

EAST RIDING MUSEUMS



Group leader guide for self-led visit to

Goole Museum



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Why visit Goole Museum

Goole Museum's collections cover the history of the town and port of Goole. The permanent exhibition illustrates features of this with a wide range of artefacts, including the 'ship wall', where models of vessels which were built in, or sailed from, the port are displayed, 'Goole at War' and a series of educational hands-on activities which can be enjoyed by children of all ages.

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Curriculum links

Curriculum links include history, art and design and science.

Booking and planning

All group visits must be booked in advance, either by contacting the Curator directly on 01482 392777. The Education Room is used by various groups, so may not always be available when a school would like to visit. The museum is open during the week from Tuesday to Friday.

For groups of over 20 children it is recommended that the groups are split into two, with one half looking round and working in the galleries, while the other works in the Education Room, and vice versa.

Activities and spaces to hire

- Schools often like to take advantage of the fact that the museum and library share a building, and choose to combine a visit to both in a single day.
- The museum has a good collection of maps and old photographs, which can be studied in the Education Room as part of a local history study day.
- Apart from the many items on display, the museum has a large reserve collection, and staff are very happy to arrange handling sessions for school groups using items from this – popular sessions have involved looking at historic costumes, toys and household items, but teachers can discuss precise requirements before visiting. The collections can also be used for art related activities.
- 'Hands-on' activities in the gallery include 'loading a cargo vessel correctly', a Cartesian Diver (to illustrate buoyancy) 'housework', puzzles, a mystery object trail as well as a gallery nature trail.
- For younger children there is a hamper of reproduction historic toys and a floor jigsaw, and other activities.
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Only dry art materials and pencils may be used in exhibition spaces to help us protect exhibited objects, artworks and the historic parts of the building.

Group supervision

There is a minimum level of adult supervision required for group visits due to the nature of the building and to ensure the care of our museum collections. The ratio of accompanying adults to children as a minimum requirement is as follows:

- EYFS groups (aged up to 5) - 1 adult to 6 children.
- Y1 to Y6 pupils (aged 5 – 11) – 1 adult to 8 children.
- Y7 and above (age 11 and over) - appropriate to the activity.

Group leaders are advised to carry list of the children and adults with the group that day at all times during their visit or workshop.

Arrival

On arrival, we will provide any information you need and log how many adults and children are with you on the day.

Emergency evacuation

- In the event of an emergency evacuation of the building, the group leader is responsible for a roll call of group members at the assembly point.
- Treasure House staff will escort visitors from the building to the assembly point outside the Market Hall.

Facilities and Access Aids

- Coats and bags can be stored during the visit in the Education Room.
- Packed lunches can be eaten in the Education Room, but drinks should not be taken out into the gallery
- There is a lift to the first floor to access the museum.

Parking and drop-off

There is a free public car park behind Goole Museum. There is no parking available on-site.

Photography

Photography is permitted for educational purposes or to document a visit.



Risk assessment

- Visiting groups are responsible for carrying out their own risk assessment according to their school's/organisation's policy.
- It is recommended that a preparatory site visit is made.
- Goole Museum is a relatively modern building, and presents no extraordinary risks. However, like most museums, there are glass cases throughout both galleries, built-in and free-standing, and group leaders are requested to supervise children to maintain orderly behaviour, and particularly, not to allow them to run about in either gallery, and when moving between the library and the museum, to use the stairs in an orderly manner.

Public liability insurance

Goole Museum has Public Liability Insurance. More information is available upon request.

Safeguarding

Curators and Museum Attendants have Criminal Records Bureau disclosures carried out.

Queries, requests, comments or complaints

Please contact the Museums team by calling (01482) 392780, or by email museums.th@eastriding.gov.uk

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**Thank you and enjoy your
visit to Goole Museum!**

