of the service counter is a park shop with maps, film, flora and fauna guide books etc. In this area is several display stands. There is adequate circulation space throughout the shop.



Picture 5: Ramp to display area

Display Area:

The display area is to the left of the entrance. Access to the display area is via a ramp that has a gradient of 7.4% and at its narrowest is 1400mm wide. On the right hand side is a rail at 900mm high. The display area has ample turning space and the floor covering is low pile carpet.

Bathroom Area:

An accessible toilet is available outside the main building. Entry to the bathroom is off the covered walkway on the right hand side. The door to the bathroom is well signed. The door is 760mm wide with a 30mm lip. There is a lever handle at 1020mm high and the door swings outward, it is heavy and is self closing. The circulation space within the bathroom is 1200mm x 1400mm. The floor is tiled. The washbasin is 790mm high, has a knee clearance of 640mm with a depth clearance of 160mm. The basin has capstan taps that are 55mm above the basin height.

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There is adequate circulation space (1100mm) for a right hand transfer. The height of the seat is 380mm and the centreline to nearest object is 420mm. The front of the seat to rear is 700mm and there is a side grab rail at 780mm high.



Picture 6: Bathroom entry



Picture 7: Bathroom

Other Facilities:

Pencil Pine Falls:

Follow the paved path to the left of the main building for 50metres and you will come to the beginning of the Pencil Pine Falls walk. The walk is wheelchair accessible. Follow the paved walk for 10metres where you come to a fork in the path. Take the right fork. The walk is 500metres which takes between 10-20minutes. The boardwalk is 1340mm wide and is covered with chicken wire. The edges of the board walk have a lip 50mm high. Some sections have handrails. The viewing platform at the Pencil Pine Falls is not wheelchair accessible but you can view the falls from the boardwalk. At the steepest section the gradient is downward and 8.6%. After the falls the boardwalk meanders around below the Visitors Centre. The boardwalk is not wide enough for 2 wheelchairs to pass, but there are several passing areas on the walk. At the end of the walk, which exits on the opposite side of the Visitors Centre there is an upwards slope of 8.6% at its greatest.



Picture 8: Beginning of Pencil Pine Falls



Picture 9: Exit gradient of Pencil Pine Falls walk

Emergency:

Emergency entry/exit points are clearly marked.