

# [ INVESTIGATE ]

## Creative & Cultural Learning Experiences



Our heritage sites

**The Collection**  
Art and Archaeology in Lincolnshire



Gainsborough  
Old Hall

**LINCOLN CASTLE**

**MUSEUM**  
Lincolnshire Life

**Battle of Britain**  
MEMORIAL FLIGHT  
VISITOR CENTRE

**Lincolnshire**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

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Welcome to

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## Creative & Cultural Learning Experiences

Immerse yourself in the past with our thrilling range of learning experiences designed to inspire and excite. You can journey through the expanse of history and culture presented at our five amazing heritage sites. We offer you a unique atmosphere and sense of place in which to learn and enjoy.

At each site we have vibrant and flexible learning spaces that enable us to provide a wide variety of activities. Our dedicated learning team have a wealth of experience in history and heritage learning. Their enthusiasm shines through! We have had such positive feedback about the flexibility of our programmes, our interesting resources, the calm and friendly team and the immersive hands-on approach.

### Enhancing your Curriculum

Whether you are walking the walls of Lincoln Castle, imagining the medieval cookery in the kitchen at Gainsborough Old Hall, handling fossils at The Collection, testing out your science understanding at the Museum of Lincolnshire Life or standing under the Lancaster Bomber at the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, there is a learning offer to link to your curriculum.

From Early Years and Key Stage One to sixth form and university group visits, our programmes have been planned to suit specific age ranges and learning abilities. We also support the National Curriculum and other formal qualifications, for example GCSE History, by offering sessions on site interpretation and related examination board topics e.g. Crime and Punishment. Explore our website for more information.

Each of the learning offers has a unique code e.g. CM01 (Collection Museum: Dinosaurs & Fossils).

To help you plan your visit, each workshop is rainbow colour coded to show the main age range it is aimed at. These age ranges are intended to be a useful guide, although sessions can be adjusted to allow flexibility for groups with specific requirements relating to learning needs or topic content.



The workshops can also be for a full or part day depending on the site offer:



Times will be reviewed with you and a bespoke timetable will then be created for your visit.

There are three learning offers for you to choose from. These provide flexible opportunities to explore the history and culture of the sites and to handle and interpret real and replica objects.

## Workshop Experiences

# 1

Led by the learning team staff, each workshop has several sessions and age ranges to choose from. Review which best suits your curriculum needs.

This brochure gives a brief outline of each workshop. For the full list of session choices see the website or ask the learning team.



## Guided Learning Experiences

# 2

Led by the learning team staff, these guided experiences are focused on particular topics related to the site and usually include a tour of the site. They are one hour long but times can vary.

For example, at The Collection this could involve a visit to the Roman Posterngate; at Lincoln Castle it may include a bailey tour with a specific topic focus and at Gainsborough Old Hall it could outline features of the history of the building.

The site codes for the Guided Learning Experiences are:

CM10, LC16, GH02, ML06



## Self-Led Experiences

# 3

You may wish to lead your own visit to a site. Self-led visits are booked via the learning team as there are a variety of options to choose from. Information about lunch room booking and other site facilities are also provided.

The site codes for the Self-Led Experiences are:

CM11, LC17, GH03, ML07




## Providing a Quality Experience

The learning team provide a high standard of delivery, as well as reviewing and evaluating our learning experiences and provision regularly. Our learning programmes have been externally verified for quality provision, for example gaining the Sandford Award at four of our sites. The Collection Museum holds the Learning Outside the Classroom Award, whilst also having recently become an Artsmark Partner within the Arts Council's Artsmark Partnership programme.



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The **Collection**  
Art and Archaeology in Lincolnshire



The Collection Museum and Usher Gallery offer an amazing range of topics linked to regional, national and international history, archaeology, art and culture. The workshops explore history and archaeology from the Dinosaurs to the Vikings and we are enhancing our Creative Arts offer. We focus upon supporting an understanding of significant historical events, people and places in Lincolnshire and beyond. The emphasis is upon having an authentic and meaningful experience that engages and develops those investigative skills!

