


Accessibility to Historic Ephrata Cloister Buildings


Entrances to the original buildings at Historic Ephrata Cloister are often low and narrow with many small interior spaces. These elements can be challenging for all visitors to this National Historic Landmark. A paved pathway of small pebbles embedded in concrete connects the buildings on the historic site. This list provides detailed information about each of the structures at the historic site.

Key

 **ACCESSIBLE** : Entrance accessible via ramp; small threshold; interior access varies.

Limited Access: One or two steps. Assistance may be helpful.

Difficult Access: Three or more steps or narrow doorways. Assistance may be helpful.

Visitor Center:  **ACCESSIBLE** (Handicapped Accessible Restrooms)

Conrad Beissel House: Limited Access (1 step, 7" rise; interior doorways limit wheelchair access)

Saron (Sisters' House): Limited Access (3" threshold; 26" doorway; interior doorways and spaces limit wheelchair access to certain areas)

Saal (Meetinghouse):  **ACCESSIBLE**

Saal Kitchen (to rear): Limited Access (3" threshold; 3 steps to main level, 8" rise)

Weaver's Workshop: Limited Access (1 step, 7" rise; 28" doorway)

Academy: Limited Access (paved ramp to deck or 2 steps, 6" rise; 23" doorway; interior seating arrangements may limit wheelchair mobility)

God's Acre Cemetery: Difficult Access (viewable from main path, no paved paths inside cemetery, uneven ground)


Bakery (lower level):  **ACCESSIBLE** (3" threshold; brick floor)

Bakery (upper level): Difficult Access (3 steps, 9.5" rise)


Saron Bake Oven:  **ACCESSIBLE** (viewable from main paved path)

Garden: Limited Access (paved path to gate; 2' wide dirt pathways inside garden)

Physician's House: Difficult Access (3 steps, 9" rise; 25" doorway; interior 4" threshold)

Small Bake House:  **ACCESSIBLE** (viewable from the uneven large stone path at door)

Bethania (Brothers' House) Site: Limited Access (can be viewed from main paved path; access to interpretive panel 15' off path accessible through the grass)

Printing Office:  **ACCESSIBLE** (wooden ramp to deck or 2 steps, 7" rise)

Carpenter's House: Difficult Access (3 steps, 6" rise; 30" doorway)

Amphitheater: Difficult Access (can be viewed from the rear from the main paved path; lower level can be reached by paved path to Carpenter's House then about 30' through uneven grass area to theater.)

Mount Zion Buildings Site: Limited Access (can be viewed from asphalt driveway or up grassy incline about 25')

Householder Exhibit: Limited Access (5" threshold at lower door)

Stable: Limited Access (5" threshold at side door; packed dirt floor)

Mount Zion Cemetery: Limited Access (Paved path from asphalt Parking Lot up steep incline 275 yards; inside cemetery no paved pathways, uneven ground)

Museum Store:  **ACCESSIBLE** (interior doorways and spaces limit wheelchair mobility)

Steps Along Pathways:

Aside Bakery: Difficult Access (5 steps, 7.5" rise, steep inclined paved pathway)

In Front of Carpenter's House: Difficult Access (7 steps, 8" rise)