

What's On



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Maidstone Museums A trio of treasures to explore

Maidstone Museum

An exceptionally fine regional museum, with collections that comprise a rich and impressive variety of historical objects, fine art and natural history.

The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regimental Museum

Packed with fascinating, colourful and thought-provoking exhibits; discover the story of this famous local regiment.



Maidstone Carriage Museum

Home to a unique collection of more than 50 vehicles, from grand carriages and ornate sleighs to antique sedan chairs and Victorian cabs, this is one of the finest carriage museums in Europe.



Exhibitions

Maidstone Young Artist Award

9 February - 21 April

An exhibition of works shortlisted for the Maidstone Young Artists Award. Visitors can vote for their favourite artwork.



FREE ENTRANCE

Albert Goodwin Visionary Landscapes

An exhibition of watercolour paintings and sketches that illustrate the travels and influences of the landscape artist Albert Goodwin (1845 - 1932).



FREE ENTRANCE

Endangered and Extinct

An exhibition by creative recycling artist Val Hunt exploring endangered and extinct animals through 'throw away' material sculptures. Includes lots of family activities.



Adults £4
Children £2 (under 5's free)
Family £10

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Endangered Competition

Create an animal that's endangered out of your recyclable rubbish! Photograph your animal and send to exhibitions@maidstone.gov.uk or #museumendangered

Entry categories include:

Best Primary Class
Best Secondary Group
Best Community Group (brownies, guides, scouts, RSPB Wildlife Explorers & Phoenix, Wildlife Watch groups etc)
Best Adult (16 and over) - individual entry
Best Child (under 16) - individual entry

Closing date is Friday 19 July

Photos of all entries will be displayed in the museum and winners will be displayed during August with the Endangered and Extinct exhibition. More details on our website from March.



Maidstone: United in Football

14 September - 19 January 2020
An exhibition telling the story of the dramatic roller-coaster ride of the County Town's senior football club Maidstone United.

Adults £4
Children £2 (under 5's free)
Family £10



Book events via the website

Pop-Up Exhibitions

Curiouser and Curiouser

26 February - 7 April

Foundation degree students from West Kent College display artworks influenced by the museum's collections, history and buildings.

FREE ENTRANCE

Are you an emerging artist or arts collective?



The museum's Café Gallery is a bright and characterful space, perfect for you to exhibit and sell your works. With a continual stream of daytime visitors through the café, your artworks will be on display to a wide and varied audience.

For more information, please contact exhibitions@maidstone.gov.uk

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Visitor Information

Maidstone Museum Opening Times

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 17:00, Mondays Closed
Sunday 12:00 - 16:00 (1 April - 31 October only)
Entry to the Museum is **FREE**

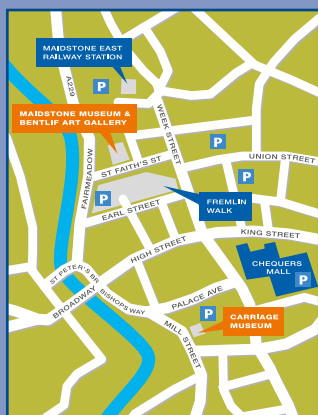
Carriage Museum Opening Times

Friday - Sunday 12:00 - 16:00 (May - September only)
Tickets: £2 Adult, £1 Concs., Under 5's Free, Family £5

By car

From the M20 junction 6 or 7, head towards the town centre and Maidstone East Station. Follow the brown heritage signs.

Maidstone Town Centre



Car parking

The nearest car park is Fremlin Walk (open air shopping centre) multi-storey car park, opposite the Museum. All car parks shown are within easy walking distance.

Train

Maidstone East Station - 2 mins
Maidstone Barracks Station - 5 mins
Maidstone West Station - 10 mins

Accessibility

The museum has wheelchair access to most of the ground floor. Two lifts allow access to seven of the nine first floor galleries. There are accessible toilets on both floors.

Maidstone Visitor Information

Located in the centre of the museum, we offer a range of information services for visitors to Maidstone and the surrounding area.