## Dinosaurs & Fossils

CM01 P

Learn about dinosaurs and explore how to be a palaeontologist. Handle real fossils and view our amazing 180 million year old fossilised skeleton of a plesiosaur, found where a local Lincoln school now stands!



## Prehistory: Stone Age Adventure

CM02 P

Using artefacts and stories based upon our prehistory collection, we have created a new workshop for Early Years Foundation Stage. You will meet Rocky the Stone Age Dog and friends. The hands-on activities explore life in Stone Age Lincolnshire, as well as encouraging **decision making and engagement**.



## Prehistoric Britain

CM03 P F

Take a journey through the prehistoric period and see how life changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Explore the way of life, animals and landscapes and handle real and replica objects. Our collection includes the remains of the strange creatures that roamed Ice Age Lincolnshire and some of the prehistoric treasures that have come from the watery depths of the River Witham.

## Romans

CM04 P F

The Romans were the first people to create a city where Lincoln now stands. Our Roman artefact collections are extensive and give an insight into what life must have been like in Lindum Colonia. Join the Roman army, as well as learning about archaeology in our mini dig. We even have our very own Roman mosaic found on the site of the museum!



## Anglo-Saxons

CM05 P F

Why were the early Anglo-Saxons buried alongside a range of artefacts? Investigate what this tells us about life during the early Middle Ages. Dress up in replica costumes and consider how the Anglo-Saxons made their clothes. View the facial reconstruction of a female Anglo-Saxon skull found in Lincoln.



## Vikings



Learn how to trade (and haggle) like a Viking merchant. Lincoln was an important trading centre during Viking times and many of the objects you will see were found by archaeologists just outside the museum. What did the Vikings get up to in Lincoln and how did they live?



## Ancient Egyptians



Precious Egyptian artefacts were donated to our museum in the early 20th Century. We investigate life in Ancient Egypt and compare Egyptian artefacts with those from Bronze Age Britain. Learn how to mummify an Ancient Egyptian in our interactive mummification workshop. Find out what happened to the gods in our Osiris role play.

## Ancient Greeks



Our object collection encourages you to discover the life and culture of the Ancient Greeks. Take on the character of a Hoplite soldier in the Greco-Persian wars role play. Learn how the Ancient Greeks have influenced daily life today through language, democracy, architecture, sport and theatre.



## Creative Arts



Using the excellent resources offered by The Collection Museum and Usher Gallery, we are further developing our workshops linked to the Creative Arts. Recent sessions have focused upon clay work and exploring the art gallery with topics such as still life, portraiture and the use of colour.



Artsmark  
Partner

*Supporting cultural education, endorsed by Arts Council England*

As an Artsmark Partner we are committed to supporting cultural learning. At The Collection we are proud to be working in partnership with institutions on their Artsmark journey. We support them to place the arts at the heart of learning and to inspire young people to create, experience and participate in high quality arts and culture. Contact the Investigate Learning team to discuss Artsmark Partnership further and find out more at [www.artsmark.org.uk](http://www.artsmark.org.uk).



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# [ INVESTIGATE ] LINCOLN CASTLE



Explore the past with our exciting range of learning experiences at Lincoln Castle. Built in 1068, on top of the Roman town, we explore the history, society and culture of those who ventured within its walls! Examine 2,000 years of history through a range of immersive activities.

Answer questions like:

- What was life like in Lindum Colonia?
- How did the Magna Carta come about?
- Where were prisoners kept during Victorian times?

Uncover the archaeological secrets found here at the castle or find out about Crime and Punishment and try out the dark cell in the Victorian prison.

## Lincoln During Roman Times

Both Lincoln Castle and The Collection offer workshops based around Lincoln's Roman history.

