

Forge Mill Needle Museum  
& Bordesley Abbey Visitor Centre

## Information for Schools

### Early Learners

**£30.00**

We offer morning and afternoon sessions with activities. These can relate to the temporary exhibitions in Forge Mill or to other aspects of the museum and its collections. Bordesley Abbey Visitor Centre has a range of permanent activities for young children.

Prices include the cost of the activity, materials and refreshments for the children.

### Schools

#### Bordesley Abbey

Archaeology Activity Centre

**£53.00**

Full information and photocopiable worksheets are available in the **Bordesley Abbey School Visits Pack** (see Resources List).

A visit to Bordesley Abbey offers a unique opportunity for pupils to work on archaeological evidence in context. Through the activities the pupils are encouraged to engage in the kind of evidence-based deductive reasoning, which is what good history is all about. They are practising key skills of communication, working with others and problem solving.

#### *Curriculum Links:*

- History: Historical enquiry, historical interpretation, chronological understanding
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- English
- Art
- Technology

#### Forge Mill

Schools can also enhance their study of Victorian Britain by bringing their pupils to Forge Mill to investigate the needle trade. In our historic building, some parts of which date back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, children can learn about the process of needle making and can experience how it felt to work in the mill. We aim to provide the children with the opportunity to see, feel and smell the working conditions of the industry, whilst gaining an insight into local history.

Extensive resources and photocopiable worksheets are available in **Victorian Working Life – from workhouse to needle mill** (see Resources List)

#### Victorian Needle Scourer Role play

**£53.00**

Pupils enhance their study of Victorian Britain by investigating the Redditch Needle trade at Forge Mill. Children 'become' needle scourer apprentices in the mill, where a water wheel powers original machinery.

#### Complementary activities:

- Needle-making processes and machinery
- Needle Logo Trail
- Needle Packet Design

- Time Detectives

☺ Contact the Education Officer for further details!

Appropriate for Key Stage 2 & 3

*Curriculum Links:*

- History: Historical enquiry, historical interpretation, chronological understanding, knowledge & understanding of events, people & changes, local history
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- English
- Art
- Technology

### **Tour 1 (history of needle making)**

**£32.00**

A guided tour of Forge Mill which focuses on the development of the local needle making industry, the different jobs at the mill and the working conditions.

Complementary activities:

- Needle-making processes and machinery
- Needle Logo Trail
- Needle Packet Design
- Time Detectives

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Appropriate for Key Stage 2 & 3

*Curriculum Links:*

- History: Historical enquiry, historical interpretation, chronological understanding, knowledge & understanding of events, people & changes, local history
- Science
- English
- Technology

### **Tour 2 (processes & machinery)**

**£32.00**

A guided tour of Forge Mill focusing on the process of needle making and the working of the machinery powered by a water wheel (and still in full working order).

Complementary activities:

- Needle-making processes and machinery
- Needle Logo Trail
- Needle Packet Design
- Time Detectives

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Appropriate for Key Stage 2 & 3

*Curriculum Links:*

- History: Historical enquiry, historical interpretation, chronological understanding, knowledge & understanding of events, people & changes, local history
- Science
- English
- Technology

## **Local History**

**£32.00**

Use the collections at either Forge Mill or Bordesley Abbey to explore local history, the people and the stories that made Redditch the way it is today.

### *Curriculum Links:*

- History: Historical enquiry, historical interpretation, chronological understanding, knowledge & understanding of events, people & changes, local history
- English
- Art

## **GCSE +**

Marketing: Leisure & Tourism NVQ

**£27.00**

## **Temporary Exhibitions**

**£32.00**

Each year we have a number of temporary exhibitions. These relate to local history, archaeology, contemporary textiles ... to name but a few topics! We offer an introduction to the exhibition accompanied by a related activity. Contact the Education Officer to find out what activities are currently available.

### **Teacher-led tour of the museum**

Teachers may book a school visit and conduct all their own sessions for a fee of £20.00

**Special Needs Groups – FREE!!**

# Resources

## School Packs

- Bordesley Abbey: School Visits Pack
- Victorian Working Life: From workhouse to needle mill

Suitability

KS 3/4

KS 3/4

## Videos

- A Day at Forge Mill
- Master Builders – English Heritage  
(Construction of Beverley Minster)
- Archaeologists at work
- Silent Years

all

KS ¾, 6<sup>th</sup> form

KS 2/3

Early years upwards

(Cartoon style version of a day in the life of a monk)

- Bits & Bodies – English Heritage  
(Playing archaeology games)
- Archaeology Detectives  
(Investigating clues)

KS 2/3

KS 2/3

## Objects for Loan

- Discovery Box

All

# How to book your school visit

To book a visit for your class simply fill in the attached booking form and email it to the Education Officer at the museum who will then be in touch to discuss details.

For all enquiries please telephone the Education Officer at the Museum on **01527 62509**.

## **Group Size**

Maximum group size is 32 (schools with larger classes can be catered for by special arrangement). Schools wishing to bring more than one class at a time must discuss arrangements with museum staff.

Pupil to Adult Ratio: 10:1 Schools must ensure a ratio of one adult to ten pupils for our activities.

## **Behaviour & Discipline**

Adults accompanying the group are responsible for their behaviour & discipline. Museum staff are responsible for running the activity.

## **Medication**

Group leaders are responsible for the medication of individuals in their group. Special needs can be discussed with museum staff prior to the visit.

## **Charges & Payment**

Charges for the museum activities vary (see Museum Activities for details). You will be invoiced after the activities have taken place.

## **Cancellation**

Groups cancelling sessions with less than a week's notice will be invoiced for a minimum £10.00. Any group that fails to turn up on the day will be invoiced the full amount.

## **Shop**

A wide variety of gifts are available in the shop. Goodie bags for children can be made available by prior arrangement.

## **Lunches**

Packed lunches can be eaten at picnic tables in the grounds or in the Visitor Centre.

# BOOKING SCHOOL VISITS

## Session charges for schools

1. Archaeology Activity Centre	£53.00
2. Victorian Needle Scourer Role Play	£53.00
3. Forge Mill Tour (history of needle making)	£32.00
4. Forge Mill Tour (processes and machinery)	£32.00
5. Local history of Redditch	£32.00
6. Temporary Exhibition	£32.00
7. Marketing: Leisure & Tourism NVQ	£27.00
8. Early Learners Session	£30.00

Teachers may book a school visit and conduct all their own sessions for a fee of £20.00

### Special Needs groups have free admission.

You will be invoiced after the visit.

Please tick your chosen options from the list above and complete the rest of this form with your details. Return the form to: **the Education Officer, Forge Mill Needle Museum, Needle Mill Lane, Riverside, Redditch, Worcs. B98 8HY (Tel. 01527 62509)**

Name of school/ college group: .....	
Address:..... .....	
Organiser: .....	Tel No. ....
Date of visit: .....	
Arrival time: .....	Depart time: .....
Number of pupils: .....	Age range: .....
Number of staff/ supervisors: .....	
Preferred date & time for staff/ helper pre-visit (FREE!): .....	
For our information, which area of the curriculum does this support? .....	
Have you visited before? Yes/ No	

**Please photocopy as many times as you need**