Access Guide

Geoffrey Manton Building
Proud to Promote Equality and Value Diversity

Manchester Metropolitan University is one of the UK’s largest and most popular universities. We work hard to embed equality and fairness into everything we do. We are a Disability Confident Employer and the University has achieved a Gold award from the Business Disability Forum ‘Disability Standard’.

Visitor safety and enjoyment is important to us. We provide accessible venues and there is accessible parking close to our buildings. There are a variety of catering options available for visitors with specific dietary requirements, and in recognition of our work around allergy awareness, we have Allergy Accreditation certification. We are able to offer hearing loop facilities in many of our lecture theatres, have accessible bedrooms in our residences and have overnight provision with a range of access options.

We hope to offer an inclusive experience for everybody and carry out reviews and risk assessments to ensure we maintain high standards. If you have any special requirements, require any particular reasonable adjustments or have any questions, please contact us and we will discuss how we can help make your visit an enjoyable one.
Travel options to Geoffrey Manton

Geoffrey Manton is situated just off Oxford Road, opposite the Aquatics Centre.

The closest railway station is Manchester Oxford Road, 0.3 miles away. Manchester Piccadilly is 0.9 miles away and Manchester Victoria is 2 miles away. Geoffrey Manton is also 8 miles away from Manchester Airport.

Taxis

Taxis can be pre-booked through Radio Cars, who also have wheelchair accessible taxis. Their contact number is 0161 236 8033. There are taxi ranks outside each railway station and the nearest drop off point at Geoffrey Manton is on Rosamond Street West, off Oxford Road. Sat Nav postcode: M15 6LL

Car parking

There are disabled parking bays and parking on Rosamond Street West, as well as further dedicated bays outside the building entrance where there are 4 spaces available. These spaces are clearly marked and have sufficient width to allow wheelchair users to get in and out of their vehicles. All disabled bays around Geoffrey Manton are on one level smooth surface on the ground floor.
Entering Geoffrey Manton:

Front entrance
The front entrance of Geoffrey Manton has a swing door on the ground floor. There is an intercom system that will alert the reception staff who can help you gain access to the building. Access to the building is available at all times during building opening hours.

Inside Geoffrey Manton:

Reception
The Geoffrey Manton reception is located on the ground floor to the right of the front entrance. The desk is easily accessible for wheelchair users and remains open until the building closes each day.

Meeting rooms and lecture theatres
All of the lecture theatres in Geoffrey Manton are accessible for wheelchair users, feature large projector screens and have hearing loop facilities installed.

The tiered lecture theatres contain space at the front for wheelchair users and the lighting in each room can be easily adjusted using the facilities on each desk at the front of the theatres. All seven lecture theatres are accessible, five of which are on the ground floor. The lower ground lecture theatres
are accessible via lift and then by a corridor through to the front of the theatres. For more information speak to your event organiser.

Smaller meeting rooms are located on the upper floors of Geoffrey Manton but are easily accessible by the four lifts in each corner of the atrium.

Meeting rooms are situated along the same corridors, making it easier for guests with mobility issues to move between rooms. The corridors are wide enough for easy movement throughout the building, and the atrium is open-plan.

**Accessible toilets**

There are accessible toilets on each floor and they are clearly signposted. These toilets are conveniently located at the end of each corridor. Each accessible toilet has an emergency pull cord and fold-down rail, with a soap dispenser and sink in reach of the toilet.

**Lifts**

All lifts are wheelchair accessible and the controls are at a usable height. There are four sets of lifts located in each of the Atrium, which means meeting rooms and spaces on higher floors are easy to reach. There is also audio assistance in each lift.
Catering

There is a large cafe on the ground floor, which is open and accessible. The tables are Equality Act (2010) compliant with flexible options for positioning for ease of access. The main servery area is spacious and accessible for wheelchair users, and the counters are also compliant.

Our hospitality team can cater for a range of dietary requirements and label food accordingly. They are also fully trained and on-hand to provide an inclusive service.

Emergency evacuation procedures

Fire evacuation procedures will be provided by the event organiser, please contact them should you require any specific information.

Each stairwell has a secure refuge point for people with access needs, and there is an evacuation chair available in each stairwell that venue staff will use to help evacuate disabled delegates. Any staff using evacuation chairs have had the appropriate training.

Speak to the event organiser prior to attending a conference or event to ensure that we have enough evacuation chairs in place. Visitors with disabilities will be asked to complete Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans in advance of their visit.