

# Buxton Museum and Art Gallery

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## Group and Educational Visits



**A museum collection 360 million years in the making**

The museum and art gallery features:

- The Wonders of the Peak gallery, where your group can discover Peak District lives and landscapes and how they have changed over time.
- The recreated Victorian study of archaeologist and geologist William Boyd Dawkins.
- A changing programme of exhibitions by visiting artists and organisations or from the Derbyshire County Council collections.

Groups can tour the museum and art gallery on pre-booked, self-guided visits free of charge. Booking in advance helps prevent clashes with other groups or events on your preferred day.

## **Planning your group visit**



### **How do we book?**

Telephone 01629 533540 or email [buxton.museum@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:buxton.museum@derbyshire.gov.uk)

### **What times are visits available?**

We are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10.00am to 5.00pm. From Easter to the end of September, we also open on Sundays and Bank Holidays from 12.00noon to 4.00pm.

### **How long will a visit take?**

Depending on how long you spend looking at the displays, we suggest a visit will last between 1 and 2 hours.

### **What resources are available?**

Group leaders can pre-book a handling box of museum objects to be used during the visit.

### **How many people can attend a visit?**

Our spaces are small so we recommend that each visit should be for no more than 35 people. We suggest that larger groups split into smaller groups and spend part of their day at other attractions in the town. The Green Man Gallery, Pavilion Gardens, Poole's Cavern and Buxton Opera House are all nearby and welcome visitors. The Tourist Information Centre has a Buxton Town Trail leaflet which takes in the main attractions. For further details, telephone 01298 25106.

### **How many responsible adults should we bring with us?**

The group leader and identified accompanying adults are responsible for the rest of the group during your visit so please ensure you have enough responsible adults to be able to do this.

### **What if we have to cancel?**

If you need to cancel or reschedule your booking, please let us know as soon as possible.

### **Can you help with our risk assessment?**

We will provide a copy of our standard group visit risk assessment. You can use this to inform your own risk assessment and we recommend you visit yourself before you bring your group. Staff trained in basic emergency first aid will be on duty and a first aid kit is kept at Reception. There is a minor injuries unit at Buxton Hospital. The nearest accident and emergency unit is at Stepping Hill Hospital in Stockport.

### **Where can the coach drop us off?**

Coaches can drop off and pick up groups immediately outside the building on Terrace Road (A515). The nearest coach park is in Spring Gardens. Cars or minibuses can park in the pay and display car parks opposite (The Slopes) and on the Market Place.

### **What if we come by public transport?**

We are a 10 minute walk from Buxton Railway Station. Buses stop on the market place.

### **What is access like?**

The building has a ramped entrance with automatic doors, a lift to the first floor and accessible toilets and baby change facilities.

### **Do you have a cloakroom?**

Coats and bags can be left on the rack in the reception area.

### **Where are the toilets?**

Toilets (including an accessible toilet and baby changing) are located on the first floor.

### **Is there a shop?**

Our shop stocks a range of products inspired by our collections including books, fossils, minerals, postcards and souvenirs. Many exhibiting artists also have work for sale.

### **What about lunch?**

We don't have refreshment facilities. The Slopes or Pavilion Gardens are pleasant places to picnic in good weather. Group leaders can enquire about booking St Anne's Church Hall (next to the museum and art gallery) to use as a lunch space on 01298 23777.

### **Can we take photographs?**

You are welcome to take photographs during your visit. Please share them on social media.

### **What happens if there is a fire?**

The fire alarm will sound and automatically summon the fire brigade.

Please leave the building by the nearest exit, taking your group with you.

Our staff will assist less able visitors to evacuate the first floor.

The muster point is outside St Anne's Church on Terrace Road.

We cannot re-enter the building until the fire officer has given permission.

