

Kirkleatham Museum

Visual Story



**Tees Valley
Museums**





Hello!

**I'm Brian the Camel and I invite you to visit
Kirkleatham Museum**



I'm going to show you around the museum, grounds and gardens.
This guide will take you on a suggested route around the museum galleries.
There are also other routes depending on which stairs you go up or down.
It will also tell you about things you might see, hear, touch or smell.

Sensory Icon Key

Some of the areas will have one or more icons below to let you know what it is like in that area of the museum.



Bright



Dark



Busy



Quiet



Noisy



Touch



**Distressing
content**



Smelly

**Opening Times:**

Tuesday—Sunday , 10 am—4.30 pm

Last entry 4 pm

Open Bank Holidays except Christmas & New Year

**Entry**

Adult £3

Child (4-16 years old) £2.50

Child under 4 years old Free

Family (2 adults and 2 children

or 1 adult and 3 children) £6

Tickets are valid for unlimited returns for 12 months from the date of your visit

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This is Kirkleatham Museum



When you arrive you will see a car park and a children's play area with picnic benches.





Play Park and Woodland



Next to the car park is our playpark and the entrance to the woodland walk.

The play park has accessible rides and musical instruments for you to play.





To the Museum



It will take you about two minutes to walk from the car park to the museum and you will need to cross two roads.

Outside the museum there is a large water fountain, this can be noisy.





Museum Entrance



You enter the museum through the front door.

You can push the button to open the automatic door inside, on the right. It will open towards you.





Reception & Gift Shop



When you enter the museum you will see a large desk.

There will usually be a member of staff dressed in blue behind the desk who will greet you.



The staff are there if you need any help or have any questions

This is where you will buy your admission passes.

This is where you may borrow a fidget pack and ear defenders from.

To your left you will see the museum shop.





Ground Floor



When you leave reception you will have a choice.

Turn left to visit the Shop Gallery and the Imagination Playground playspace.

This is the wheelchair and buggy accessible route for these galleries.

Please ask our staff to help you through the exit barrier.

Turn right to visit the rest of the museum. Go through the door next to reception desk to the World War II gallery and the toilets, lift and stairs to the next floor.



There is an accessible toilet as well as individual male/female toilets.



Accessible Toilets at the Museum



There are toilets in 3 areas of the museum site.

Museum Ground Floor

Go through the door next to reception desk towards the World War II gallery. The toilets, lift and stairs to the next floor are on the right.



Pavilion Education Suite

Opposite the Museum is the **Pavilion Building**.

The **Education Suite** is also in this building.

Go through the automatic doors and turn right through 2 more sets of doors to the toilets.





Accessible Toilets at the Museum



Public Toilets and Changing Places Toilet

At the back of the Pavilion building, near the café there are public toilets, an Accessible toilet and a Changing Places toilet. The toilets and the café are accessible via ramps at the side of the toilet block building.



Changing Places Toilet



Accessible Public Toilet





Lest We Forget Gallery



The World War 2 exhibition has lots of information about life during the second world war and how it affected people in the area.



There is a suitcase of War-time objects you are welcome to touch, explore and try on.





To the first floor galleries



When leaving the 'Lest We Forget' gallery you have a choice of how to get to the next floor.

Go **straight ahead** to take the lift.

Turn to your right to take the stairs up.





The Kirkleatham Story: Beyond the Estate Gallery



The lift will bring you to this gallery. From the stairs, turn right on the landing for this exhibition.



This gallery explores and uncovers the stories and people connected to the history of the Kirkleatham Estate.

There are objects and stories in this gallery that may be distressing. In the gallery there are screens with audio and video stories.

At the back of this gallery is a smaller room with our Civil War armoury collection.





Steel Stories Gallery



From the lift—go straight forward through 2 doorways to reach this exhibition.
From the stairs, turn left into the Locker Room exhibition.

This room is made to look like a locker room where the Steel Workers would have kept their belongings while they were at work.



You might smell smoke, but don't worry, this is just pretend to give you an idea of what the steelworks would have smelt like.



You will hear voices chatting and a man whistling in this room.



You can press the buttons on the model to light up areas of the steel works.

You can touch some of the items in the lockers.



Steel Stories Gallery



Go through the door on the left on to the walkway for the next part of the exhibition.
The next room is the corridor above the entrance and shop.



Along the wall are objects from the steel industry.

You can see a film about bridges that were built using steel made in Redcar.

There are models showing what different areas of the steel works looked like.



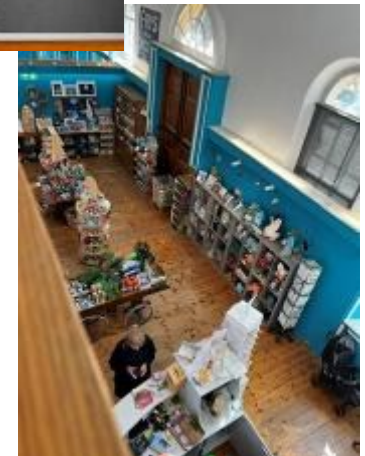
You can turn the cogs to find out more facts about Steel



This area is very bright.



You will be able to hear noises from the shop below .





