

ACCESS GUIDE AND DIRECTIONS

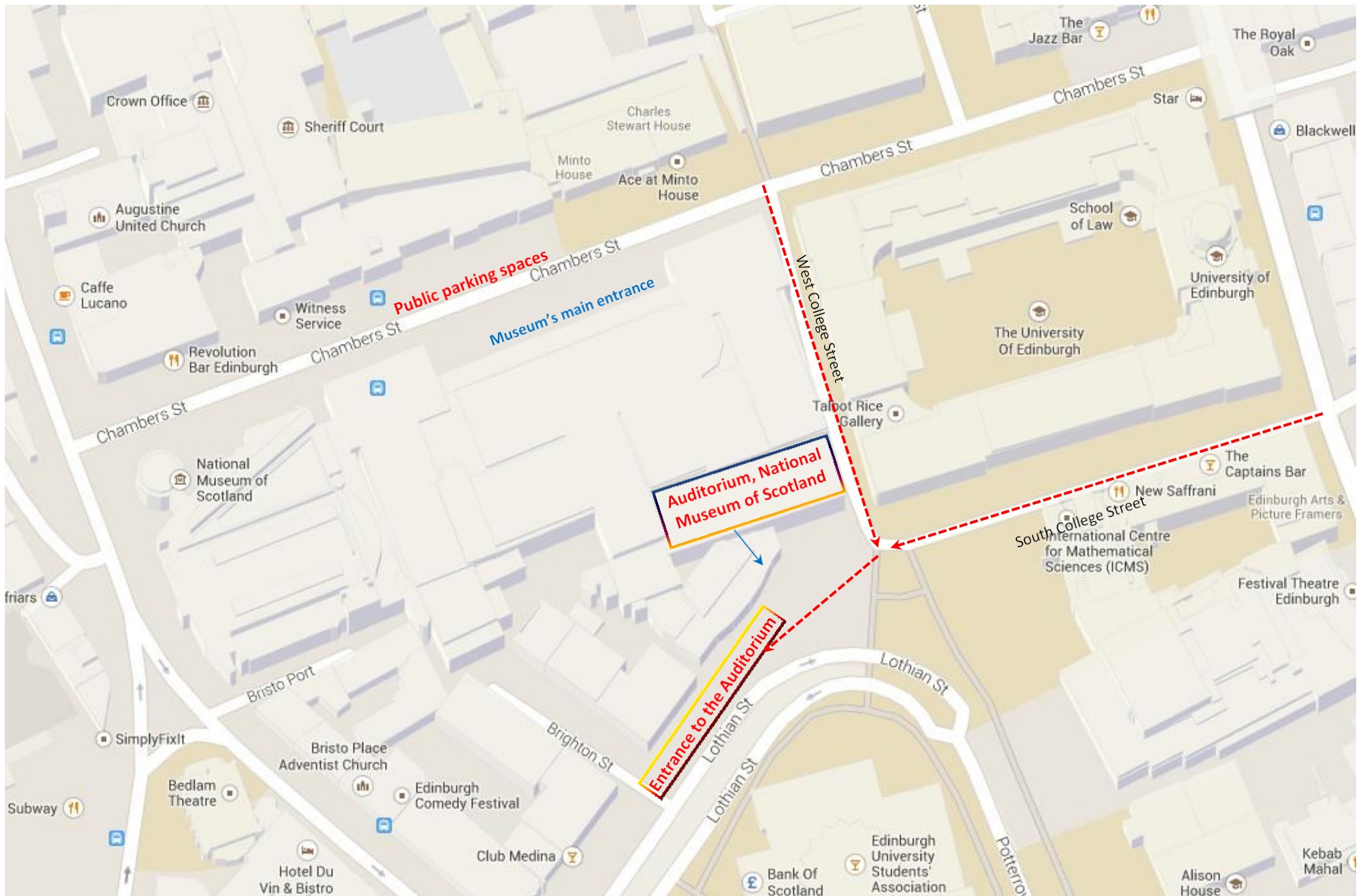
Scotland's Museums and Galleries Strategy Symposium At The National Museum of Scotland, Auditorium.

This document includes:

- How to get to the National Museum of Scotland - Auditorium, by various means of transport.
- Disabled parking and other parking options.
- Access to the Auditorium.
- Photo and video walk-through of the entrance, Auditorium, South Hall, Event Space, and Rooftop.

This event will take place in the Auditorium. The entrance is on Lothian Street. If you are familiar with the Chambers Street entrance to the National Museum of Scotland, you can walk or wheel from there up West College Street to reach Lothian Street. A map on the following page will provide directions.

