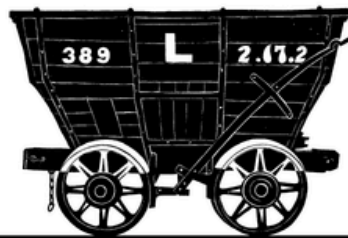




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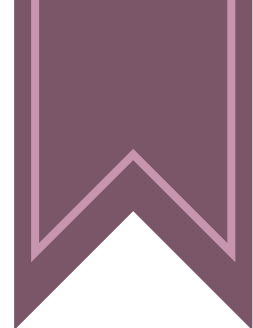


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Offering experiences so that children have the opportunity to develop their Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural learning.

Offering experiences which use the Collections and the Museum environment for children who would not usually get them.

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BOOKING

Groups can be up to the size of 50 comfortably in each of the spaces available. Any larger and discussions need to take place in order to decide if or how we can accommodate. Most groups only stay for one night.

Sleepovers can take place in the:

- Masonic Hall in 1900's Town
- Welfare Hall in 1950's Village
- Bell Tents on Fairground Field (Apr - Sept)



Admission:

- £50 per child (20-35 children)
- £45 per child (36+ children)
- Adult supervision is admitted free at a ratio of 1 to 5 children, additional adults are charged at £34.
- Additional day visitors who come for the day will be charged at £7.75 (Child) £19.75 (Adult)

All groups will be charged for a minimum of 20 children.

Please note that some of the spaces that are used for sleepovers are museum exhibits. Artefacts telling the story of the past are in these spaces. Children should be reminded that they should be respectful of this and spaces should be left as they found them.

**To book, please email AmySansom@beamish.org.uk
or call 0191 370 4012**

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

On arrival, there will be a member of staff to meet and greet you. They will finalise numbers and run through the schedule for the duration of your stay.

Children should carry a daytime bag which should include their packed lunch, waterproofs and a torch if they are camping in the wintertime.



Parent Drop Off

Parents and supervisors should park in the top right-hand section of the main car park (as you come down the hill). This is to separate the general visitors from the group for children's safety. If it is a busy day, we may ask parents to drop the children off in the coach par park.

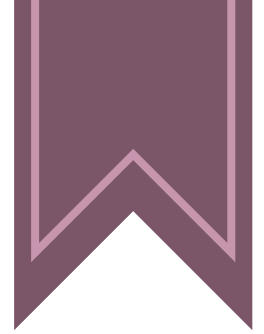
All luggage should be left in the supervisor's vehicles which should be left in the main car park until the museum closes to the public.

Coach Drop Off

If the group is coming by coach or minibus, the coach park should be used. Please ask your coach driver to park 'nose first'. Overnight bags can be stored in a room near to the groups sleeping space, which our attendants can transfer to and from the main entrance with prior notice.

Alternatively, arrangements can be made to get the coach to drop the children at the West Gate if the group are camping on the Fairground Field, as overnight bags can be carried the short distance to the tents and stored there for the day.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES



Learning activities can be booked as part of your visit. The availability of these sessions is dependent on staff availability and other events taking place in the museum. These include:

- Victorian Lesson (max 35)
- Just One Spark (max 70)
- Home Sweet Home (max 15)
- Proper Canny Pottery (max 15)
- Evacuees (max 30)
- Inside Scoop (max 25)
- Worth 50 Horses (max 40)
- All our Childhood Toys (max 30)

A full list of activities can be found online at:

<https://www.beamish.org.uk/learning/learning-activities/>

Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to book one of these sessions.

EXTRAS

Camping Badge - £2.75 each

Kids Mix of Sweets - £1.50 per 2oz, £2.95 per 4oz

(Dolly Mixtures and Jazzies)

Bon Bon Mix - £1.50 per 2oz, £2.95 per 4oz

Fairy Satins - £1.50 per 2oz, £2.95 per 4oz

(Mix of boiled sweets)

Fairground Rides - £2.50 each or 10 for £20

(Contact Arthur North at info@victoriancarousel.com to make arrangements)



ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS



ACCESS NEEDS

Arrangements can be made for anyone who has additional access requirements. Please make us aware of any needs upon booking, including if wheelchair access is required.

