



Cultural Site Sheet

Cultural site name	State Archives, Biccherne Museum, Palazzo Piccolomini
Type of site	Museum, archive, historical building
Address	Banks below 52
City	Siena
Contacts	+39 0577 247145 email as-si@cultura.gov.it as-si@beniculturali.it
Website	www.archiviodistato.siena.it
WCAG 2.1 compliant accessible website	YES

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Description

State Archives: established in 1858, it collects the documents produced by the Sienese state in the communal age, in the Republican age (until 1557) and in the grand-ducal age (until 1808)

Museo delle Biccherna: collects the tablets painted from the Middle Ages and commissioned by the officers of Biccherna and then also by other Sienese offices with the function of cover for the administrative registers.

Palazzo Piccolomini: designed by Rossellino, it was the home of Giacomo and Andrea, nephews of Pope Pius II Piccolomini. When the Piccolomini branch became extinct, it was used as a college.

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General information

Opening and closing period	<p>Every Sunday, civil holidays (25 April, 1 May, 2 June) and religious holidays (1 and 6 January, Easter and Easter Monday, 15 August, 1 November, 1 December – feast of the Patron Saint, 8 December, 25 and 26 December).</p> <p>From 24 December to 5 January and from 1 to 31 August, the Archives observe only the morning timetable.</p>
Times	<p>STUDY ROOM:</p> <p>Tuesday: 8.30 am – 1.30 pm, Wednesday: 8.30 am – 5.00 pm, Thursday and Friday: 8.30 am – 1.30 pm</p> <p>LIBRARY:</p> <p>Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8.30 am – 1.30 pm</p> <p>BICCHERNE MUSEUM AND DOCUMENTARY EXHIBITION:</p> <p>Open to the public on Saturdays with admissions at 10.00 and 11.30 (maximum 20 people per shift).</p> <p>Closing at 13.00.</p> <p>Until further notice, guided tours by staff are suspended.</p> <p>Reservations required for groups with at least 10 people to be sent by email to as-si.comunicazione@cultura.gov.it</p>
Ticket cost	Free admission







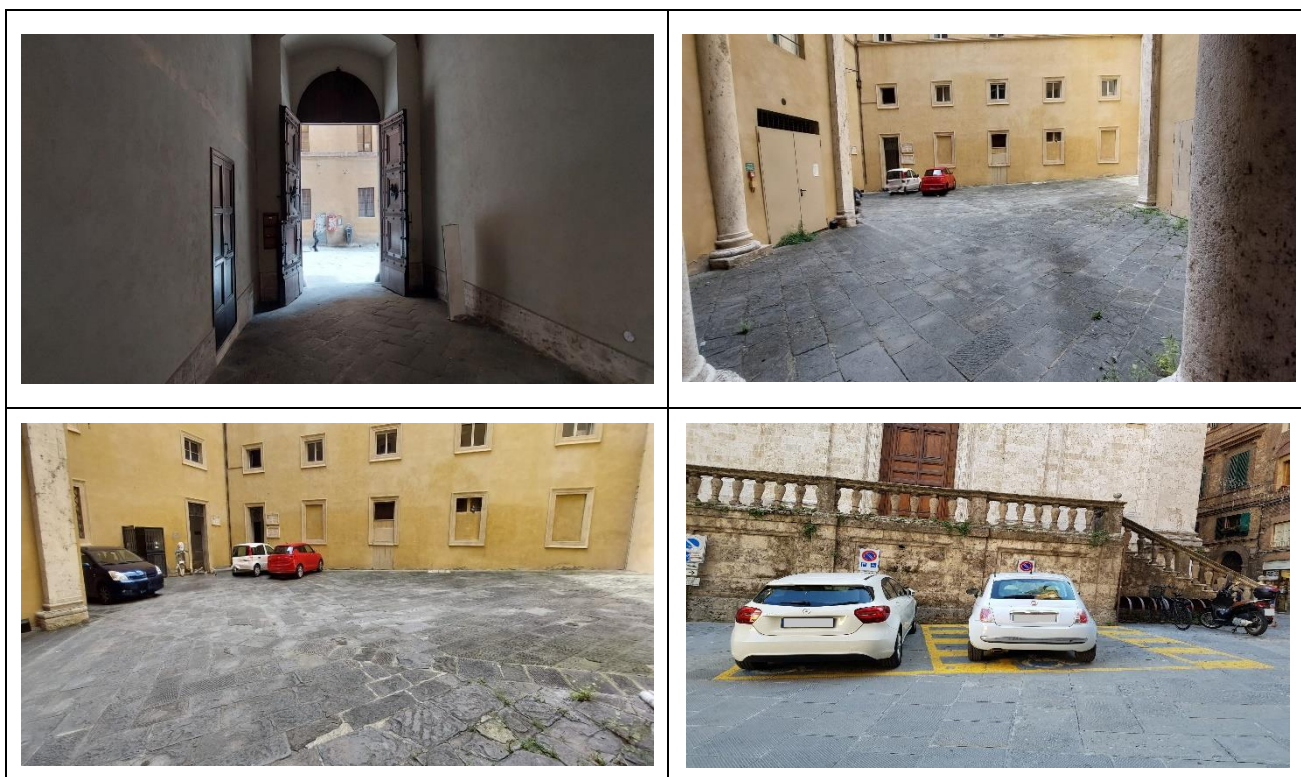
Pet access	No
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Arrival at the property

