



NATIONAL TRUST

Access Your Heritage

A GUIDE TO SYDNEY PROPERTIES



Old Government House

Old Government House was built between 1799 and 1816. Set in 260 acres of parkland, it was home to ten early colonial governors and is Australia's oldest public building. The ground floor is interpreted to reflect Governor Macquarie's household in 1821. The first floor contains a collection of period furniture and decorative arts.

Opening hours

10am-4pm, Monday to Friday

10.30am-4pm weekends

Admission

National Trust members free, adults \$8, families \$18, concession \$5, groups (15 or more) \$4pp.

A joint ticket for both Old Government House and Experiment Farm can be purchased which includes a 10% discount on National Trust shop merchandise and dining at Lachlan's Restaurant at Old Government House. Adults \$10, concession \$7, family \$25.

Tours

Group bookings are required for guided tours (one hour long). School holiday programs and special needs programs are available on request.

Access

 **Wheelchair users and people with limited mobility**

Access is to the ground level only, via a portable ramp through the back (main) entrance of the House. Ground floor rooms are accessible with some limits. The first floor is accessible by stairs only. A guided tour will highlight the history and items in the collection in rooms which are not accessed easily.

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Parramatta Park, Parramatta



Blind and visually impaired

Braille and audio tours are not currently available.



Guide/hearing dogs

Guide dogs are welcome. Please contact the property for handling requirements.



Deaf and hearing impaired

No induction loops are fitted in the house.

Transport

Rail: Parramatta Station, 15 minute walk.

Ferry: River Cat from Circular Quay to Parramatta Wharf.

For information go to www.131500.info

Parking: Bus and coach drop-off and pick up area at side entrance to the property. Some parking is also available here and at the Information Centre, in Parramatta Park.



Accessible toilets

Toilets are located at the Information Centre, opposite Old Government House, accessed by a sealed path. For information go to www.ppt.nsw.gov.au

Refreshments

Lachlan's Restaurant in the grounds of Old Government House is open for light lunch. A discount is available on presentation of the joint ticket. For on-line bookings to Lachlan's go to www.lachlans.biz

Shop

A National Trust gift shop, selling souvenirs and soft drinks is on site. There is level access, but a narrow entrance not suitable for wheelchair users.

Experiment Farm Cottage

Experiment Farm Cottage stands on the site of the first land grant in Australia, made to the ex-convict James Ruse, who proved that it was possible for new settlers to become self sufficient. The Indian-style bungalow was built by Surgeon John Harris, and is presented with fine pieces of colonial furniture.

Opening hours

10.30am-3.30pm Tuesday to Friday

11am-3.30pm weekends

Admission

National Trust members free, adults \$6, concession \$4, family \$14.

Discount see Old Government House information.

Tours

Please book in advance for guided tours.

Small groups and special needs catered for. For information and bookings ring (02) 9635 8149.

Access



Wheelchair users and people with limited mobility

Entry to the house is through the side gate to the courtyard. Portable ramp access to the ground floor of the house is available. All main rooms are accessible except the cellar, which has steep stairs. Electric wheelchairs cannot be used due to narrow doorways. Rear courtyard is accessible by steps.



Blind and visually impaired

Braille and audio tours are not currently available.

P: (02) 9635 5655

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9 Ruse Street, Harris Park



Guide/hearing dogs

Guide dogs are welcome. Please contact the property for handling requirements.



Deaf and hearing impaired

No induction loops are fitted in the house.

Transport

Rail: Parramatta Station, 15 minute walk; Harris Park Station, 10 minutes walk.

Ferry: River Cat from Circular Quay to Parramatta Wharf. For information go to www.131500.info

Parking: Bus parking is available on the eastern side of Ruse Street (entry via Alice Street). Car parking is available on the western side of the property. Pathway is not sealed; assistance may be required.

Gardens

Rear paved courtyard with water well – ideal for group outdoor activities.



Accessible toilets

None on site. Nearest toilets are at the Historic Houses Trust property, Elizabeth Farm, a short distance by car from Experiment Farm Cottage, a 15 minute walk.

Refreshments

Suitable for picnics. Level access from gravel front drive. The Elizabeth Farm Tearooms are fully accessible. For information please ring (02) 9635 9488.

Sensory details

The gardens offer many scents and tactile experiences. School programs include replicas of clothing to try on and items to touch.

Vienna Cottage

Vienna Cottage is one of a small number of extant stone cottages built in the nineteenth century in Hunters Hill, a region settled by Italian and other stonemasons. As the home of John and Ann Hillman, it was run as a self sufficient property producing dairy products and fruit and vegetables from a small orchard which survives to this day.

Opening hours

11am-4pm, Wednesdays and Sundays.
Closed mid December to end January.

Admission

Free.

Tours

Guided tours are available, adapted to the needs of visitors who cannot access the house. For more information ring (02) 9817 2240.

Access



Wheelchair users and people with limited mobility

Wheelchair access is not possible. Access to the orchard is from Alexandra Street by an unsealed path to picnic tables. A guide will meet visitors and explain the history of the property.



Blind and visually impaired

Braille and audio tours are not currently available. Large print text on permanent exhibition is available.



Guide/hearing dogs

Guide dogs are welcome. Please contact the property for handling requirements.



Deaf and hearing impaired

No induction loops are fitted in the house.

P: (02) 9817 2240

E: info@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au

Transport

Bus: 505, 506, 538 and 539 from Circular Quay to Hunters Hill village.

Rail: No close rail link.

Ferry: Public ferries run from Circular Quay to Woolwich Wharf. Bus meets ferry.

For information go to www.131500.info

Parking: Limited parking is available in Alexandra Street; otherwise drop off and pick up, and park in nearby Ady Street.

