

Buxton & surrounding area's



The former Victorian consulting rooms are now home to the Aquarium containing a selection of British and Tropical freshwater species. From Piranhas to Terrapins and many interesting fish from different regions of the world including the beautiful Malawi Cichlids. Something to interest all the family.



The Petrifying Well

A Source of curiosity and amazement.

Almost forgotten now, even in Matlock Bath where several wells were once visited by thousands of Victorian trippers.

Here you can come and see the 'petrifying' process taking place in our working well as the famous Matlock Bath thermal water is sprayed onto objects gradually turning them to stone.

The Hologram Gallery

A Fusion of Photography and Reality.

A fascinating and unique collection of three dimensional pictures produced by laser technology. Images which float in space before you, so real, you will not believe your eyes!

For further information: <http://www.matlockbathaquarium.co.uk/>



Group Visits

Peak Cavern is an excellent venue for educational visits. We cater for all age ranges from Key Stage 1 through to GNVQ level. Special rates are offered for pre-booked groups, and a special "joint ticket" is available for groups wishing to visit both **Peak and Speedwell Cavern**.

Peak Cavern has a large undercover seating area for groups to use as a picnic area on wet days. We suggest allowing 1 hour and 15 minutes for your visit, which is taken in two parts: a ropemaking demonstration, detailing the social and industrial heritage of the cave entrance, where we involve the students in helping to make a rope, which is then presented to the group to take back to school. The second part is a tour of the inner showcave, which is a classic natural water-formed limestone cavern.

Tours are tailored to meet the needs and abilities of the various age groups, and we can place particular emphasis on any particular features you may be teaching at the time. Please call to discuss your specific needs.



For more information: <http://www.devilsarse.com/school-information.html>



Group Visits

Speedwell Cavern is an excellent venue for educational visits. We cater for all age ranges from Key Stage 1 through to GNVQ level. Special rates are offered for pre-booked groups, and a special "joint ticket" is available for groups wishing to visit both **Speedwell Cavern and Peak Cavern**. Speedwell has a large room available for school project work, meetings and as a lunch room on wet days

Guided tours last for 45 minutes, and each boat holds up to 20 people. Boats depart every 15 minutes, so we suggest allowing 1 hour plus 15 minutes for each multiple of 20 in your party. Tours are tailored to meet the needs and abilities of the various age ranges.

School Work Packs are available to download off our web-site, or can be sent by post upon request.

GIFT SHOPS



As well as our shop at Speedwell Cavern why not visit our outlets in Castleton Village.

For more information: <http://www.speedwellcavern.co.uk/school-information.html>



Poole's Cavern is a 2 million year old, natural limestone cave situated in the beautiful woodland of Buxton Country Park. One of the great caves of the Peak District.

Once used by cave dwelling ancestors for shelter, Poole's Cavern has been known as 'The First Wonder of the Peak' since the 1600's.

Visitors for the 21st century can enjoy the latest facilities in our new visitor centre, enjoy a tasty meal or snack in the cavern cafe and discover the secret world of caves in our exhibition.

Our Rock Shop has an incredible selection of crystals, minerals and fossils as well as local guides, maps and gifts.

Guided tours through Poole's cavern begin every 20 minutes. Our expert guides will lead you on a one hour journey deep into the Peak District's hidden landscape. The cavern is well lit with good pathways and only 26 steps throughout.

For more information: <http://www.poolescavern.co.uk/>



Treak Cliff CAVERN



Treak Cliff Cavern is an excellent educational resource currently used by hundreds of teachers to deliver many aspects of the geography curriculum, across all Key Stages. We are centrally located within the Peak District National Park at Castleton, Derbyshire, easy to get to and easy to find.

Our deposits of Blue John Stone are unrivalled, combined with many other minerals and fossils that children can see and touch. Our rural location also offers opportunities to study contrasting landscapes at the same time. We have undercover and outdoor picnic facilities, and a souvenir shop. We are open all year round, and can tailor your guided tour to meet specific educational requirements. **Teachers can visit the cavern free of charge and meet with the Cavern Manager prior to their school visit for planning purposes.**

We have some of the finest stalactites and stalagmites in the Peak District with wonderful water worn chambers, ideal for studying the water cycle, limestone and other materials, etc.

Treak Cliff Cavern is one of only two working Blue John Stone mines in the world and extracts approximately 0.25 tons per year. The stone is now used for small decorative objects and jewellery.

For more information: <http://www.bluejohnstone.com/pages/index.html>