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Bedfordshire

LUTON

Stockwood Discovery Centre

Collection highlights include the internationally famous Wenlok Jug, the nationally important Shillington gold coin hoard and the Mossman collection - Britain's largest public collection of horse drawn vehicles. Outside are the beautiful walled gardens, which follow period themes including the Medieval Knot garden, the Victorian garden and the Cottage garden.

<http://www.stockwooddiscoverycentre.com/>

Wardown Park

Collections include Hats with about 700 hats old and new on display, the oldest dating from 1700, the Lace Collection with rare lace from around the world, whilst the Luton Life gallery displays the stories of Lutonians and their life over the past 150 years. This gallery is highly interactive providing visitors with hands-on exhibits, sensory panels and touch-screen computers.

<http://www.wardownparkmuseum.com/cinehubEast/wardownpark-exhibition.nsf?OpenDatabase>

Bristol

BRISTOL

Museum of Bristol

Explore our collections of art, nature and history on display in this beautiful building. Find out about the last billion years of Earth's history, explore the region's natural wonders and discover more about peoples' lives, past and present. Entry to the Museum is free.

www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/bristol-museum-and-art-gallery

Cheshire

NORTHWICH

Lion Salt Works Trust

Industrial museum of the salt industry and the last surviving open pan salt works - find out more about salt making!

<http://lionsaltworks.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk/about-us/>

STOCKPORT

Hat Works Museum of Hatting

Hat Works is the UK's only museum dedicated solely to the hatting industry, hats and headwear!

<http://www.stockport.gov.uk/services/leisureculture/museumsandgalleries/hatworks/>

Cornwall

PENZANCE

Geevor Tin Mine

A cross-curricular site, we help to preserve our world-class industrial heritage. Your visit will encompass a range of experiences. Get hands on with panning or hand drilling; Sense the eeriness of the abandoned mine buildings like the evocative Miners' Dry; Get interactive in our Hard Rock museum; Experience an 18th Century mine with your guided underground tour.

<http://www.geevor.com/>

REDRUTH

Camborne School of Mines

We have a unique combination of scientific and engineering expertise in geology, mining, minerals processing and renewable energy and applies this to world-leading research and teaching. We have a particular interest in responsible mining and sustainable development.

http://www.exeter.ac.uk/cornwall/academic_departments/csm/

ST AUSTELL

Wheal Martyn China Clay Museum

Find out more about Cornwall's rich china clay heritage in the interactive visitor centre. The Park, now part of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site, gives a fascinating insight into china clay - how it was mined, what it was used for and what it meant for the families who lived in the area.

<http://www.wheal-martyn.com/>

Cumbria

KENDAL

Museum of Lakeland Life and Industry

This award winning Museum takes you back through time to explore the story of the Lake District and its inhabitants. Isolated before the arrival of the railway and motorcar, this area developed its own unique customs and traditions. Visit us to find out more.

<http://www.lakelandmuseum.org.uk/>

Dorset

BLANDFORD FORUM

Blandford Forum Town Museum

Illustrates the social history of Blandford, with displays of Borough events. Find out more about the fire service, the militia, local schools, the brewing industry, domestic appliances and trading goods in our area.

<http://www.blandfordtownmuseum.org/>

Hampshire

PORTSMOUTH

Royal Naval Museum

The Museum's mission is 'to make accessible to all the story of the Royal Navy and its people from earliest times to the present'. See treasures from the last 350 years, get hands on and test your skills. See if you can captain a 74 gun ship, have a go on the latest Merlin helicopter simulator and discover the amazing stories of ordinary people who made the Navy's history, from the 19 year old fighting the slave trade off West Africa in the 1820s, to the first women who served at sea in the 1990s.

<http://www.nmrn.org.uk/>

Humberside

HORNSEA

Hornsea Museum

Reflecting the changing patterns of village life in North Holderness over the past centuries. From the pre-industrial age of the early 1700's, we show human evolution; personalities, characters, tools and trades; all are presented in imaginative and informative displays. Step back in time!

<http://www.hornseamuseum.com/>

Lancashire

FLEETWOOD

Fleetwood Museum

We show the history of Victorian Fleetwood and its fishing industry and tourism complete with virtual voyaging!

<http://www.fleetwoodmuseum.co.uk/>

ROSSENDALE

Helmshore Mills Textile Museum

Find out about cloth production through the centuries, follow the journey to discover how raw wool and cotton were transformed into yarn ready to be woven into cloth, see our unique displays of textile machinery and then experience Lancashire's role in the industrial revolution.

