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Disabled Access Guide for 27-29 George Square

Introduction

Numbers 27-29 George Square were built in 1772 and currently house the Scottish Studies Library. The library holds the University's Scottish ethnography collections, supporting and supplementing the materials of the Main Library.

It brings together some of the University's otherwise scattered collections on Scotland in support of teaching and research.

In addition to offering a resource for honors students of Scottish ethnology and Celtic and Scottish history, it provides an excellent research facility for the academic staff and postgraduate students in these subject areas.

Location

Numbers 27-29 George Square are located on George Square in central Edinburgh. The building is located within the city centre and is within two miles of the main halls of residence at Pollock Halls.

The nearest railway line is at Waverley Station in the City Centre.

The nearest bus stops are located on Teviot Place Street approximately 350 metres from Numbers 27-29 George Square. Numerous bus services stop on Buccleuch Street. Details of timetables are available from Lothian Buses, from their offices within the city and online from [www.mybustracker.co.uk](http://www.mybustracker.co.uk).

Persons with mobility difficulties arriving by vehicle can access Numbers 27-29 George Square from George Square and George Square Lane.
27-29 George Square Location Map

- **27-29 George Square**
- **George Square Library**
- **16-20 George Square**
- **University Shuttle Bus Stop**
- **Public Transport Bus Stop**
- **University Parking (Permit)**
- **Disabled Parking Bays (Permit)**
- **Main Entrance Access Point (Steps)**
- **Vehicle Access Routes Local to 27-29 George Square**
Parking

There are numerous parking bays located around George Square but no free parking; all parking bays being permit or pay and display.

Pay and Display Parking

City of Edinburgh Council pay and display parking is available around George Square and along Buccleuch Place. Please note that there are limited dropped kerbs around George Square and along Buccleuch place. See Location Map

Please note that all pay and display parking is situated on a cobbled surface and is not recommended for wheelchair users without assistance.

Disabled Parking Bays

There are four disabled parking bays located to the front of the George Square Library and one to the rear of Number 16 George Square. The four disabled parking bays to the front of the library are on a level paved surface and can only be accessed from the West side of George Square via a dropped kerb and a cobbled footpath. The disabled parking bay to the rear of Number 16 is located on a tarmac surface with a shallow gradient.

Please note that access routes to the building from these disabled parking bays are not recommended for wheelchair users without assistance.

University Parking

The closest University car park is located to the rear of the George Square Library. This car park has a level tarmac surface and a limited number of parking bays. There are additional University car parks located around George Square and Buccleuch Place. See Location Map

If you do not hold a valid permit and require use of a University parking bay, it is recommended that contact is made with your host or the Transport & Parking Office prior to making your journey.
## Outside Access

There is one entrance to Numbers 27-29 George Square.

### Entrance 1

This entrance is located to the front of Number 27 and is the main entrance to this group of buildings. Entrance 1 can be accessed from the adjacent footpath via a flight of stone steps which incorporate handrails to both sides. Please note that these steps do not incorporate contrasting nosings or tactile coverings.

Entrance 1 consists of a single step and a single width manual timber door. This door opens inward, incorporates door handles at an accessible height and leads to the main lobby.

![Steps leading to Entrance 1](image)

![Entrance 1](image)

## Internal Access

There is currently no level access to Numbers 27-29 George Square. All corridors within the building are narrow and incorporate doors with door handles at an accessible height.

There is internal access between Numbers 27-29 on the Ground, Second and Third Floors. There is no internal access between Numbers 27-29 on the Basement and First Floors.

### Link Points

There are steps and low level doorways located at the internal link points between Numbers 27-29. Steps incorporate contrasting nosings and are highlighted via signs. The low level doorways are highlighted with high visibility warning tape. See Floor Plans for locations
Scottish Studies Library

The library is located on the Ground Floor and is spread out over two buildings. The library entrance is located adjacent to Entrance 1 and consists of a single width timber door with door handles at an accessible height.

There is a reserve and collect desk located adjacent to the library entrance. There is an induction loop system operating within this area. See the Ground Floor Plan for location

Enquiries Office

The Enquiries Office is located on the Ground Floor of Number 27 George Square. Please note that all visitors are required to check in at the Enquiries Office before proceeding to the library.

The enquiries office can provide information on departments within the building and answer general enquiries. This office does not incorporate an induction loop system. See the Ground Floor Plan for location

Lifts

There are no lifts within Numbers 27-29 George Square.
Stairs

There are six staircases within Numbers 27-29 George Square, these are listed below:

**Staircase 1**

This is the main staircase within Number 27 George Square. This staircase provides access between the Ground and Second Floors.

**Staircase 2**

This is the second staircase within Number 27 George Square. This staircase provides access between the Basement and Ground Floors. Please note this staircase has restricted headroom.

**Staircase 3**

This is the main staircase within Number 28 George Square. This staircase provides access between the Ground and Second Floors.

**Staircase 4**

This is the second staircase within Number 28 George Square. This staircase provides access between the Basement and Ground Floors. Please note this staircase has restricted headroom.

**Staircase 5**

This is the main staircase within Number 29 George Square. This staircase provides access between the Lower Basement and Second Floors.

All staircases within 27-29 George Square Incorporate contrasting nosings on steps and a handrail to one side. **See the Ground Floor plan for locations**

Toilets

There are no accessible toilets within Numbers 27-29 George Square.

Toilets are available on floors as follows:

- Standard Male and Female toilets are located on the Basement Floor.
- Unisex toilets are located on the Second and Third Floors.
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Floor Plans

Basement Floor Plan – 27-29 George Square

Fire Exits  F - Female Toilets  M - Male Toilets  Standard Toilets
First Floor Plan – 27-29 George Square
Second Floor Plan – 27-29 George Square

- Standard Toilets
- Internal link points
Third Floor Plan – 27-29 George Square

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Opening Hours

27-29 George Square

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Please note that the library closes between 1:00pm and 2:00pm.
Contact Information

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