

Travel Guidance for Attendees

PONI Fall Conference
21 – 22 September 2010

Conference Location:

Thames Room
Atomic Weapons Establishment
Aldermaston
Reading RG7 4PR

Host Hotel:

Apollo Hotel – Basingstoke
Aldermaston Roundabout
Basingstoke
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The Atomic Weapons Establishment is a secure facility. As such, it is required that visitors – i.e. those who do not possess an AWE permanent badge – have their identification checked, receive a visitor's badge, and undergo a health and safety briefing prior to accessing the facility. To make sure that your visitor's badge is held at the appropriate place, it is important that AWE is made aware of how and when each guest intends to arrive at the facility.

Accessing AWE via Shuttle

AWE has generously offered shuttle service to take guests from the Apollo Hotel to AWE in the morning and back to the hotel at the end of the day. This is the obvious choice for guests staying at the Apollo Hotel. Those travelling from London on the 21st or staying elsewhere can also avail themselves of this shuttle, as there is ample parking at the hotel. The shuttle schedule is shown on the following page.

IMPORTANT! It is requested that anyone who is not staying at the Apollo Hotel and desire to the ride the shuttle please email Andrew Hartfield at Andrew.Hartfield@awe.co.uk no later than Thursday 16 September and ask that your name be placed on the list of shuttle riders. It will be assumed that all guests at the Apollo Hotel will ride this shuttle. Guests riding the shuttle will receive their visitor's badge and a briefing on health and safety issues en route to AWE.

Accessing AWE via Car or Taxi

Attendees that have not requested use of the shuttle bus from the Apollo and do not already hold an AWE permanent pass should muster at the Recreation Society (Rec Soc) Car Park located at the West Gate by 0745hrs on both days. Here, required security processes can take place, passes provided and a shuttle to the Thames Room will be provided. A map of the area and AWE is attached for your reference. (See bottom left of page 3 for the magnified section showing the Rec Soc.)

Those who are not staying at the Apollo Hotel and have not self-identified as individuals taking the shuttle from the Apollo Hotel to AWE will have their badges held at the West Gate.

Late Arriving Guests

It is strongly encouraged that all visitors arrive via Shuttle from the Apollo Hotel or make their way to the Rec Soc car park by 07h45, as this will be by far the quickest and easiest way to access AWE. Those that will not be able to do so should make their way to the Main Gate and report to reception, where you will undergo a security check process and be briefed on all health and safety requirements. Reception staff will then contact AWE representatives who will arrange for escorting from the main gate to the Thames room. Note that this route could delay access significantly.

Shuttle Schedule***Tuesday 21 September***

Depart from Apollo Hotel, 07h15
Arrive at AWE, 08h00

Depart from AWE at 17h00
Arrive at Apollo Hotel, 17h45

Wednesday 22 September

Pick up from Apollo Hotel, 07h15
Arrive at AWE, 08h00

For those not taking the ORION tour:
Depart from AWE 12h35
Arrive at Apollo Hotel 13h10

For those taking the ORION tour:
Depart from AWE 15h30
Arrive at Apollo Hotel 16h15

For both return trips, if there are guests who wish to continue to London via the rail, then the shuttle bus will proceed onward to the Basingstoke train station after giving travelers an opportunity to collect their luggage at the Apollo Hotel.