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/helmshore-mills-textile-museum.aspx>

London

BERMONDSEY

Florence Nightingale Museum

The Museum has over 2000 artefacts, aiming to show the extraordinary life and world-changing achievements of Florence Nightingale, and the impact her legacy has on us all today through developments in nursing and healthcare. The Museum offers sessions to primary and secondary schools every weekday.

<http://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/>

BETHNAL GREEN

Geffrye Museum

The Geffrye Museum presents the changing style of English domestic interiors from 1600 to the present day through a series of period rooms.

<http://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/>

CHELSEA

National Army Museum

National army museum

Visit the National Army Museum and find out how Britain's past has helped to shape our present and our future. Discover the impact our Army has had on the story of Britain, Europe and the world, and see how the actions of a few can affect the futures of many.

<http://www.national-army-museum.ac.uk/>

LAMBETH

Museum of Garden History

The Museum of Garden History provides an insight into the history and development of gardens and gardening in the UK.

<http://www.museumgardenhistory.org>

WEST END

Handel House Museum

Based around Handel, his life and his music, the Handel House Museum runs a lively series of events as part of its ongoing education programme, including family events, lecture recitals, live music and special events. The Museum also puts on changing exhibitions allowing a fuller exploration of Handel and the Brook Street house.

<http://www.handelhouse.org/>

Manchester

MANCHESTER

People's History Museum

The People's History Museum explores the world changing events led by the working people of Britain. It is the national centre for the collection, conservation, interpretation and study of material relating to the history of working people in Britain.

<http://www.phm.org.uk/>

MANCHESTER

Museum of Science and Industry

Located on the historic site of the world's oldest surviving passenger railway station, housed in five listed buildings, our amazing galleries and outstanding collections tell the story of Manchester's scientific and industrial past, present and future.

<http://www.mosi.org.uk/>

Midlands

MIDLANDS

Severn Trent Water Visitor Centres

We use water without really thinking about it. Turn on the tap and there's water. Flush the toilet and there's water. So why should we save water? To find out more on our four education centres, each offering a tour of an operational sewage treatment works, visit our website.

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/leisure-and-learning/reservoir-activities/>

BIRMINGHAM

Millenium Point

Millennium point houses Thinktank, Birmingham's award winning new science museum and the main visitor attraction. It takes visitors on a journey of discovery from the past, through the present and into the future.

<http://www.millenniumpoint.org.uk/>

Shropshire

TELFORD

The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust

Is regarded as the 'birthplace of industry'. Discover and enjoy the history, technology and geography that takes us from simple iron cooking pots to the first iron bridge, steam engines and Aga cookers.

www.ironbridge.org.uk

Somerset

ILCHESTER

Fleet Air Arm Museum

The National Museum of the Royal Navy comprises four museums, demonstrating how the Royal Navy operates on the sea, under the sea, on the land and in the air.

<http://www.fleetairarm.com/>

Suffolk

STOWMARKET

Museum of East Anglian Life

Situated on 70 acres of farmland, the museum has several historic buildings including a chapel, watermill, wind pump, blacksmith's forge and part of a timber-framed farmhouse. You can discover domestic life, agriculture, industry and travellers. There are also a number of traditional East Anglian livestock, including a Suffolk Punch horse and crafts and steam demonstrations.

<http://www.eastanglianlife.org.uk/>

Warwickshire

GAYDON

Heritage Motor Museum

The Heritage Motor Centre is home to the world's largest collection of historic British cars.

<http://www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk/>

West Midlands

DUDLEY

Black Country Living Museum

Visitors are transported back in time from the modern exhibition halls to the canal-side village, where costumed demonstrators and working craftsmen bring the buildings to life with their local knowledge, practical skills and unique Black Country humour.

<http://www.bclm.co.uk/>

West Sussex

ARUNDEL

Amberley Museum

Amberley Working Museum is dedicated to the industrial heritage of the South East. The exhibits range from transport-based collections, such as the Southdown bus collection & the village garage, to industry-based collections, such as the Print Workshop & Wheelwrights.

<http://www.amberleymuseum.co.uk/>

Yorkshire

BRADFORD

The Colour Museum

The collection is based primarily on the textile industry, with an archive of dyes, printed and dyed pattern books, dyers notebooks and textiles.

<http://www.sdc.org.uk/>

Bradford Industrial Museum

Bradford's Industrial Museum has permanent displays of textile machinery, steam power, engineering and motor vehicles, along with an exciting exhibitions programme.

<http://www.bradfordmuseums.org/industrialmuseum/index.htm>

HALIFAX

Eureka! The Museum for Children

Everything at Eureka! has been designed to inspire children to find out about themselves and the world around them through hundreds of hands-on exhibits.