Private/public parking

Presence of private parking	YES
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	NO
Type of flooring of the private parking lot	stones
Public parking nearby	YES
Type of flooring in the public car park	Stone blocks
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	1 for every 50 seats
Eventual notes	2 stalls for the disabled in Via Logge del Papa For more information about parking, you can consult the following website: https://accessibile.siena.it/
	





Pathway from the car park to the entrance

The property can be reached from the car park	via small ramp length 170 cm, width over 100 cm slope 16%
Distance from parking to entrance	5 meters
There are indicators and tactile maps	NO
There is an accessible entrance	YES secondary entrance
How to access the site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> via ramp single length 37 cm, width over 100 cm, slope 15 %, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> by elevator Door width 75 cm, cabin width 87 cm, cabin depth 122 cm, call button height 105 cm, highest button height 130 cm, embossed/braille keys







Useful width of door/entrance gate	Above 90 cm
Type of door	Choose an item.
Type of handle	Choose an item.
Eventual notes	
	
	
	





Reception

How to access	flat
Priority access for visitors with disabilities	YES
Orientation signs	NO
Type of information material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brochure
A cloakroom accessible to visitors with motor disabilities is available	YES
Multilingual staff	YES
The staff followed a training course on welcoming people with different disabilities	NO
Presence of sign language interpreters	NO
Reception desk height	120 cm with lowered bench part less than 87 cm
The following aids are available for visitors with disabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magnifier
	

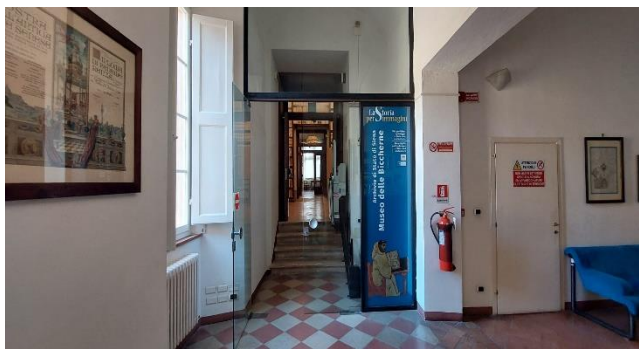

Itineraries

Presence of maps	YES
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Touch indicators and visual-touch maps	NO
Presence of didactic panels	YES
Audio guide	NO
Touch Models	NO
Multimedia workstations accessible from a seated position	NO
Routes dedicated to children	YES
Stopping points	YES
Route spread over several floors	NO
Access to the starting point of the route	By freight elevator
Eventual notes	Tactile maps in some rooms and Braille soon
	
How to access the rooms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> flat
Usable width of door/entrance gate/corridor	Above 90 cm
Room Identification	without identification sign
Bulletin board/information panels and captions	<input type="checkbox"/> captions positioned at cm _100_____ from the ground





Notes:

To visit the panoramic terrace and the view in Piazza del Campo it is necessary to take the corridor on the left from the reception.





Services

Additional elements

Guided tours for groups	YES
Guided tours for individuals	NO
Activities for children and families	YES
Guided tours with trained staff	NO
Accessible bookshop	Not detected



Toilets for guests with reduced mobility

Number of accessible toilets for guests with reduced mobility	1
Location	Ground floor of the museum
How to access the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> flat
Usable width of the entrance door	90 cm
Toilet height	50 cm
Toilet seat with open front tooth	YES
Support handles	on both sides
Flexible shower on the side of the toilet	NO
Free space on the sides of the toilet	left 62 cm right Above 90 cm frontal Above 90 cm

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Electric doorbell/telephone	YES
Washbasin with space underneath for wheelchair approach	64 cm
Height from the ground lower edge mirror	110 cm
Baby changing table	NO
	

Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	<p>AOU – Santa Maria alle Scotte Policlinico, Via M. Bracci 11, Siena - Phone +39 0577 585111 website: www.ao-siena.toscana.it</p> <p>Dialysis service on holiday https://www.regione.toscana.it/-/dialisi-in-vacanza-1</p>
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