Accessibility at MUHK

MUHK (Rural Curiosity Center MUHK) is on the grounds of the former Ülenurme Manor. Six buildings are open to visitors as exhibition spaces. Four buildings house museum workshops, collections storage and classrooms.

You can walk through the old manor park, pet the animals in the barn or watch them in the pasture. The outdoor machinery display features historic farming equipment and has a small play area.

The barn is home to a pony, rabbits, sheep, goats, hens, geese, turkeys, quail and other farm animals. During the day, the animals are in the pasture. From spring to autumn, the birds are kept in outdoor enclosures. Please keep the animals' safety and wellbeing in mind as you move around the grounds.

Your museum ticket includes the exhibition buildings and the outdoor machinery display.

There is a small café on the grounds. The museum offices are in the former manor house. A stream runs through the grounds, with the manor house and café on one side and the other museum buildings on the other.

Most paths are paved and suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Signs help you find your way. Benches and chairs with backrests are available inside the buildings and outdoors.

The outdoor areas are lit, except for the park and pasture. Please take care in these areas when visibility is poor.

Getting here

MUHK is in Ülenurme, just outside Tartu. Our address is Muuseumi 2. You can get here by train, bus, car or bicycle.

By train. Ülenurme train stop is about 1 km from MUHK. Head towards Tartu and turn right after the Coop shop. Walk through the small park and cross the stream. The exhibition building with the ticket desk is on your left. Walking route from the train stop.

By bus. Take Tartu city bus 7 to the Tõrvandi tee stop. Walk about 1 km towards Võru. Walking route from the bus stop.

By car. The visitor car park at Tartu mnt 1 is at the Võru end of the residential building. Coach parking is at the Tartu end. If you use an accessible vehicle, you can park in the museum courtyard in front of the barn. Parking is free.

By bicycle. Bicycle parking is next to the barn. The nearest Tartu bike-share station is in the car park at Ülenurme Konsum, about 400 m away. On the museum grounds, please cycle at no more than 5 km/h and watch out for visitors and animals.

Entering the museum and buying tickets

The ticket desk is in the main exhibition building. Look for a two-storey limestone building with large MUHK lettering.



As you enter, the cloakroom is on your right and the ticket desk is straight ahead. The gift shop is around the cloakroom and ticket desk.

Our visitor assistants wear name badges and speak Estonian and English. They can help you choose a ticket, tell you about current exhibitions and offers, and answer questions about the displays.

Exhibition buildings

Main exhibition building

- A platform lift connects the two floors. A staff member will help you use it.
- An accessible toilet is on the ground floor, to the left.

Most of the exhibition’s accessibility features are designed for visitors with sight or hearing loss.

Both floors have tactile floor plans and a raised guidance path. Many exhibits offer things to touch or listen to.

On the ground floor

- A soil tunnel and an earthworm tube covered with soil and rubber earthworms.
- Sound domes that play sounds from beneath the ground.
- An exhibit about how plant roots communicate. Listen on hanging telephone handsets to playful examples of what plants might say to each other.
- A garden bed exhibit where you can feel model root vegetables and hear what affects how plants grow.

On the upper floor

- A timeline with seven models of farm machinery from different periods that you can touch.
- Headphones for listening to farmers’ stories.

Hearing loops are available at the ticket desk, in the auditorium for the introductory film, and at the garden bed exhibit. All six videos with farmers’ stories have Estonian and English subtitles.

The main exhibition panels are in Estonian, Latvian and English. The films have Estonian and English subtitles.

Barn

The animal pens are on the ground floor. At the far end of the barn, you will find the permanent exhibition Laudasümfoonia (Barn Symphony) and a space for temporary exhibitions. The open storage area and a display on the history of veterinary medicine are on the upper floor.

- Use the ramp at the main entrance to enter the barn.
- A platform lift and a passenger lift provide access to the open storage area and the veterinary display on the upper floor.
- An accessible toilet is on the ground floor.

Machinery building

The ground floor has a changing display of farming equipment. The upper floor is used for temporary exhibitions.

- A ramp provides access to the ground floor.
- Part of the exhibition is on the upper floor. Access to that floor is by stairs.

Some galleries have padded stools or cushions where you can sit and rest.

Rye Barn

The Rye Barn introduces the history of rye growing in Estonia and the machines used to grow it. You can enter through the old barn doors at the front or the back. There is a large car park in front and a grassy area behind the building.

The Rye Barn is open from May to September.

Toilets and baby changing

Main exhibition building. The ground-floor toilets are to the left of the entrance. There is an accessible toilet and a baby changing table.

Barn. From the main entrance, go past the animal pens and through the Barn Symphony exhibition. At the far end of the barn, there are two toilets to the right of the stage. The first is accessible and has a baby changing table.

Machinery building. The toilet is on the ground floor, to the left as you enter.

Visiting with children

MUHK welcomes families. An adult must accompany children throughout the visit.

- The buildings are easy to enter with a pushchair.
- Baby changing facilities are available in the main exhibition building and the barn.
- The play area is next to the outdoor machinery display.

Visiting with dogs

Guide dogs for visitors who are blind are welcome indoors. Other well-behaved dogs are welcome outdoors. Please keep your dog on a lead for the safety of other visitors and the museum animals.

Small dogs may also come indoors if you carry them in your arms or in a carrier throughout your time inside.