Our 1950s welfare hall has Changing Places accessible facilities if needed, as well as a 'quiet space' which is a sensory room for any visitor who needs to use it.



MEDICATION

There are areas in the 1900's town where medication or other medical equipment can be stored.

Please inform museum staff on arrival if there is anything which needs to be kept in the fridge or secure location.

If you know any medical information in advance, please include this on the 'group information form'.

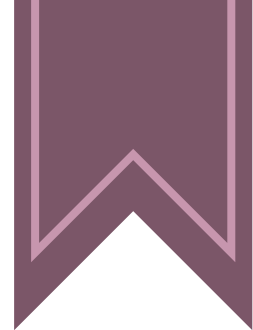
DIETARY NEEDS

Please include any specific dietary needs on the 'group information form' which will be sent across to you prior to your visit.



Alternatives for special diets will be made available on the day. Please remind our catering staff of any requirements on arrival. Ideally, we need this information no later than 14 days prior to your visit.

EVENING ACTIVITIES



There are a couple of options for how your evening will look depending on the time of your meal slot. The activities remain the same depending on the option chosen, but the order of these may change. Your meal slot will be allocated depending on the number of visitors and availability on the day of your visit.

OPTION 1

Dinner at Middleton's
Woodland Walk
Campfire
Supper
Head to Sleeping Location

*For those eating after 17:45,
the walk will take place at
16:30, before dinner*

OPTION 2

Dinner at Middleton's
Site Scavenger Hunt
Campfire
Supper
Head to Sleeping Location

*For those eating after 17:45,
the site trail will take place at
16:30, before dinner*

OPTION 3

Dinner at Middleton's
Indoor Activity
Cinema
Supper
Head to Sleeping Location

*For those eating after 17:45,
the indoor activity will take
place before dinner*

Indoor activities include: Morse Code, Meccano, 1950's Toys or Butterfly Automata

DAY 2

The following morning, breakfast is served in the Tea Rooms from 8:00am. You are welcome to remain in the Tea Rooms until 9:00am. The museum re-opens to the general public at 10am. Although you cannot enter any of the exhibits before 10am, there is a park in the 1950's and plenty of green space on the events field and in the 1900's town for games. In the event of poor weather, an indoor space will be allocated.

All overnight guests are also welcome to enjoy two full days in the museum during opening hours in addition to the evening activities above.

CATERING

DINNER

Dinner will be served in Middleton's in the 1950's Town after the museum has closed. Your allocated slot will be outlined in your final booking confirmation. Groups of over 35 children may be allocated multiple 45-minute slots. **The menu options are:**

- Battered Fish and Chips (cooked in beef fat)
- Battered Sausage and Chips (cooked in beef fat)
- Jacket Potato and Baked Beans
- Chips Only (Ve / GF)

Please ensure you include any dietary requirements on your group information form.



REFRESHMENTS

Children can fill up their drinking bottles at John's Cafe in the 1950's (adjacent to Middleton's) before the evening activities begin. There are other catering outlets which can also be used through the day.

Ask a member of our staff to signpost you to the nearest area.

Hot chocolate and biscuits are served in the Tea Rooms once the campfire has come to a close. Water, tea and coffee is also available. No 'alternative' food or drinks can be purchased as the tills will be closed.

Tea and coffee are available to adult supervisors during dinner and breakfast.

There are also facilities available throughout the evening in both indoor sleeping areas which our staff will show you before their departure.

CATERING

(CONTINUED)

BREAKFAST

Toast and jam, cereal (rice crispies & cornflakes) and refreshments will be served in the Tea Rooms from 08:00. Please ensure you arrive on time.

We ask that your sleeping area is cleared before heading to breakfast, as this allows our cleaning team to get into the space before the museum opens to the public at 10:00.

Please vacate the Tea Rooms by 09:30, to allow the catering staff to prepare for the museum opening. The cookson room can be used in poor weather.



PACKED LUNCHES

Packed lunches can be ordered from the Tea Rooms for midday collection. These include ham, cheese or jam sandwiches, a drink, biscuit, piece of fruit and crisps.

