

Spike Invites You to Visit Maidstone Museum



Opening hours; Wed-Sat, 10am-4pm, last entry 3.30pm in term time.
Mon-Sat, 10am-4pm, last entry 3.30pm in holidays excluding bank holidays.

W: <https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/>

E: museumeducation@maidstone.gov.uk or museuminfo@maidstone.gov.uk



Hello. I'm Spike. What's your name?
I am going to show you around the different
galleries you can visit in the museum.

This takes you on a suggested route around the museum. There
are also other routes depending which stairs you go up or down.



Maidstone Museum opens at 10am and is free to enter so you can start exploring quite quickly.



The main entrance has a reception desk where you will be welcomed by a Visitor Experience Officer (VEO) dressed in a navy blue top and wearing a museum ID card. They are here to help. This is where you can borrow a fidget back pack from.





The shop is at the beginning of the museum. If you want to buy something the team at reception will be able to help you. Once you have finished exploring the museum you can come back in the main entrance to visit the shop if you want to buy something.



When you leave reception you will have a choice.

Turn left to visit the rest of the museum. **Turn right** through the square arch to go to the toilets and to the lift.



The toilets are through the square arch and past the lift. There is an accessible toilet as well as individual male/female toilets.



Walk past the sculpture of Lady Godiva on a horse and you will come to some steps down to the Queens Own Royal West Kent Regimental Museum on the left, and the Great Hall straight ahead. There is a lift that one of the team can operate for you.



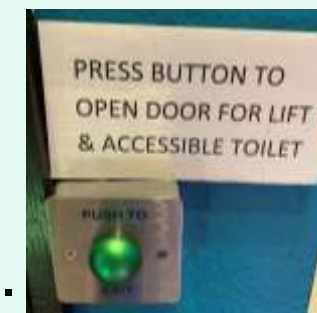
When you have explored the Great Hall go through the doorway to the right.

There is music in the Great Hall that begins when you walk past a sensor.



After leaving the Great Hall you will come to a lobby area. You have the choice to go **left** into the Ancient Lives Gallery, **right** up the stairs or **ahead** to use the lift .

You will need to push this button to open the door out to the lift.



Left turn



In this gallery there are sounds/talking that start when you pick up a headset. There is also an audio touch screen.

If you turn left in the lobby you will go up some stone steps into the Ancient Lives gallery. The floor in this gallery slopes gently upwards and leads to a smaller gallery at the far end where our Egyptian mummified person, Ta Kush, can be found.



Right Turn

If you turn right you will go up the stairs to the upper floor.



Straight ahead

If you go through the door straight ahead this will take you to the lift that will take you up to Ancient Lives and Brenchley Gallery and also to a toilet.



Accessible toilet





Straight Ahead



Turn Right



At the top of the stairs you will be able to go into the Brenchley Gallery on your right or into the Archaeology Gallery straight ahead.



Take the **door to the left** in the Archaeology Gallery and go up a few steps and along the carpeted floor to enter the Art Gallery. From here you can go through a door into a **temporary exhibition and then on into the Japanese Gallery.**

Some temporary exhibitions may need a paid for ticket to enter.

There is usually a film or audio track playing in the temporary exhibition galleries. These are on a loop and play continuously. If these sounds are too loud while you explore the gallery please ask the steward to turn the volume down while you visit.



Temporary exhibitions change every 4-6 months. (today's will look different to the one in this picture) If you want to visit the exhibition you will need a ticket unless passing through to see the Japanese gallery. Tickets are bought online or at the front desk at the entrance.

A steward in a purple or navy blue top will ask to see your entry sticker.

MAIDSTONE MUSEUM



In the
Dinosaur
Gallery there
are dino
sounds that
play randomly.

Come back and explore the Archaeology Gallery. Walk around the glass cases to get to the get to the Natural History Gallery and Dinosaur Gallery. There are a few steps to go up to these galleries.



Come back to the archaeology gallery and go down the stairs. When you come down the stairs you can choose to turn left and go back into the Great Hall or turn right to explore more galleries.



If you turn right you will need to go down a few more steps. You will come to the Local History gallery .



Walk through the Local History Gallery and on into the Costume gallery. You will find the Toy Emporium case in here too.



To exit the building you will need to go back to the main entrance where you came in. The shop is also next to the exit.

We hope you have enjoyed your visit to us. We look forward to welcoming you back another time.
Thanks for visiting.



Supported using public funding by



**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

If you have any comments, feedback or recommendations for this visit slide show please email Roz at museumeducation@maidstone.gov.uk