### Roman Fortress

LC01 P

Find out about military life 2,000 years ago. Imagine the Roman city from the Castle walls. Learn some Latin whilst testing out Roman armour, weaponry and battle formations.

### Living in Roman Lincoln

LC02 P

This session tells the story of Lindum Colonia. Choose to explore the history of Roman Lincoln in a variety of ways, for example via the Roman themed castle wall tour, replica armour handling and a mini dig.

### Romans Wow Day

LC03 F

You can combine the part day options to make up the Romans Wow Day.



## Lincoln Castle During Medieval Times

### Magic Castles

LC04 P

Learn about castles with a touch of magic and meet Dennis the Dragon puppet and friends. Take part in a Dennis the Dragon castle tour and storytelling, make 'magic potions' plus dressing up and dance.



### Castle Life

LC05 F

Young children can find out what it was like living in a real castle a long time ago. Have a castle tour and take part in medieval knight training and a banquet with real food.

### Storytime Castle

LC06 F

You can combine the sessions from the Magic Castles and Castle Life part day offers to create a full day of immersive and fun sessions.

## Castle Science Explorers



Take a closer look at how the castle was built with our science focused sessions including our materials and forces tour.

Currently in development is our siege engine activity session linked to the 1217 Battle of Lincoln.

## Norman Castle



This popular option is adapted for Key Stages 1, 2 and 3. Sessions include knight training, medieval walls tour, replica armour handling and a medieval banquet with real food. We explore life in Lincoln Castle and meet some interesting characters e.g. Nicola de la Haye and Sir William Marshal.

## Castle Wow Day



You can combine all of your favourite sessions to create a full day Castle Wow Day option. A great day for all!



## Magna Carta



Lincoln Castle has one of the four original copies of Magna Carta from 1215 in the vault and workshops set the context and explore the decisions that King John faced at the time. You may also wish to focus on the effects of Magna Carta and the Second Battle of Lincoln of 1217.

## Magna Carta Wow Day



For a full day of Magna Carta focused activities you can choose this Wow Day. Visit the Magna Carta vault and cinematic films, put King John on trial in our role play, try your hand at wax seal writing and take a themed castle wall tour.



## Lincoln Castle During Victorian Times (and Crime and Punishment Through Time)

The Victorian Prison, within the grounds of Lincoln Castle, gives the perfect backdrop to any study of Victorians and Crime and Punishment. The Male and Female wings of the prison, the exercise yard and the unique chapel were built for this new 'Separate System'. Explore how this system worked and the ways that Crime and Punishment has changed over time.



## Crime and Punishment: Victorian Prison Escape

LC12 P

How did Joseph Ralph escape? Investigate his incredible adventures by playing the interactive prison game to solve the mystery. Explore what life was like and learn about some of the interesting characters linked to the Victorian prison.

## Crime and Punishment: Through Time

LC13 P

Learn more about the history of Crime and Punishment at Lincoln Castle. Do the Crime and Punishment quiz and dress up as a prisoner as you work.

For Key Stage 4 pupils an overview of Crime and Punishment in Victorian times along with a Wall Tour is a great support to their GCSE studies.

## Crime and Punishment: Wow Day

LC14 F

You can combine the part day options to make up this Crime and Punishment Wow Day. This will give you chance to tour the prison and airing yard, discover the unique chapel and do the jobs that Victorian prisoners would have done (in costume!). Take a Crime and Punishment focused tour of the castle walls and see where the 19th century hangings actually took place.

## Interpretation and the Site

LC15 P

Due to popular demand we offer a local site study for age range 14 to 18+. The learning team have a range of history, archaeology, humanities and social studies specialisms and wide experience in delivering courses from GCSE and A Level to University level.

This part day offer can be tailored to specific course needs and explores and interprets the development and features of Lincoln Castle. Recent examples have included interpreting the visitor experiences at a heritage site and exploring the changes in law and order.