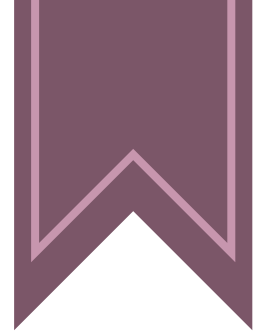
Please ensure you let us know how many packed lunches you require, and for which day, on your group information form.

Packed lunches are charged at:

£4.95 per child

£8.00 per adult

EVENING ACTIVITIES



WALK

There is the option to go for walk in the evening (weather dependant). There are various routes available and are up to an hour long. We advise speaking to our staff after dinner about the length of walk your group would like to do and where would be suitable to walk depending on the weather conditions.

There are plenty of things to do on the walk, and the leader of the walk may cover various topics such as wildlife, constellations, sounds of the night, Joe the Quilters, Eston Church and Flint Mill.

Please note that the walk does go offsite and through woodlands, so suitable footwear must be worn. We also ask that both children and adults carry torches along the route on darker evenings. Please refer to the risk assessment for the evening walk (within the risk assessment pack) to find out more about what to expect .



INDOOR ACTIVITIES

We have a range of craft activities, games and challenges which can be done indoors in poor weather. Speak to our learning team upon booking about the different indoor activities we can offer.

Please note, any electrical equipment brought on site will need to be PAT Tested. This includes phone chargers.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

CAMPFIRE

In the evening, Beamish staff will light a campfire on either the events field or in the town for your group. The fire must be attended by an adult at all times. A full risk assessment for campfire can be found within the risk assessment pack.

It is important that Beamish staff and supervisors work together to ensure the safety of the children, and that the children are also reminded of the safety rules around a fire.

Campfire Entertainment

It is the responsibility of the group supervisors to provide the entertainment around the campfire, including any campfire songs. If you would like to toast marshmallows on the fire, we ask that you supply the marshmallows and skewers for your group.



Managing the Fire

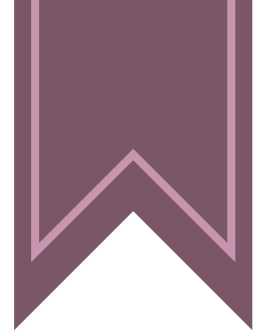
Beamish staff will ensure the fire has been put out or is safe to let burn out once the group have finished. If the leaders wish to have use of the fire later in the evening, a member of the group must remain with the fire for safety.

Alternative Activities for Camp Fire

If it is not possible to light the fire due to bad weather, other activities can take place. These activities can be ran by Beamish staff with advanced notice.

In the near future, there will be a range of evening activities to choose from. These will also vary depending on the season in which you are visiting.

OVERNIGHT FACILITIES



Beamish staff will ensure that supervisors know where everything is for their overnight stay before they leave site and that they have the contact details for onsite staff. It is the responsibility of supervisors to arrange the sleeping spaces, to accommodate the different age ranges and genders within the group, according to the rules of an overnight stay.

Masonic Hall

Supervisors will be shown the toilets, fire escapes, lights, refreshment facilities and location of keys. You will have also been given a key to access the hall in your welcome pack.

There is one main hall downstairs, one small room and a larger room upstairs which can be used for sleeping. Please do not let any children on the upstairs balcony.



Welfare Hall

Supervisors will be shown the toilets, fire escapes, lights, refreshment facilities and location of keys.

There is one main hall, a smaller committee room and the stage, which can be used for sleeping.



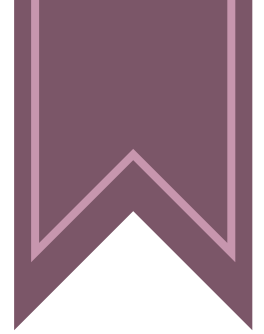
Bell Tents (April - September)

Supervisors will be shown the toilets, fire escapes, and standpipes. If it becomes unsafe to camp due to the weather, the Welfare hall can be used and is accessed using the key safe at the front of the building.

There are 12 bell tents which each sleep 6-8 people. Supervisors are welcome to bring additional tents to put up themselves if needed.

A small cleaning kit will also be left for you in case this is needed overnight.

DAY TWO



LUGGAGE

Please vacate your sleeping area by 09:00am if you haven't done so before breakfast as spaces will need to be cleaned and set up for the museum opening.

