

HMP Leyhill

Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL12 8BT

Welcome to HMP Leyhill!

Leyhill is an open prison for men working towards rehabilitation and release.

Getting Here:

The prison is in a semi-rural location, about 18 miles north of the centre of Bristol, between Gloucester and Bristol. The nearest train stations are Bristol Parkway and Bristol Temple Meads, both around 15-20 miles distant. Bus services are run by local companies but aren't that frequent.

If driving, exit the M5 at Junction 14 and turn towards Wotton-under-Edge on the B4509, right turn to Leyhill is signposted. Turn left through the entrance for the visitor's car park.

Parking:

To access the visitor's car park, follow the road as you turn into the prison around to the left and all the way up to the top (this is clearly signposted). Parking is free and there is no limitation on time.

Disabled spaces are available.

Checking In:

Upon your arrival, report to the window in the side of the main entrance (just before the barriers). There, you will need to give your name and the name of the person you are visiting.

You will be issued with a Visitor Pass which you must wear at all times during your visit.

You will then be asked to wait for the person you are visiting to collect you from this area. At this point, you will be taken into the main prison where you will be accompanied at all times.

Proof of Identity:

You must have an acceptable form of photographic identification with you when you visit.

Failure to present this on arrival will result in you being refused access.

A driving licence or a passport is the preferred forms of identification. If you do not have either of these, please notify your HSH point of contact before your visit, who will assist you in establishing a suitable alternative.

Facilities:

Once in the prison, you will have access to bathroom facilities, tea and coffee making facilities, cutlery and a refrigerator for any food or drink you bring with you.

If needed, the team on site can provide you with writing materials, access to a telephone and any PPE you may require as part of your visit.

Prohibited Items

Any individual entering a prison, including staff and visitors, must adhere to the Prohibited Items List. This is a list of items that must not be brought into the prison establishment. Some items on the list may be permissible with prior authorisation from the prison's security department.

Visitors are advised simply to take only "essential" items into the prison during any visit. This might include:

- ✓ A pen and paper / notepad for note taking
- ✓ Supporting paperwork that has been requested
- ✓ Feminine hygiene products
- ✓ Prescribed medication, but not more than will be needed during the visit
- ✓ Food and soft drinks to last the duration of the visit – wrapped in cling film or paper (if required)
- ✓ Small bag, sufficient only to hold the above listed items
- ✓ Clothing required for the visit (i.e. a coat if it is cold/wet)

The full list of prohibited items is made available in the gate area of the prison. If you have any of the listed items on your person at that time, you must notify the prison staff in the gate area. You will either be directed to return such items to your vehicle or to secure such items in a locker provided by the prison. If you use a locker, you will be issued the key to keep on your person during your visit and to allow you to retrieve the items when you leave the prison.

It is a criminal offence to take prohibited items beyond the gate area and into the main prison, unless you have written authorisation from the prison's security department.

Prohibited Items List:

The below is a list of prohibited items that must not be taken into the prison:

- ✗ Explosives, weapons or ammunition of any description (including imitation)
- ✗ Tools of any description, including scissors, pen knives
- ✗ Manicure sets, including nail files, tweezers, clippers, nail polish, polish remover
- ✗ Mobile phones, chargers
- ✗ Computer equipment
- ✗ Cameras, video recorders, audio recorders
- ✗ Smart watches, fitbits, wearable tech
- ✗ SIM cards, memory sticks, any other data transfer device
- ✗ Unauthorised drugs
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Cigarettes, tobacco, lighters, matches
- ✗ Metal cutlery
- ✗ Glass containers
- ✗ Mirrors, including makeup compacts with mirrors built in
- ✗ Aerosols
- ✗ Chewing gum
- ✗ Blue tack (or similar)
- ✗ Tin foil
- ✗ Wire
- ✗ Clothing with offensive logos
- ✗ Umbrellas
- ✗ Chemicals or cleaning equipment
- ✗ Large amounts of cash (anything over £20)

This list is not exhaustive.