Directions to The State Hospital





Located in some of Scotland's most beautiful countryside, The State Hospital is in easy reach of both Edinburgh and Glasgow.

There is ample free car parking.



If you are travelling by car, please drive carefully, especially in the wintertime.

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From Glasgow

By Road (45 mins approx)

Take the M8 motorway and continue on the A8 past Coatbridge. Exit the motorway at Junction 6 (the Lanark Road). This will take you onto the A73 through Newmains. You will then see signs for Carluke, follow these. Once in Carluke take the A721 Peebles. From this road, signs for Carstairs are prominent. Do not take the first sign for Carstairs, continue until you see the sign for The State Hospital. The sign is on your left-hand side and indicates that you turn right for the Hospital. The Hospital is about half a mile further, on the right-hand side.

By Rail

At Glasgow Central Railway Station take the train for Lanark. The train journey to Lanark takes about one hour. Once in Lanark, take the Carnwath bus which passes The State Hospital. The bus journey is around 35 minutes.

By Bus

At Buchanan Street Bus Station take the bus going to Lanark. Once in Lanark, take the Carnwath bus which passes The State Hospital. The bus journey is around 35 minutes.

By Air

There are buses frequently from Glasgow Airport to Buchanan Street Bus Station (10 minutes walk from Central Station). A taxi from the airport will take approximately 30 minutes to Glasgow City Centre.

From Edinburgh

By Road (45 mins approx)

At Balerno on the outskirts of the City, take the A70 Lanark Road (commonly known as the Lang Whang) and continue to Carnwath. Note: To reach Balerno you will have to pass through Juniper Green and Currie. Once in Carnwath, turn right at the junction and continue for approximately two miles. The sign for The State Hospital is on the left-hand side and indicates that you turn left. Having turned left, the Hospital is about half a mile further, on the right-hand side.

By Rail

Trains direct to Carstairs Junction from Edinburgh are not very regular. There is a train from Edinburgh to Lanark but this is not a direct train. Once in Lanark, take the Carnwath bus which passes The State Hospital. The bus journey is around 35 minutes.

By Bus

From St Andrew's Square take the bus going to Lanark. Once in Lanark, take the Carnwath bus which passes The State Hospital. The bus journey is around 35 minutes.

By Air

Buses run frequently from Edinburgh Airport to St Andrew's Square in Edinburgh's City Centre. A taxi from the airport will take approximately 30 minutes.

From the South

By Road

Follow the M74 until you see the A73 Lanark signs (Junction 13). From Lanark take the A70 to Carstairs Village. From there, turn right onto the A721 Peebles Road where you will see the sign for The State Hospital. This will be on your left-hand side and indicates that you turn right for the Hospital. The Hospital is about half a mile further, on the right-hand side.