All group equipment will need to be packed into vehicles and driven back to the car park before 09:30.

Outdoor camping groups can store their luggage in one of the tents for the day if they are being collected by coach later in the day.

Separate storage areas can be organised for those sleeping indoors that need to keep their equipment on site during the day. Please speak to a member of our team about this on arrival.

BEFORE THE MUSEUM OPENS

It is the responsibility of group supervisors to occupy the children before the museum opens to the public at 10am. During this time, there is no access to the exhibits.

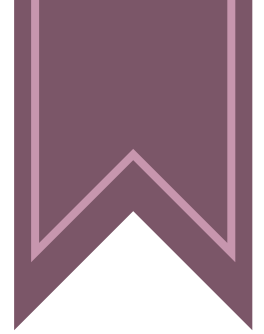
Groups are welcome to use the outdoor space, including the play area in the 1950's, but please be aware that there will be traffic moving around the museum.

The Cookson Room (which is the annex to the Tea Rooms) will be made available in poor weather conditions.

We ask that all children are supervised at all times.



SITE SECURITY



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of the supervisors in the first instance. Beamish staff are DBS checked with additional child safeguarding training and will take appropriate actions in close collaboration with the supervisors where they feel a child's safety is at risk. Please refer to the museum's Child Safeguarding Policy for more information. We also advise that no one should be alone in the museum after hours.

Site Access

Supervisors can bring their vehicles onto site through the internal electronic gate to the right of the entrance building 15 minutes after the museum has closed to the public.

The main gate to the museum is closed one hour after the museum is closed. After this time, the West Gate (staff car park) should be used. This can be accessed from the events field. Parents can be directed to the West Gate using 'What 3 Words': [///amplifier.widest.section](http://amplifier.widest.section)

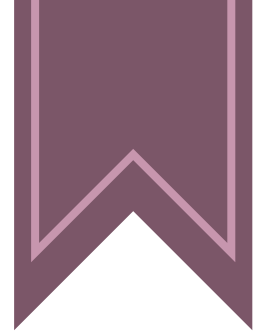
PLEASE NOTE: There is a 12 mph speed limit on site which is statutory at all times. Also, be mindful that the tram tracks run alongside the access road around the museum. Please avoid driving on the tracks where possible.

Emergency Access

Emergency services can access the site through the West Gate. A written explanation on how to get from the main gate to the West Gate will be given to all lead supervisors on arrival. Supervisors should meet the emergency services at the staff carpark / Westgate with the code. Beamish staff must also be informed if any emergency services are called.

On arrival, groups will be given the code and a fob for the electronic gates and a list of phone numbers in case of emergency at night-time.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE



Confirm your booking

If you haven't done so already, please complete the booking form on our website: <https://www.beamish.org.uk/learning-activity/camping/> and a member of our learning team will be in touch to confirm your booking once we have received this.

We also require a £100 deposit to secure your booking.

This deposit will be deducted from your final invoice unless there is damage to the property, missing or broken items, or if sleeping areas are left in an unacceptable condition. In such cases, the deposit will be retained to cover cleaning, repair, or replacement costs. This deposit will also be lost if you cancel within 12 weeks of your visit.

One month prior to your visit

You will receive an email from our Outdoor Activities Coordinator to confirm final numbers, catering requirements and any additional requirements. You will also receive an email from our bookings team confirming your booking.

These emails will also contain any risk assessments, our employer liability insurance and public liability insurance, a map of the site and key information ahead of your visit.

Two weeks prior to your visit

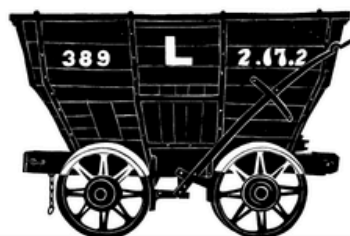
You will receive a phone call from our Outdoor Activities Coordinator to confirm if there are any final changes to be made to your booking.

This email will also contain your group information summary sheet, outlining all of the details about your stay.

Please note that there are two complimentary tickets available for any supervisors who have booked a sleepover, that need to make themselves familiar with the museum before the visit.



**WE HOPE TO
SEE YOU SOON!**



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