Steel Stories Gallery



Go through the door at the end of the walkway into the last part of the exhibition.



This part of the exhibition explores the stories of the people who worked in the steel industry.

In the small room on the right you can listen to the workers telling their stories





To the second floor galleries



When leaving Steel Stories gallery you have a choice of how to get to the next floor.
Go **back through all 4 rooms** to return to 'Kirkleatham Story' to take the lift or
go out the door and turn to your left to take the stairs up.





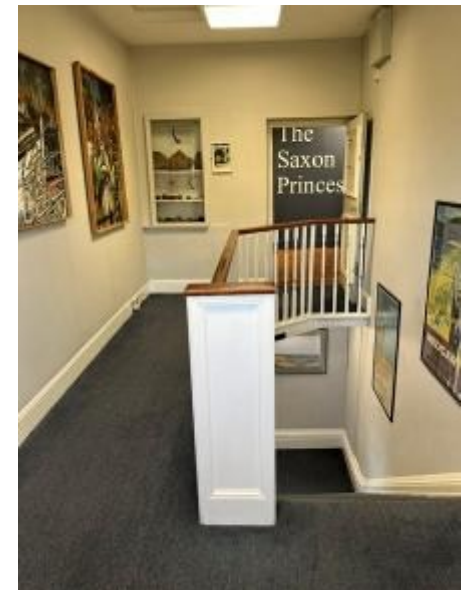
Temporary Exhibition Galleries



From the lift on the second floor you have a choice.

Turn left or go straight ahead for our temporary exhibition galleries.

These rooms might look different each time you visit.



Turn left at the top of the stairs to go into the Saxon Princess exhibition.



The Extraordinary Gertrude Bell Gallery



Turn left at the top of the stairs for the Gertrude Bell exhibition.

Can you find me—Brian the Camel? I like a scratch under the chin, but please don't climb on me!



Gertrude Bell lived at Red Barns in Redcar from the age of 2, this exhibition tells the story of her fascinating life.

In the second room there is a television playing clips about Gertrude's life and adventures





Temporary Exhibition Gallery



Turn right at the top of the stairs for the temporary exhibition gallery.



This room might look different each time you visit



Turn right and right again at the top of the stairs for the Saxon Princess gallery





Saxon Princess Exhibition



Interactive Gallery

In this gallery you will be able to play Saxon board games, make a jewel, explore a Saxon house and try out the costumes or have a sit down and read a book.





Saxon Princess Exhibition



Saxon Homes Gallery

There are models and pretend animals to show you what people's homes were like in the Anglo Saxon times.

But don't worry, the people and animals are not real.





Saxon Princess Exhibition



Saxon Princess Treasure

In this gallery you can see the REAL Saxon Princess jewel, and find out how the archaeologists discovered it, and what else they found at the dig site.



There is a film about the Saxon Princess.

You can sit down and watch, it is only 6 Minutes long.





Exiting the Museum



To return to the ground floor you have a choice:

By lift—return through the Saxon gallery to the Temporary exhibition gallery, on the right. Once on the ground floor, turn left and exit past the museum shop.

By stairs—there are stairs either side of the building that will take you to the ground floor.



From the Gertrude Bell exhibition, the stairs will bring you down to the Imagination Playground and Shop gallery. Exit the museum through the shop.



From the temporary exhibition galleries and lift, the stairs will bring you down to the toilets. Exit the museum past Reception and through the shop.



Kirkleatham Pavilion



Opposite the Museum is the **Pavilion Building**.

There may be another exhibition or an event in the **Pavilion Hall**.

You will need a Museum Pass to visit the exhibitions.



The **Education Suite** is also in this building.

This is where visiting schools and groups will come for workshops and activities.

It is also where **Family Crafts @ Kirkleatham** are hosted during school holidays.



The **Phone Box Book Exchange** is in front of the Pavilion.

You are welcome to take a book home to read.
Please leave your unwanted books for other visitors.



Additional Information



Café @ Kirkleatham

To the **left side of the Pavilion** is the access to the Café.

There is wheelchair access by ramp at the back of the building.



Museum Gardens & Toilets

At the **back of the Pavilion, near the café**, are the toilets.

There is a Changing Places toilet accessible by ramp.



At the back of the Café are the **Museum Gardens**.

There are places to sit and enjoy the wildlife.



Additional Information

Our animal visitors



When you visit the museum you might see Peacocks and Guinea Fowl walking around the grounds.

We also have squirrels and rabbits. Our neighbours' cats visit us sometimes too.

The Owl Centre is nearby so you can sometimes hear the birds.

The animals who visit us are wild and might be afraid of humans, please stay away from them.



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CENTRE





Additional Information

Quiet Times



We have a quiet hour every Sunday between 10am and 11am so you can visit us when we are quieter, have fewer visitors and the sounds are turned down.

If you would like to join in a quieter craft session with more time and space to take part then you can come along during the school holidays every Thursday between 3pm and 4pm.

Your family and friends can come along too.



If you would like to borrow ear defenders or fidget toys please ask at **Museum Reception**.



If you hear a loud siren, that means we need to leave the building. Follow a member of staff or make your way through any exit door.

The meeting point during a fire alarm is the small car park near the café.



Contact Information



If you have any queries then please contact

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