**Guide to Accessibility at Old Sturbridge Village**

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**For the Safety and Comfort of All:**
- Please do not approach, touch, or feed the livestock. Animals are unpredictable; horns, hooves, and teeth may cause injury.
- Eating and drinking are not permitted in buildings.
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- Smoking is allowed only in designated areas.

**General Information**

**OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE** is an outdoor living history museum and re-created New England town of the early 19th century. The Village covers more than 200 acres and has more than 40 historic and reconstructed buildings. Unpaved roads lead to houses, farms, shops, mills, and gardens typical of 19th-century rural New England. Throughout the Village historically costumed interpreters demonstrate and discuss the daily life, work, and community celebrations of earlier generations.

Over one-half of our historic buildings have wheelchair-accessible entrances; interior access varies. The Village’s unpaved roads are generally firm and stable. Most roads are level, with steeper grades located near the Bullard Tavern, Glass Exhibit, and Herb Garden. Longer, more gradual grades are located near the Visitor Center and Freeman Farmhouse. (See map on reverse.)

The Visitor Center is the main entrance for most visitors. Ticketing, information services, and exhibition galleries are located here.

For the safety and comfort of all, please note the guidelines listed on the back of this brochure.

**Museum Services**

**Parking:** Designated spaces are located near the Visitor Center, the Oliver Wight Tavern, and at the Country Bank Education Center.

**Accessible Rest Rooms:** Located in the Visitor Center, the Oliver Wight Tavern, the Museum Gift Shop, the Fuller Conference Center, the Bullard Tavern, near the New England Changing Landscape Exhibit, and in the Country Bank Education Center.

**Manual Wheelchairs:** Available for loan at the Visitor Center and at the Country Bank Education Center on a first come, first served basis. Numbers are limited. Bring your own manual or electric wheelchair and receive reduced admission.

**Strollers:** Available for rent at the Visitor Center. Numbers are limited. Adapted strollers for children with disabilities are allowed in all buildings.

**Sign Language Interpretation:** Available by request, with at least 4 weeks advance notice. Please email: kadams@osv.org.

**Sensory Opportunities:** Available throughout the museum. Please ask our costumed interpreters about objects that can be handled.

**Service Animals:** Welcome in all exhibits. A water trough is located near the Blacksmith Shop.

**Horse-drawn Wagon:** Provides transportation from behind the Bullard Tavern to the Blacksmith Shop. (Operating schedule varies seasonally.) The vehicle is equipped with a ramp; the driver can provide assistance.

**First Aid:** Located behind the Friends Meetinghouse. First-aid staff is available during museum hours.

**Old Sturbridge Village**

1 Old Sturbridge Village Road
Sturbridge, Massachusetts 01566

[508-347-3362 or 1-800-SEE-1830]

For more information on museum access, please contact the Access Coordinator at 508-347-0395. Access information is also available at www.osv.org

**Audible Tour**

**Old Sturbridge Village is open year-round. Please call for seasonal hours.**

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Physical Accessibility

Our re-created historical landscape has dirt roads and occasional steep grades that may make travelling difficult for some visitors. In addition, buildings constructed in the 18th and 19th centuries often have entrance steps, narrow doorways, and other physical barriers. Ramps and inclines improve access to many of our historic buildings, as noted below.

- **Bank**: Difficult Access (3 steps, 24” rise; 1” threshold; single door 24”)
- **Beekeeping**: Limited Access (2 steps at front and side; door 33”)
- **Bixby House**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline at rear door; door 31”; interior doorways may limit wheelchair mobility)
- **Blacksmith Shop**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline)
- **Bullard Tavern**: ACCESSIBLE
  - **Main level**: (brick incline at front door)
  - **Lower level**: (wooden incline at side door)
- **Carding Mill**: (wooden incline at side door)
- **Center Meetinghouse**: ACCESSIBLE via road in front of horse sheds (dirt incline to rear door)
- **Cider Mill**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline)
- **Clock and Exhibit Galleries**: ACCESSIBLE through Visitor Center
- **Cooper Shop**: Limited Access (1 step, 10” rise)
- **Dennison Building**: ACCESSIBLE (wooden ramp at side door)
- **District School**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline at side door; interior seating arrangements may limit wheelchair mobility)
- **Early Lighting**: ACCESSIBLE (wooden ramp at side door)
- **Fenno Barn**: Difficult Access (1 step, 10” rise at side shed door; door 28”)
- **Fenno Barn**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline)
- **Firearms, and Textiles**: ACCESSIBLE (wooden ramp at front door). Back gallery: Limited Access (2 steps)
- **Fitch House**: ACCESSIBLE (wooden ramp at rear door)
- **Fitch Barn**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline)
- **Freeman Farm Barn**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline)
- **Freeman Farmhouse**: Difficult Access (2 steps, 15” rise at side door; door 29”)
- **Friends Meetinghouse**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline, door 35”)
- **Fuller Conference Center**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline)
- **Glass Exhibit**: ACCESSIBLE (wooden ramp at side door)
- **Goods from the Woods**: ACCESSIBLE (wooden ramp in front of exhibit)
- **Grant Store and Bake Shop**: ACCESSIBLE (wooden ramp at side door)
- **Gristmill**: Difficult Access (4 steps, 29” rise; 2” threshold)
- **Hands-on Craft Center**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline at front)
- **Herb Garden**: ACCESSIBLE
- **Knight Store**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline at side door)
- **Law Office**: Limited Access (2 steps; door 33”; interior space limited)
- **Little Cakes**: ACCESSIBLE (seasonal) Patio, service counter
- **Museum Gift Shop and Bookstore**: ACCESSIBLE
- **New England Changing Landscape**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline)
- **Oliver Wight Tavern**: ACCESSIBLE
- **Parsonage**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline at side door; door 28”; interior doorways may limit wheelchair mobility. Photos of second floor rooms available)
- **Pottery**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline)
- **Printing Office**: ACCESSIBLE (wooden ramp at side door)
- **River Ride**: ACCESSIBLE (wooden ramp)
- **Sawmill**: ACCESSIBLE (wooden ramp)
- **Shoe Shop**: Limited Access (2 steps; door 29”)
- **Simple Machines**: Difficult Access (steep pathways with gravel or rooty surfaces)
- **Small House**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline)
- **Stagecoach**: Difficult Access
- **Tin Shop**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline at front door)
- **Towne Barn**: ACCESSIBLE (dirt incline)
- **Towne House**: ACCESSIBLE (wooden ramp at rear door). Lower kitchen accessible via dirt incline at side door, beside barn. Photos of second floor rooms available.
- **Visitor Center**: ACCESSIBLE