<http://www.eureka.org.uk>

LEEDS

Armley Mills Industrial Museum

Welcome to Leeds Industrial Museum at Armley Mills, one of the largest textile museums in the world! Here you can see the working Mule, 1920s working cinema and steam engine Jack. Once the world's largest woollen mills, today this museum presents a fascinating insight into the city's industrial heritage.

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/museumsandgalleries/Pages/armleymills.aspx>

Thwaite Mills Watermill

See life as we used to live! Enjoy a visit to this unique riverside museum and see the force of nature in action. Take a tour with one of our knowledgeable guides to see what life was like living in this stunning island location.

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/museumsandgalleries/Pages/Thwaite-Mills-Watermill.aspx>

RIPON

The Yorkshire Law and Order Museums

Welcome to The Yorkshire Law & Order Museums. Our three sites within the centre of the city of Ripon, tell the unique story of the Liberty Courthouse, Prison and Victorian Workhouse. Find out about the people who ended up here and what happened to them next...

<http://riponmuseums.co.uk/>

ROTHERHAM

Magna Science Adventure Centre

Centered around the former steel work industry, we bring the past to life! Experience The Big Melt, Templeborough's original arc furnace, brought back to life through exciting pyrotechnics and special effects and explore the incredible interactive pavilions of Fire, Water, Earth and Air, crammed with fascinating hands on activities. Experience the adventure!

<http://www.visitmagna.co.uk>

SHEFFIELD

Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust

Comprising Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, Kelham Island Museum and the Shephard Wheel Workshop, our unique collections bring Sheffield's industrial heritage to life.

<http://www.simt.co.uk/>

WAKEFIELD

National Coal Mining Museum

Discover the National Coal Mining Museum for England at Wakefield, where the history and science of mining comes to life. Travel 140 metres underground with an experienced guide. Then use the interactive galleries to find out what life was really like for miners. Visit the pit ponies, adventure playground and nature trail and discover a great day out for all!

<http://www.ncm.org.uk>

YORK

National Railway Museum

Discover over 300 years of history and over a million wonderful objects! Our collection, including over 100 locomotives and nearly 200 other items of rolling stock, tells the railway story from the early 19th century to the present day.

<http://www.nrm.org.uk/>

Aberdeenshire

SHIPROW

Aberdeen Maritime Museum

Aberdeen Maritime Museum tells the story of the city's long relationship with the Sea. The Maritime Museum houses a unique collection covering shipbuilding, fast sailing ships, fishing and port history.

<http://www.aagm.co.uk/>

Ross-shire

STRATHPEFFER

Highland Museum of Childhood

The Angela Kellie doll collection comprises a wide range of dolls from as far back as the early 1880s. The museum also has displays of period photographs and interpretation covering the customs and folklore of childhood in such areas as birth & baptism, health & nutrition, homelife & leisure, child labour, & education.

www.highlandmuseumofchildhood.org.uk

Lanarkshire

COATBRIDGE

Summerlee Industrial Museum

Summerlee was formerly one of Scotland's most important ironworks and the museum has many attractions for all the family including Scotland's only electric tramway and recreated mine and miners' cottages.

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/see-do/summerlee-industrial-museum-p255221>

West Lothian

LIVINGSTON

Almond Valley Heritage Centre

The working watermill and machinery shed provides an insight into West Lothian's rural past whilst the museum tells the fascinating story of Scotland's famous shale oil industry.

<http://www.almondvalley.co.uk/>



Camarthen

LLANDYSUL

National Wool Museum

Discover the spellbinding story of the Welsh woollen industry . Wool was historically the most important and widespread of Wales's industries - follow the process from fleece to fabric!

<http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/wool/>

Dyfed

CEREDIGION

Internal Fire

Working museum covering the history of the internal combustion engine in period displays. We show the history of the generation of, and use of power!

<http://www.internalfire.com/>

Gwent

BLAENAVON

Big Pit: National Coal Museum

Big Pit is a real coal mine and one of Britain's leading mining museums. Enjoy a multi-media tour of a modern coal mine with a virtual miner and see our exhibitions. All this and the world-famous Underground Tour. Go 300 feet underground with a real miner and see what life was like for the thousands of men who worked at the coal face.

<http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/bigpit/>

NEWPORT

Risca Industrial History Museum

The Museum displays its collection of artefacts, memorabilia and photographs illustrating some of the industrial history of the area: coal mining, the iron industry, tram roads and railways.

<http://www.riscamuseum.org.uk/>

Gwynedd

CAERNARFON

National Slate Museum

The National Slate Museum is sited in the Victorian workshops built in the shadow of Elidir mountain, site of the vast Dinorwig quarry. Here you can travel into the past of an industry and a way of life that has chiselled itself into the very being of this country.