01622 602169

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The museum reserves the right to change or cancel an exhibition or event at short notice. Please check the museum website.

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MMF Support Us



By joining the Maidstone Museums' Foundation you will help to preserve a unique part of our local heritage.

Membership benefits include:

- Invitation to exhibition previews
- Concessions to certain events and children's activities
- 10% discount on museum shop purchases (excludes books)
- Concessionary rate on entry to the Carriage Museum

Categories of membership

£10 (per annum)	Adult single any individual aged 18 years or over
£15 (per annum)	Adult couple two individuals aged 18 years or over and living at the same address
£17.50 (per annum)	Family one or two individuals aged 18 years or over and up to four children living at the same address
£50 (single payment)	Adult single - 10 year membership any individual aged 18 years or over
£100 (single payment)	Adult single - 25 year membership any individual aged 18 years or over
£200 (per annum)	Corporate any company, business, partnership, formally constituted association, society, school or college

Join at the museum reception or download a form from the website

Book events via the website

Children's Parties at Maidstone Museum

Step inside and enjoy a world of party adventures just for you.
Knights and Princesses, Dinosaurs, Pirates and much more...

Book an exciting birthday experience today!

To book your party or check available dates visit:
www.maidstonemuseum.org



Museum Lates

Join us on the last Thursday of every month for a special evening when we're open until 9pm. Lates are strictly over 18s only.

Japanese evening in conjunction with **wagamama** 25 April

Watch a Studio Ghibli film, enjoy welcome and interval drinks from Wagamama (included in the ticket price) and find out about our fabulous Japanese collections.
£12, MMF £10



History Mystery Tour 30 May

Meet the characters who built, lived and worked in the museum's buildings. Discover who was imprisoned and who made cider, visit hidden Tudor wall paintings and try Tudor spiced wine!
£10, MMF £8

Big Cats

27 June

Come and hear from The Big Cat Sanctuary about their vital work with these endangered animals. Free entry into the Endangered and Extinct exhibition and a free 'Big Cat' cocktail on arrival (or soft drink option).
£10, MMF £8



Mind Palace Shakespeare 25 July

Join us in the museum's Tudor Great Hall for an evening of Shakespeare, actors tales and ruffs (ruffs provided...!).

Rob Forknall, Artistic Director of theatre company Changeling and an expert on Shakespeare (as well as having appeared in DOCTOR WHO!), presents an enthralling look at the life of Shakespeare, dispelling a few myths along the way. Enjoy a Tudor drink and nibbles (included in ticket price).
£8, MMF £6

Film Night 29 August

'Those summer nights...' A sing-along screening of the 1978 classic. Come in your T-Bird or Pink Lady gear and sip a Pink Lady cocktail (included in ticket)
£10, MMF £8

Quiz Night 26 September

An evening of deviously devised rounds, including mystery objects and gallery hunt! Bring your own food and drink, but beer and wine available to buy on the night.
£5



APRIL

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Stories & Rhymes

Storytelling and crafts for the under 5s.

10.30am

£2.50

6-21

Easter Trail

Complete our Easter bunny trail and claim your prize.

All day

£1 per trail

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What's in Store?

Go behind-the-scenes and discover some of the hidden objects in our amazing collections.

10.30 - 11.20am

£5, MMF £4



9-18

Easter Holiday Make It! Sessions

Creative craft activities ideal for children aged 5 - 11 yrs.

3 sessions per day 10.30am, 12pm & 1.30pm

£3, MMF £2.50

11

Film Club

Meet other film friends at our monthly club.

10.30am - 1.30pm

£4.50

25

Museum Lates: Japanese evening with wagamama

Please see our Lates listings overleaf for details.

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Café Culture

Drop-in session for the over 65s. Join us for object handling and a chat.

10.30am - 11.30am

FREE

MAY

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Stories & Rhymes

Storytelling and crafts for the under 5s.

10.30am - 11.30am

£2.50

11

Family Science Day

Have fun exploring crazy liquids and science experiments using everyday household materials.

