This is an accessibility guide to the University of Melbourne Brain Centre & Dr Dax's café precinct, located in and around the Kenneth Myer Building on the Royal Parade side of the University of Melbourne.

Melbourne Brain Centre – Access Guide

The University of Melbourne (Parkville)

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**Facilities for Visitors**

- Café and extensive seating
- Bookshop
- Large auditorium
- Education Centre
- Accessible Male and Female toilets
- Substantial underground car-park directly linked to the Centre
- Two Lifts with Car-park Access
- Walking distance to Royal Melbourne Hospital

**Venue Access**

**Drop-off Zones**

A drop-off zone is located on Genetics Lane. If you turn left off Royal Parade, the Centre will be on the right hand side. If the site is obscured by a bollard, please use the intercom on the left hand side to have this lowered.

Vehichles may stay for up to 20 minutes, after which University of Melbourne parking regulations apply. Fines or penalties may be incurred for breaches of these regulations.

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1 All facilities are fully accessible for vistors of all levels of mobility.
Parking

There is significant parking available in the vicinity of the Centre: the following spaces are within five minutes walk:

a) Directly connected to the Centre is a large underground car-park (4 accessible spots available). Parking costs $20 for a full day and $10 for four hours on weekdays during business hours. After 5pm on weekdays and all day on weekends there is a flat rate of $10.

b) Other major parking lots are located underneath the South Lawn (accessible via Wilson Avenue), and underneath University Square (accessible via Bouverie Street). These spaces are open from 6am to 10pm Monday – Friday for a flat rate of $15.00 between 9am and 5pm, or a flat rate of $8.00 after 5pm. On weekends between 7am and 7pm there is a flat rate of $8.00. The South Lawn car-park has 5 accessible parking spots, 3 located in the back left corner of the lot and 2 located in the back right corner of the lot. The University Square car-park has 12 accessible parking spots, all located at the the rear of the first level, next to the lifts.

c) Kernot Road on Campus, accessible via Grattan Street, has 12 spaces (including 3 accessible parks). From Monday – Friday during business hours a flat rate of $15.00 applies for all day parking or $8.00 for 3 hours. After 5pm on weekdays a flat rate of $8.00 applies. On weekends, daily parking is only $8.00.

For further information regarding other parking options near the University of Melbourne, please see the link below:


Public Transport

For General travel information regarding getting to the University of Melbourne, please use the ‘Metlink Journey Planner’ on the Public Transport Victoria (PTV) website at:

http://ptv.vic.gov.au/journey#jpsearch%5Baction%5D=showPlanner
1. Buses

The following bus routes provide direct access to the University of Melbourne:

- 200 – City to Bulleen (A)
- 207 – City to Donvale (A)
- 250 – Garden City / Port Melbourne to La Trobe University
- 251 – Garden City to Northland Shopping Centre
- 304 – City to Doncaster Shopping Town (A)
- 401 – North Melbourne to University of Melbourne (A)
- 402 – Footscray to East Melbourne (A)
- 505 – Moonee Ponds to University of Melbourne (A)
- 546 – Heidelberg to University of Melbourne (A)

Routes marked with this symbol ‘(A)’ are either partially or wholly serviced by wheelchair accessible buses and utilise accessible stops. For more information:

1. Go to Metlink Journey Planner on the PTV website;
2. Enter your journey details;
3. Click ‘more search options’, in the bottom left hand corner of the search box;
4. Select Special Requirements
5. Choose ‘only uses services with wheelchair access’, ‘only use stops with wheelchair access’

Further details can also be found here:


OR by ringing your local bus service provider at the appropriate number, helpful contacts may include those found on the link below:


OR by ringing Public Transport Victoria on 1800 800 007

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2 The changes below are effective as of July 27 2014.
3 Please note, the route 253 bus has been consolidated into the route 251 service.
4 Please note this use to be the 201 service.
5 Please note, the 203 & 205 bus services have been consolidated into the route 200 service.
2. Trams

The following tram services arrive at the University of Melbourne regularly:

- 1 - East Coburg to South Melbourne Beach
- 3/3a - East Malvern to Melbourne University
- 5 - Malvern to Melbourne University (A)
- 6 – Glen Iris to Melbourne University (A)
- 8 – Toorak to Moreland (A)
- 16 – Kew to Melbourne University (A)
- 19 – North Coburg to City (Elizabeth Street) (A)
- 55 – West Coburg to Domain Interchange
- 59 – Airport West to City (Elizabeth Street)
- 64 – East Brighton to Melbourne University
- 67 - Carnegie to Melbourne University
- 72 – Camberwell to Melbourne University (A)

Routes: 1, 3/3a, 5, 6, 8, 16, 64 & 67 and 72 all stop on Swanston Street, immediately outside the Centre’s main entrance. This is a wheelchair accessible Super Stop.

For more details please see here:


To be certain that your route meets your specific requirements, or for more information, please consult the service provider directly at:


OR by ringing Public Transport Victoria on 1800 800 007

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\(^6\) Trams marked with this symbol are partially serviced by accessible, low floor trams.

\(^7\) Use tramTRACKER® to find out if any of the next three trams at your stop will be a low-floor vehicle.
3. Trains

The following train services provide access to the University of Melbourne

- **City Loop trains** which stop at Melbourne Central
  Then take trams 1, 3/3a, 5, 6, 8, 16, 64, 67, 72 along Swanston Street to the Melbourne University stop

- **The Cragieburn, Sydenham, Upfield and Williamstown lines** all run to North Melbourne Station
  Then take the route 401 bus along Dryburgh Street to Melbourne University

For more details see here:


According to Public Transport Victoria, all of metropolitan train services are accessible. To be certain that your route meets your specific requirements, or for more information, please consult the service provider directly at


OR by ringing Public Transport Victoria on 1800 800 007
Outside Access

1. Main Entrances via Royal Parade

The surface on this side is hard, uneven asphalt, sloping downwards towards Grattan Street.

