

Access Guide to The Copper Kingdom

The Copper Kingdom 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 Amlwch Port main square adjacent to the Adelphi Vaults public house. Sat Nav LL68 9HE.

There are three options for parking at various distances from the attractions

Option 1: Park in the main car park in the Main square:-Park the vehicle in identifiable / designated disabled parking space. Proceed to walk down the sign posted pathway that leads you down into the quayside, 500 meters.

Option 2: Parking on the quayside itself:- From the main square follow the Upper Quay street road for a length of 200 yds 'til you see a sign and turning down onto the quayside itself. There are disabled parking spaces clearly marked once down on the quayside.

Option 3: From Amlwch Port Square follow the Upper quay street, pass the slip road down to the harbour itself and proceed along for an approx. 500 mtrs, upon which you'll see ample parking opportunities. You will need to walk back towards the Copper Kingdom.

Access to Copper Kingdom centre

Once down on the quay, parking is available on the left hand side next to the quayside. The Copper Kingdom Centre is the long building on the right hand side.

The main entry point is clearly identifiable where you will find an appropriate mobility ramp.

On entry you will be find a gift shop area with a prominent counter and one of the Copper Kingdom staff. The tour starting point will be to the left of the counter and staff will be happy to offer advice on any matter.

The museum has ample open spaces and meets DDA standards, providing a mobility lift and toilets as per regulations.

In the unlikely event of evacuation the main fire exits and exit points can be found on the ground floor, accessible via both stairwell one on each side of the first floor displays.

Access to the Sail Loft:

Road access to the sail loft from Amlwch Port Square 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 sailloft building.

On passing the Copper Bins building proceed along the easy identifiable path to the right up a fairly steep gradient, for 200 meters. Once you reach the top of the slope you'll clearly see the Sail Loft building [glass frontage].

To the right side of the wall you'll come across a fairly steep ramp that will enable you to gain entry into the building, glass doors that pull out.

Upon entry you'll walk into a cafe / restaurant environment. Areas are wheelchair friendly and respective staff are always ready to help. To gain access to the maritime museum a lift is to be found on the right side within the eating area.

If individuals find the slope too difficult and alternative would be that on the left side of the building a somewhat easier mode of access can be found i.e. wider ramp with less gradient . A member of staff would be on hand to open the external doors.

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. . To access the Sail Loft there would be a need to either scale 7 steps down a fairly steep path or those that had mobility issues there would be the option of entering the building via a platform to the building's back door, a reasonably manageable slope. Parties would however need to inform a member of staff.

Inside the sail loft:

What visitors will find in the museum will be a sloped floor from right to left, an unique selling aspect, that will take them on a plotted route across the building from left to right.

Facilities and provisions:

1 x lift for the use of those with mobility difficulties

1 x disabled toilet situated on the first floor

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.

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.

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Mobile phone Network – Mobile phone network can be poor at Amlwch Port, and on Parys Mountain. Visitors should therefore not rely on a mobile phone in an emergency.

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