

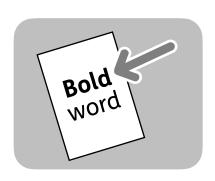
Visiting the Queen's coffin at Westminster Palace

Easy Read version of accessibility arrangements for the Queen's Lying-in-State



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In this Easy Read document, hard words are in **bold**. We explain what these words mean in the sentence after we have used them.



Some words are blue and underlined.

These are links that will go to another website which has more information.

Introduction



Sadly, the Queen died on Thursday 8 September 2022.



Her funeral is taking place on Monday 19 September 2022.



Before the funeral, the Queen's coffin is being kept at the Palace of Westminster in London. This is called 'lying-in-state'. It means the coffin can be visited by members of the public.



You can visit the coffin and pay your respects to the Queen.



This Easy Read information will tell you about the arrangements that are in place if you are disabled or have a long-term health condition.

Visiting the Queen's coffin



There will be a main queue for members of the public visiting the Queen's coffin at Westminster Palace.



The main queue will be very long and people may have to wait for many hours to get to the front.



Accessible queue

If you are disabled or have difficulty standing for a long time, there is also a separate accessible queue.



The accessible queue will give you a specific time slot for visiting the coffin.



That means you won't have to stand and wait in the main queue for a long time.



Before you can join the accessible queue you need to get your time slot from the accessible queue kiosk outside the Tate Britain art gallery.

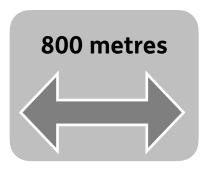
Tate Britain address: Millbank, London SW1P 4RG



It may not be possible for everyone to join the accessible queue. You may have to wait for a later time slot if there are too many people when you arrive.



When you have been given your time slot, you should join the accessible queue at that time.



The route

The route from the kiosk at the Tate Britain, to the start of the accessible queue, is about 800 metres.



The route will be easy to follow with signposts to help you find your way.

The route is flat with no steps. It is suitable for people in wheelchairs.

Facilities



At the kiosk outside the Tate Britain there are:

• Accessible toilets.



• A water point - so that you can fill-up your water bottles.



• British Sign Language interpreters.

Other arrangements



As well as the accessible queue, other arrangements have been made for visiting the Queen's coffin:



 Guidance and information about the Queen's lying-in-state is available in different formats, to suit people with different needs.

You can find more information on this website.



 Guide dogs are allowed along the route and inside Westminster Palace.



 Transport for London (TfL) have been helping people to plan their journeys using stations without steps.



 Accessible toilets are available for people to use, including Changing Places toilets in Westminster Palace, Victoria Station and Guy's Hospital.



Changing Places toilets have more space and equipment for people who can't use the toilet independently.



- Members of staff called 'queue marshalls' will be checking the main queue to:
 - See if anyone needs support.



 Make people aware of the separate accessible queue and how to use it.

For more information



You can get more information about the Queen's lying-in-state on the Government website <u>here</u>.



You can look at Transport for London's website to plan your journey here.

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