<http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/slate/>

Powys

LLYN CLYWEDOG & LAKE VYMWY

Severn Trent Water Visitor Centres

We use water without really thinking about it. Turn on the tap and there's water. Flush the toilet and there's water. So why should we save water?

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<https://www.stwater.co.uk/leisure-and-learning/workshops-and-visits/>

Swansea

SWANSEA

National Waterfront Museum

Our vast industrial and maritime heritage is ready to explore via cutting-edge, interactive technology married with traditional displays. It means a unique, captivating and involved visitor experience lies in wait at Wales newest national museum.

<http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/swansea/>

County Antrim

ANTRIM

Larne Museum

The Museum charts Larne Borough's maritime, agricultural, industrial and social history through a range of exhibits and interactive features. The temporary gallery has a wide variety of exhibitions throughout the year including historic costume and art exhibitions.

<http://www.larnemuseumandartscentre.co.uk/>

BELFAST

Ulster Museum

Come face to face with dinosaurs, meet an Egyptian Mummy and see modern masterpieces with a visit to the Ulster Museum. As Northern Ireland's treasure house of the past and present, the museum is home to a rich collection of art, history and natural sciences and free to all visitors. From Ireland to the South Pacific, ancient relics to hands on activities, the museum offers something for everyone from the simply curious to the enthusiast.

<http://nmni.com/um>

County Armagh

ARMAGH

Armagh County Museum

The oldest county museum in Ireland is set in Armagh's beautiful Georgian tree lined Mall. Its collections capture centuries of stories relating to the people who lived, worked and had connections with this famous city and historic county.

<http://nmni.com/acm>

County Down

HOLYWOOD

Ulster Folk & Transport Museum

Step back in time in and uncover a way of life from 100 years ago. Discover cottages, farms, schools and shops as you wander through the beautiful parkland of the Folk Museum chatting to costumed visitor guides demonstrating traditional crafts. Climb on and off majestic steam locomotives or experience the sensation of flight in the Transport Museum bursting with horse drawn carriages, electric trams, motorbikes, fire engines and vintage cars.

<http://www.nmni.com/uftm/About-Us>

County Londonderry

DERRY

Amelia Earhart Centre

This small interpretative centre is located on the outskirts of the city within the beautiful Ballyarnett natural park. The centre includes a recently renovated exhibition detailing the local aviation history, with particular reference to Amelia Earhart, who landed on the site in 1932, following her pioneering solo transatlantic flight.

<http://local.gransnet.com/county-londonderry-derry/entertainment-museums/34477-amelia-earhart-centre>

Foyle Valley Railway Museum

This museum is dedicated to telling the rich railway history of the city and surrounding area. At the heart of the exhibition is a recreated railway station platform and within the displays visitors can find out about the various railway companies which once operated out of the city.

<http://www.culturenorthernireland.org/features/heritage/foyle-valley-railway-museum>

Harbour Museum

An eclectic collection of objects is on display showing the city's maritime connections from architectural drawings, early maps and plans of the city to archaeological finds. The centrepiece of the Museum is the 30 ft 'Iona Curragh', used in 1963 by a group of clerics to replicate the journey undertaken by St. Colmcille to Iona in 563 AD.

<http://www.culturenorthernireland.org/features/heritage/harbour-museum>

LIMAVADY

Power House

In the Roe Valley Country Park is Ulster's oldest hydro-electric station. Erected in 1896 to generate electricity for commercial use. Also here is a tremendous collection of restored rural industrial buildings, also ruined water mills used in linen production. Riverside walks and history trail also accompany.

<http://www.limavady.gov.uk/filestore/documents/tourism/Largy.pdf>

County Tyrone

OMAGH

Ulster American Folk Park

Immerse yourself in the world famous story of Irish emigration at the museum that brings it to life. Follow the emigrant trail as you journey from the thatched cottages of Ulster, on board a full scale emigrant sailing ship leading to the log cabins of the American Frontier. Meet an array of costumed characters on your way with traditional crafts to show, tales to tell and food to share.

<http://www.nmni.com/uafp/About-Us>

STRABANE

Gray's Printing Press

We tell the fascinating story of ink, galleys, presses and emigration, as this is where John Dunlap, printer of the American Declaration of Independence, and James Wilson, grandfather of President Woodrow Wilson, are said to have learned their trade.

http://www.discoverireland.com/gb/ireland-things-to-see-and-do/listings/?fid=NITB_2952

Across Northern Ireland

National Museums Northern Ireland

Across four unique sites, we care for and present inspirational collections that reflect the creativity, innovation, history, culture and people of Northern Ireland.

<http://www.nmni.com/>