Gardens

The orchard and picnic grounds are accessible via Alexandra Street and can be used as a leisure area. A side gate from the orchard allows entry to the property. Less mobile visitors will need assistance.

Accessible toilets

None on site. Nearest toilets are at Hunters Hill Council Chambers.

Refreshments

Food and drink is available from village shops 5 minutes walk from the property.

Other activities

Hunters Hill village

Council's website, www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au, has a mobility map to plan other activities in the village, or ring the Council on (02) 9879 9400.

Monthly talks

Arranged by the National Trust Vienna Management Committee and held at the RSL Hall (Alexandra Street). Book through (02) 9817 2240. Ramp access to the hall is provided through the car park at the rear of the hall.

Lindesay

Built in the Gothic Revival style in 1834 by the Colonial Treasurer Campbell Drummond Riddell, Lindesay was the first house on Sydney's Darling Point. The house contains a fine collection of Georgian furniture and decorative arts.

Opening hours

First Thursday of the month 10am–2pm.

Admission

National Trust members free, adults \$6, contact Lindesay for group prices. Afternoon tea can be booked for groups at \$3.50pp.

Tours

Guided tours of the house are available; bookings can be made by ringing (02) 9363 2401, between 10am–1pm.

Access

Wheelchair users and people with limited mobility

Entry to the property is via a gravel drive with ramp access for ground floor rooms and gardens, accessible by wheelchair. Access to the cellar and kitchen is by steep stairs, and not advisable. Access to first floor is by narrow stairs with handrail.

Blind and visually impaired

Braille and audio tours are not currently available.

P: (02) 9363 2401, 10am–1pm
E: lindnt@bigpond.net.au

1a Carthona Ave, Darling Point



Guide/hearing dogs

Guide dogs are welcome. Please contact the property for handling requirements.



Deaf and hearing impaired

No induction loops are fitted in the house.

Transport

Lindesay is along a short lane running from Etham Avenue (5 minute walk). Cars can drive up to the front door, to drop off and pick up.

Bus: 327 from Circular Quay via Edgecliff rail/bus interchange.

Rail: Edgecliff Station, 2.5km walk or 327 from Edgecliff rail/bus interchange.

Parking: Limited parking is available on site or Etham Avenue.

Gardens

Parterre garden and paved, sheltered outdoor area overlooking expansive lawns, planted beds and Harbour vistas. The garden provides an easy and enjoyable area for picnics.



Accessible toilets

None onsite. Nearest toilets are at Rushcutters Bay Kiosk, Rushcutters Bay Park. For more information go to www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au or ring Council's Community Information Officer on (02) 9391 7105.

Refreshments

Rushcutters Bay Kiosk provides refreshments in a park setting.

S.H. Ervin Gallery

The S.H. Ervin Gallery is one of Sydney's leading public art galleries. Opened in 1978, the gallery is known for exhibitions that explore the Australian visual arts – historical and contemporary – and present it in new contexts. The gallery offers a changing exhibition calendar and is supported by public and education programs.

Opening hours

11am-5pm, Tuesday to Sunday

Please note that the Gallery is not open on Mondays, or between exhibitions.

Admission

National Trust members & concessions \$4, adults \$6. Children under 12 FREE.

Tours

The S. H. Ervin Gallery welcomes visits from groups of 10 or more for guided tours of the exhibition on view. For more information and bookings contact (02) 9258 1040.

Public Programs

Sunday at 3pm on Observatory Hill. Free with gallery admission. See www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au/properties/gallery for regular updates. Exhibition floor talks are presented every Tuesday at 12 noon.

Access



Wheelchair users and people with limited mobility

A wheelchair ramp allows access to the Café and Gallery. A wheelchair is available on request for the duration of your visit. Printed information on exhibits is at wheelchair height.

P: (02) 9258 0173 for information

E: shervingallery@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au

Trust Café

P: (02) 9258 0175 for bookings

National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill,
Watson Road, The Rocks, Sydney



Blind and visually impaired

Braille and audio tours are not currently available.



Guide/hearing dogs

Guide dogs are welcome. Please contact the Gallery for handling requirements.



Deaf and hearing impaired

No induction loops are fitted in the Gallery.

Transport

Transport options are included on the City of Sydney website, www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Bus: 308, 339, 343, x39, 431, 432, 433, 434 – all terminate in Argyle Street. The walk up Observatory Hill via Watson Road is steep.

Rail: Wynyard and Circular Quay. Both are a 15 to 20 minute walk, ending with the ascent to Observatory Hill.

Car: From Kent Street, turn right into Argyle Street, and right again into Watson Road. Follow Watson Road past the Sydney Observatory, through to the National Trust car park (free to visitors).

Parking: A designated parking space is available in the National Trust car park, next to the wheelchair ramp.

Gardens

The summit of Observatory Hill includes parklands with bench seating linked to the Trust Centre by a level pathway. National Trust grounds include seating.



Accessible toilets

Available inside the National Trust Centre, next to the wheelchair ramp.

Refreshments

The Trust Café offers morning and afternoon teas, and light lunches. Bookings for lunch are advisable.

Useful websites to help plan your day out

www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au

For information on the National Trust, property maps and how to become a member.

www.accessibility.com.au

A site for Sydney travel and transport services, with a map of accessible toilet facilities in the Sydney metropolitan area.

www.aarts.net.au

Information on arts programs, and events promoting accessible arts.

www.tourism.nsw.gov.au

Complete guide for holiday information, accommodation and events in Sydney and New South Wales.

www.carpark.com.au

A very useful site for information about off-street parking stations in Sydney, including location, cost and accessibility.



Large print versions are available on the website, please go to www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au/properties to download your copies of the properties that interest you.

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