At Gainsborough Old Hall we are exploring new learning offers. Look out for two new options on the horizon:

- Richard III and the late medieval Hall, which will focus on the visit by the last Yorkist king during the Wars of the Roses. A study of the portraits in the gallery will also investigate the characters related to the Hall.

- Mayflower 400. Watch out for the 2020 project learning offers which will highlight the links between the Mayflower Pilgrims and Gainsborough. The 400th anniversary of the Mayflower gives the context for our new activities linking to exhibitions, characters and events.

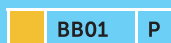


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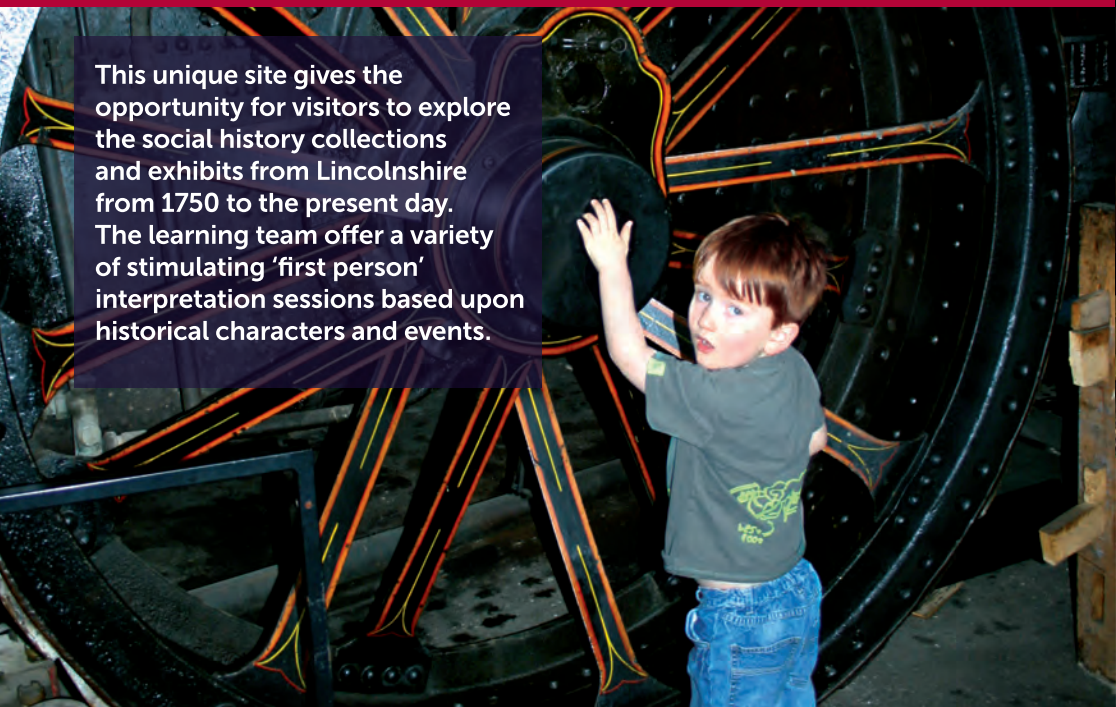
## Battle of Britain MEMORIAL FLIGHT VISITOR CENTRE

A visit to The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight is one to remember! It is an opportunity to see the historic aircraft up close and find out about some of the men and women who have been involved in its history. RAF BBMF operates six Spitfires, two Hurricanes, a Douglas Dakota and the world famous Avro Lancaster 'City of Lincoln'. Our skilled guides provide a tour to remember and you can complement this with contextual activities relating to the home front during World War II. Aviation history is part of the fabric of Lincolnshire and this is a unique experience to enjoy.

### Aircraft Hangar Experience



The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight workshop involves a tour of the hangar to explore the historical aircraft in this fantastic working RAF museum. Topics such as 'Heroes' and 'My Brother Flies Lancasters' set the context for investigating what happened and who was involved in flying during World War II. An optional workshop to complement the tour provides the home front context for the Battle. The gallery exhibition showcases the collection and details of this unique site.