Please note: The Main Entrance of the Museum, on Chambers Street, will not be open until 10 am. Delegates should use the Lothian Street entrance.



Parking:

- If you are a Blue Badge holder, you can park in the bays on South College Street, if the Blue Badge is displayed. This is the closest access point for a car user.
- Pay and display parking is available on Chambers Street and off-street parking nearby at [QPark Quartermile](#).

By bus/train:

- The closest bus stop to Lothian Street is Forrest Road which serves routes 2,9,23,27,35,45, X52.
- Several buses go via the city centre and stop outside the Museum on Chambers Street, or nearby on George IV Bridge and South Bridge. Single and day tickets are available. Visit the [Lothian Buses](#) website for further information.
- The nearest train station is Edinburgh Waverley, and it is a 10-15-minute walk to Lothian Street. Visit [Trainline Scotland](#) for further details.

By taxi:

- Please advise your taxi driver to stop near the end of **South College Street** or **West College Street**.

By plane:

- If you plan to fly to Edinburgh, there are a number of direct routes coming into Edinburgh Airport. You can use the [interactive map at the BAA Edinburgh website](#) to plan your trip.

Reference for this guide: [The National Museum of Scotland website](#). This information has been adapted by MGS for this event.

Access and overview of the venue

This event will take place in the South Hall (ground floor), Auditorium (ground floor) and Event Space (1st floor, accessible by stairs or elevator). These rooms are within the Learning Centre which covers 4 floors of this section of the Museum.

There are toilets located in the South Hall (ladies, gents, and accessible).

The workshops at this event will take place in the Rooftop space on Level 5. This is a different part of the Museum building and can be accessed via a short walk through the museum, and then an elevator that will take you directly to Level 5. This route is also wheelchair accessible. MGS staff will be on hand to direct you to the Rooftop on the day.

There are two toilets in the Rooftop space, one accessible, and one not. There are additional toilets on Level 4, accessible by lift.

Visual walk-through of the venue

Lothian Street Entrance (external)



Internal view of South Hall (looking North)

There are steps and a ramp that is wheelchair accessible.



There is one accessible toilet immediately inside this door on the right, ladies and gents are then further down the corridor.



Internal view of South Hall (looking back towards entrance)

You can see steps and ramp on right-hand side.



Auditorium Entrance (at the bottom of steps on right-hand side)

The registration desk will be to the left of the Auditorium Entrance (just under the plasma screen). The cloakroom (which will be open all day for coats and bags) is directly opposite the Auditorium entrance.



Internal view of Auditorium



- Directional and locational signage for the auditorium is available in upper- and lower-case lettering that is clearly visible.
- The corridor outside the auditorium is sufficiently wide enough (150cm+) to allow wheelchair users to pass.
- There is step free access into the auditorium.
- The door opening width is 75cm+ for the auditorium.
- The door for the auditorium is not push pad activated.
- There are designated spaces for wheelchair users at the front of the auditorium.
- There is space for an assistance dog.
- There is step-free access to the speakers area at the front of the auditorium.
- There is staggered seating within the auditorium.
- Handrails are located on either side of the auditorium.
- There is a fixed hearing assistance system for the auditorium.
- There is not a visual fire alarm beacon in the auditorium.
- There is fixed furniture within the auditorium.
- A height adjustable table/bench is not available.
- There are chairs with armrests on both sides within the auditorium.
- There is sufficient space for a wheelchair user to manoeuvre within the auditorium.

The Event Space

This is where breakfast, lunch, and other refreshments will be served. The Collaboration Space is also located here where you will have the opportunity to network with other delegates, including MGS staff.



Accessed via the glass doors at the North end of South Hall. The glass doors will be open for access.

Guests turn left out of these doors and left again into a lobby. There are stairs straight ahead and to the right, there is an elevator. Take the elevator to Level 2.

See videos:

[Route from South Hall to Event Space - lift](#)

[Route from South Hall to Event Space - stairs](#)

Internal photo of the Event Space looking South.

This is immediately above South Hall.



Rooftops

Access to Rooftops is gained by leaving the South Hall, through Collecting Stories, left turn after the arches, through the Grand Gallery to Explore Gallery. You will continue through Explore Gallery to Hawthornden Court.

See videos:

[Route from South Hall to Grand Gallery](#)

[Route from Grand Gallery to Hawthornden Court lifts](#)

There are two elevators in Hawthornden Court. Take the elevator to Level 5



Once on Level 5 exit the lift and turn right, through the glass doors, and immediately left.

See video:

[Route from Hawthornden Court Level 5 Lift to Rooftops.](#)

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