10.30 - 11.30am, 12.30 - 1.30pm & 2.30 - 3.30pm

£5 (accompanying adult free)

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£4.50

25 May-2 Jun

Spike's Dino Trail

Complete our dinosaur trail and claim your prize.

All day

£1 per trail

25-31

Half term Make It! Sessions

A week of dinosaur themed creative craft activities, ideal for children aged 4+

4 sessions a day at 10.30am, 12pm, 1.30pm & 3pm

£3, MMF £2.50

30

Museum Lates: History Mystery Tour

Please see our Lates listings overleaf for details.

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Café Culture

Drop-in session for the over 65s. Join us for object handling and a chat.

10.30am - 11.30am

FREE

JUNE

5

Stories & Rhymes

Storytelling and crafts for the under 5s.

10.30am - 11.30am

£2.50

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10.30am - 11.20am

£5, MMF £4

13

Film Club

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10.30am - 1.30pm

£4.50

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Steampunk Day

Join in our glorious steampunk adventure! Try, buy, fly - it's all here today.

10am - 3.30pm

FREE

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Museum Lates: Big Cats

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Café Culture

Drop-in session for the over 65s. Join us for object handling and a chat.

10.30am - 11.30am

FREE

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Family Printmaking Workshop

Children and adults work together to create an animal-inspired design.

1pm - 3.30pm

£15 per pair



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Linocut Printmaking Workshop

Design and print sample wallpaper using our Endangered and Extinct exhibition as inspiration.

10am - 3.30pm

£45, MMF £40

JULY

3

Stories & Rhymes

Storytelling and crafts for the under 5s.

10.30am - 11.30am

£2.50

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£5, MMF £4

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10.30am - 1.30pm

£4.50

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Festival of Archaeology

Dig up a find, follow the finds trail and meet the people of the past.

10am - 3.30pm

FREE

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Museum Lates: Mind Palace Shakespeare

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Café Culture

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10.30am - 11.30am

FREE

27 Jul-1 Sept

Endangered and Extinct Trail

Complete our endangered animals trail and claim your prize.

All day

£1 per trail

30 Jul-29 Aug

Summer Holiday Make it! Sessions

A whole summer of creative craft activities inspired by our Endangered and Extinct exhibition.

3 sessions a day at 10.30am, 12pm & 1.30pm

£3, MMF £2.50

AUGUST

2, 16, 30 Aug

Under 5s Make It! Sessions

Animal-themed craft activities especially for the under 5s.

10.30am, 12pm & 1.30pm

£3, MMF £2.50

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What's in Store?

Go behind-the-scenes and discover some of the hidden objects in our amazing collections.

10.30am - 11.20am

£5, MMF £4

9 and 23 Aug

Teens Make It! Sessions

Animal-themed craft activities especially for teenagers.

10.30am, 12pm & 1.30pm

£3, MMF £2.50

29

Museum Lates: Film Night

Please see our Lates listings overleaf for details.

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Café Culture

Drop-in session for the over 65s. Join us for object handling and a chat.

10.30am - 11.30am

FREE

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Nature Needs You!

A celebration of nature with stalls, trails, craft activities and more.

10am - 3.30pm

FREE

SEPTEMBER

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Stories & Rhymes

Storytelling and crafts for the under 5s.

10.30am - 11.30am

£2.50

10

What's in Store?

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10.30am - 11.20am

£5, MMF £4

12

Film Club

Meet other film friends at our monthly club.

10.30am - 1.30pm

£4.50

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Climb the Observatory

Climb the museum's Victorian Observatory tower, normally closed to the public.

Every 20mins from 10am FREE, but timed places must be rebooked.



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Museum Lates: Quiz Night

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Café Culture

Drop-in session for the over 65s. Join us for object handling and a chat.

10.30am - 11.30am

FREE

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Japanese 'Discover' Arts Award with wagamama

Explore Japanese food as an art form, then learn about artwork and try Japanese style printing.

9.30am - 3pm

£25