





Ethnographic park Żywiec

Accessibility card

Basic information

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Description

Ethnographic Park is an open-air museum type presenting the material and spiritual culture of the former inhabitants of the Żywiec Beskids. In an area of 4 ha, there are 18 original wooden buildings from the 19th and early 20th centuries. In addition to the residential houses, there is also a school, a granary, a blacksmith's shop, a chapel, wells, cellars (a quay) and a farm. In the interiors there are exhibitions such as small town pharmacies, blacksmiths, herbal shops. In the area of the park were renovated old rural gardens. Expositions can be visited individually or with a guide. In addition, the museum organizes museum lessons and workshops, focusing among others on Ancient crafts and professions, traditions and folklore of the Beskydy Mountaineers (Góral men wearing a traditional folk costume).

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Entrance

- ❖ The entrance to the open-air museum through a wooden gate is wheelchair accessible.
- ❖ The entrance is wide enough, without a threshold.
- ❖ The surface of the entrance: fine gravel.
- ❖ Just behind the gate there is a former school building, which houses a ticket office, a toilet and a souvenir shop. The entrance to the building is led by a long ramp 1.2 m wide, without handles.
- ❖ The entrance door is 1 m wide and opens inwards.
- ❖ The threshold in the entrance door is about 6 cm high.

Interior premises – main building (school)

- ❖ The pathways in the building are narrower than 150 cm.
- ❖ All doors and passages are min. 80 cm wide.
- ❖ The surface of the pathways is solid and non-slippery.
- ❖ The thresholds are higher than 2 cm on the pathways.
- ❖ There are no seating places for resting in the building.
- ❖ There is insufficient area in the building for the movement of people in a wheelchair or a pram.

Exterior premises – permanent exhibition

- ❖ Permanent exhibition (individual buildings) is located in the outdoor area.
- ❖ The route between the individual buildings is min. 150 cm wide and approximately 500 m long.
- ❖ Route profile: longitudinal slope of more than 6%, gravel and grass surface, which complicates movement for wheelchair users or prams.
- ❖ Inside some of the buildings are expositions presenting the work and life of local inhabitants (góral men).
- ❖ There are architectural barriers at the entrances to buildings (stairs, high thresholds, narrow doors) and the possibility of viewing the interior is therefore very limited for people with reduced mobility.
- ❖ There are no seating areas for resting in the exhibition buildings, there are benches on the route (outdoor).
- ❖ Objects are without labels or information boards.

Accessible toilet

- ❖ Wheelchair accessible toilet is not available.
- ❖ A baby changing unit is not available.

Services and equipment

- ❖ Equipment of the museum: Shop with souvenirs and drinks.
- ❖ A visit to the museum is possible without a prior agreement. However, in the period from November to March, the museum is only accessible to groups of 10 persons, after prior telephone or email notification.
- ❖ Guide and registered support dogs are permitted entry.
- ❖ Parking without reserved parking places.
- ❖ Guided tours (for a fee).
- ❖ Possibility to rent an audio guide.
- ❖ Possibility to buy a printed guide describing the exposure.

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