This unique site gives the opportunity for visitors to explore the social history collections and exhibits from Lincolnshire from 1750 to the present day. The learning team offer a variety of stimulating 'first person' interpretation sessions based upon historical characters and events.

## Victorians



These sessions offer a fantastic opportunity to experience living history by meeting characters in our schoolroom and domestic wing. There are opportunities to take part in costumed interpretation activities and find answers to questions about life and society in Victorian times.





## World War I



As a former military establishment, at the Museum of Lincolnshire Life it is easy to glimpse the impact of war for both the military and civilian populations of Lincoln. We ponder questions such as: How would young people have been affected by the war? How would recruits prepare for war? What role did Lincoln's industry play? What changes in technology (in particular transport) were caused by the war?

## World War II



How did World War II impact upon the people and industries of Lincolnshire? During the war Lincoln hosted evacuees from major cities e.g. Leeds. The sessions explore various aspects of the war upon civilians, for example rationing, evacuation and preparing for the Blitz.

## Transport and Engineering



Explore Lincolnshire's Transport and Engineering history with these interactive sessions. Visit the extensive collection of machinery and consider how transport has changed in the last two hundred years. Test your experimental skills by considering such ideas as how steam engines work and what makes a tank move the way it does.

## WWI and WWII Themes for a Guided Experience



To support learning about the wars for older learners we are able to provide a more in depth review of aspects of wartime history. This focus is particularly useful for project studies in Key Stages 3 and 4. The experienced team have devised interpretation and local study sessions to add local colour to wartime studies, using primary sources and the photographic, media and object collections.

# Booking your visit could not be easier

## Step 1

Contact us with your initial enquiry.

This can be done by completing an Investigate Enquiry Form.

Copies are available at each site, via email or telephone request and on the website.

## Step 2

You will receive an Investigate Booking Form.

Please return the signed Investigate Booking Form within the timescale to avoid disappointment as we book up fast!

## Step 3

You will receive confirmation of your booking.

A Visit Information Pack, including site details and your timetable, will be sent prior to the visit.

We also provide a complementary pre-visit planning meeting to support you when you are making your visit arrangements and writing your risk assessments.

## Charges

Please view the website for the most up to date charge list for our learning experiences as these vary across the sites. This information is also provided in the Investigate Booking Form.

## Example Timetable for a Full Day Workshop Experience [F]

Time	Activity		
10.00 - 10.30	Arrival and introduction	For The Collection and Lincoln Castle each workshop has several options to choose from. Please review these on the website and select which suit you.	
10.30 - 11.30	Workshop choice 1		
11.30 - 12.30	Workshop choice 2		
12.30 - 13.00	Lunch The dedicated lunchrooms are available or you may prefer to picnic in the grounds e.g. the Castle Bailey or Usher Gallery gardens.		For Gainsborough Old Hall, Museum of Lincolnshire Life and Battle of Britain Memorial Flight the details of the part day offers are also on the website.
13.00 - 14.00	Workshop choice 3		
14.00 - 14.30	Depart		

## Accessibility

Wheelchair access: the dedicated learning spaces are accessible for wheelchair users. As the sites vary please discuss with us any particular physical and intellectual access needs, for example the ground floor of Gainsborough Old Hall is accessible as is the East Wall of the Wall Walk at Lincoln Castle.

## Shop

The shops at each site are well stocked with pocket money priced and site related items. We support you in organising the best times and group sizes to shop during your visit.

## Loans Boxes

Loans boxes are becoming an increasingly popular tool to support school topics and we are developing some additions to our offer. We currently have a range of topics in our loans boxes linked to a variety of curriculum areas e.g. Vikings, Fossils, Egyptians. A full list and further information can be viewed on the website with details of how to order.

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