

Why your school should come to **meal**

The Museum of East Anglian Life is a large open air site which brings East Anglia's fascinating rural past to life. As you explore, discover all about the lives of people who were part of this community.

Investigate the working water mill, peep into the Victorian tin chapel or experience lessons in the Victorian school room. Meet the enormous Suffolk Punch horse, visit the blacksmith's workshop, take a look inside the colourful gypsy caravans and much more.....

"A superb day of new experiences in a wonderful setting."

Headteacher, Bures C.E.V.C. Primary School

"I enjoyed the museum because you are able to explore and learn more at the same time"

Pupil, Abbots Hall Primary School

"Fantastic!"

The children really loved it."

Class teacher, Abbots Hall Primary School

VISIT INFORMATION

TO BOOK A VISIT

For more information, or to book a visit, please ring: **01449 612229**
or email: bookings@eastanglianlife.org.uk
or visit our website: www.eastanglianlife.org.uk

CHARGES

Museum admission: £3 per child
Adults free

Teacher led workshops*: £10 per class/half day
Victorian school room: £10 per half day
Teacher's Pack and all Activity Trails: Free*
Handling Boxes: Free on site
£6.50 per 2 week school loan

Lunch room: Free - booking essential
Free teacher pre-visit by arrangement

*Instructions for teacher led workshops and activity trail worksheets are downloadable from our website.

OPENING TIMES

meal is open from April-October*

Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm

Sun 11am-5pm

*Special visits can be arranged during the winter, but due to the nature of the site the buildings are cold.



meal is located in Stowmarket town centre, signposted from A14 trunk road and the B1115

- **car parking** adjacent to museum
- **coaches** by arrangement
- **disabled parking** available on site

disabled access: contact **meal** to discuss your requirements



There is so much to see and do at **meal**.

This leaflet provides details of hands-on activities and trails to help you plan an exciting and cross-curricular visit.

For more information and a teacher's resource pack visit our website:
www.eastanglianlife.org.uk

All resources and instructions to lead these hands-on activities are provided. Workshops 1hr 30mins

VICTORIANS:

The Pen and the Spade **KS2**

What was life like for a Victorian child? Children can experience a lesson in the Victorian school room, handle mystery farm tools and find out what farming life was really like.

LIFE IN THE PAST:

Meet the Finch family **KS1**

Step back in time. Help with the wash day chores - scrubbing, ironing and pegging out the clothes. Handle some mystery household objects.

MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES

Science in the Barn **KS1, 2**

Use mirror drawing and construction kits to explore the structure of the Museum's magnificent 13th Century barn. Handle farmers' tools and work out why they were made from different materials.

EXPLORING HABITATS

River Rat Activities **KS2**

In the water meadow explore riverside habitats through a carousel of games and activities, discovering how different animals adapt to their environment.



ACTIVITY TRAILS

All suitable for KS1 & 2 1-2 hours
Practical, problem solving trails which fire your children's imaginations and actively engage them with the Museum's collections.

- **MATERIALS TRAIL**
exploring materials around the site
- **SHOP KEEPERS TRAIL**
order goods from around the site for the shopkeeper
- **GYPSY TRAVELLER TRAIL**
discover more about the lives of Gypsy travellers
- **FOOD TRAIL**
from field to fork

HANDLING BOXES*

For use on site or in school.
Each box contains a variety of objects, photos and teachers notes.

- **HOUSES AND HOMES** **KS1,2**
- **MATERIALS – THE HAYWAIN** **KS1,2**
- **TOYS – PAST AND PRESENT** **KS1,2**
- **VICTORIAN HARVEST** **KS1,2**
- **VICTORIANS AT HOME** **KS2**
- **WORLD WAR II** **KS1,2,3**
- **TRAVELLING PEOPLE**
a hidden journey **KS1,2**

**teachers to collect and return. Why not combine this with a visit and use these resources for pre-visit or follow up work.*

booking information ►