There are three ways to enter via Royal Parade:

a) Immediately to the right of the Centre's underground car-park, 20 paces in from Royal Parade, is a set of 11 steps. Immediately after these, 5 paces straight ahead, is a double-width manual door which opens onto Dr. Dax's café.
b) **Further along towards the Genetics Building side of the Centre**, 20 metres in from Royal Parade, there are 7 large steps, 15 paces wide with handrails in middle and on the far right of the staircase. These lead to the Melbourne Brain Centre's (The Kenneth Myer Building's) main entrance.

![Image of Melbourne Brain Centre's main entrance]


c) **An alternate to these stairs is a slight upwards incline** which takes you 20 paces in from the end of the footpath along Royal Parade, then 25 paces to the right. Straight ahead, another 10 paces in, is the entrance to Dr. Dax's café. To the left 10 paces is the entrance to the Melbourne Brain Centre.

Note that there are 4 metal posts after the footpath before the incline begins. There is also a large stone pillar on either side of the Centre's main entrance.

![Image showing 4 metal posts and a stone pillar]


2. Entrance via underground car-park

A lift in the underground car-park provides direct links from all four levels of parking to the Centre itself. It is 30 paces directly to the left of the carpark’s main entrance. It is accessible via a level entrance with a single manual push door located on the right hand side. Before this door is a series of 4 metal posts approximately one metre apart.

There is an accessible toilet and shower located on the right hand side of this area on level B1 only.

Be careful to avoid cars and tall stone pillars dotted throughout the car-park.

These lifts can also be reached via the opposite end of the car-park, using a set of 8 stairs with metal hand railings on both sides.
3. Entrance from the rear via the Genetics Building Side of the Centre

Entering from the rear via the Genetics Building side, there are 9 metal posts at the start of the pathway which is a hard brick surface sloping downwards slightly towards Royal Parade.

40 paces in, on the left hand side, are a set of double automated doors partially obscured by a large stone pillar.
There are large white seats dotted along either side of the path.
4. Entrance from the rear via the Microbiology Building Side of the Centre

From the intersection of the Kenneth Myer and Microbiology buildings, at the rear of the Bailieu Library, go 35 paces in at a slight downwards incline along an uneven hard brick surface. Note, there is a concrete grate 30 paces in.

Take a slight right onto a wooden bridge and walk at a marginal upwards incline for 25 paces. An alternative to this ramp is a set of four wooden steps with a rail on the RHS.
Turn right and walk 25 paces before you will reach a series of 12 concrete steps. After these steps there is 10 paces straight ahead to the automated double doors of the Centre. An alternative to these steps is a large ramp to the left of the staircase which goes to the left for 35 paces before wrapping around and coming back to the right for 40 paces. At the end of this ramp there is a further 10 paces to the double door.

Inside Access

1. From the Main Entrance

a) Reception – Located at a long red desk, 15 paces in from the main entrance.

b) Dr Dax’s Café – Is immediately to the right of the main entrance.
c) Auditorium – 35 paces to the the right of the main entrance, past the chairs and tables of the café (5 paces in), and a large stone pillar (15 paces in). The last 10 paces before the auditorium is in a darker space with a slight upwards incline.

d) Lifts to Car-park – These are tucked at the end of reception to the left, 35 paces in from the main entrance.

e) Toilets – Male, female and accessible toilets are at the very rear of the Centre. From the front entrance, these can be reached using either:

i. A 40 pace ramp that starts 20 paces in from the main entrance on the far right. This wraps around the auditorium with a metal handrail on both sides. The toilets are on the left hand side, immediately after the ramp, past a stone pillar. There is seating located on either side after the ramp.

ii. 30 paces in from the main entrance, to the left of the ramp, is staircase with 3 steps, followed by a small platform, followed by another 3 steps. There is railing on the far left and right of this staircase, as well as up the centre. After these stairs the toilets are 30 paces in, slightly to the right.
f) **Education Centre** – 18 paces up from the stairs and 15 paces to the left, immediately next to the Genetics building side rear entrance.

2. **From the Rear Entrances**

a) **Reception** – A long red desk on the right hand side, 20 paces down from the staircase

b) **Dr Dax’s Café** – Located 30 paces from the end of the staircase on the left or 20 paces from the end of the ramp on the right.
Auditorium – 35 paces from the end of the staircase, or 25 paces from the end of the ramp on the far left hand side.

Toilets – At the very back of the Centre, in the middle of the two rear entrances, there are male, female and accessible toilet facilities available.

Lifts to Carpark – 20 paces down from the staircase, on the far right hand side, tucked at the end of reception.

Education Centre – Right next to the Genetics Building side rear entrance.

The Ian Potter Auditorium
The Auditorium itself is accessible via doors at the rear (enter through back of the Centre) and front (enter from Royal Parade entrance to the Centre).

There is an accessible seating at the front of the auditorium. This area is best reached from the front entrance to the Auditorium (located at the Royal Parade end of the Centre). The rest of the seating requires patrons to use small sets of stairs within the auditorium.
There are two staircases, each of five steps. These are located 5 and 20 paces from the front entrance to the auditorium respectively.

Speakers may also present from a seated position, using podiums and lapel microphones as required.