

# Lancashire

## Lancaster Castle



Often known as John O' Gaunt's Castle, Lancaster Castle is one of the most historically interesting buildings in Lancashire. Explore the Judges' Lodgings and experience where the Judges lived with their staff throughout the trials and executions. Read the fascinating stories about the people who were tried, convicted, acquitted or executed at Lancaster. Explore over 600 shields of all the Sovereigns of England and of all the Constables of Lancaster Castle and High Sheriffs of Lancashire known to have borne arms. Many hundreds of people were sentenced to transportation in the Courts at Lancaster Castle. Could you be descended from one of these people?



*Famous People*



*The Building*



*Royal Visitor's*



*Children in Prison*



*The Lancashire Witches*

We are happy to receive enquiries from schools throughout the year. Our guided tours offer students the opportunity to see one of the last working castles in the country, learn about the administration of the law through the last 1,000 years, and experience for themselves what it meant to be imprisoned here.

Tours run daily between 10:30am and 4:00pm. Their frequency during the day depends on the use of the castle by the crown court, but all tours last 1 hour, and if you have any special subject that you would like discussed just let us know.

The cost to schools is £2.50 per head, with 1 adult admitted free for every 10 children and any other adults charged at the child rate.

Pre-booking is essential

For more information: <http://www.lancastercastle.com/default.php>



Parties of school children, their teachers and helpers/parents are always welcome - it is our hope to impart some knowledge and a little bit of history to the group in a fashion that makes learning fun and entertaining. Whether you are a teacher of English, of Math's, Science, Geography, History or of the Arts, we believe that the model village can help entertain and educate your children. Blackpool Model Village & Gardens has worked hard to create an atmosphere that stimulates young children's minds and with a little encouragement in the creativity department children can excel. We have found that children of all ages find the model village to be entertaining and at the same time stimulate their creative side.



As seen on TV, our village and gardens are set into a stunningly beautiful landscaped 2½ acres of carefully tended gardens with paved pathways that provide full access to all of our visitors. Marvel at the many hand crafted models and figures that represent life's rich tapestry and step back in time to those bygone days when life seemed to move at a slower pace, from a Scottish Castle, protected by its ranks of Guardsmen to a tranquil Cornish fishing village. From thatched cottages hidden away and a Tudor village whose diminutive residents enjoy a cricket match on the village green.

These are just a few of the 40 plus creative village scenes that will spark your imagination to life as you wander around our beautiful gardens along the walkways. Follow the quiz and don't miss any of them.

It doesn't matter if you don't know the difference between your annuals, biennials and your perennials, there is no denying the beauty that the gardens have to offer to the visitor, as the Blackpool Model Village & Gardens delivers some peace and quiet from the hectic bustle of busier parts of Blackpool.

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

# HAIGH COUNTRY PARK



The Wardens team at Haigh provides an education and interpretation facility for the public and organised groups. On offer are a wide variety of events and activities to introduce people to the woodlands and history of Haigh Country Park, which can be pre-booked in advance of your visit. Whether the trip is educational or just for fun, the Wardens can make your day a success. By working closely with schools, the Wardens can provide group teaching on environment issues as part of the National Curriculum. The Wardens can take school groups on guided walks through the forest where pupils are encouraged to use their senses to make their own discoveries. Themed walks to fit in with schoolwork or a particular area of interest include:

- History Tour - A tour of the Hall and other points of historical interest can be made by special arrangement
- Nature and the Seasons - Life cycles, species interdependence, food cycles and earth walks
- Mini-Beasts - The fascinating world of mini-beasts. Nature viewers and magnifiers provided
- Pond Life - A close look at the creatures that live in water with equipment provided. There are many areas of study available to Secondary Schools and Colleges. Subjects like Biology, Geology, Geography and History can come to life at Haigh.

Students in further or higher education may find Haigh useful for project work, research or site visits. We may be able to help students identify areas for study in subjects such as Leisure and Environmental Studies.

For more information: <http://www.wlct.org/leisure/Haigh/wardens.htm>

# Bolton Museum and Archive Service

The current local history gallery at Bolton Museum, Aquarium and Archive will close from January 4 2010. A new gallery will open in November 2010. Due to building work taking place from January to November 2010, the number of Museum Workshops offered and lunch provision will be limited. **Please book early in order to avoid disappointment.**



## Activities Details

- Our interactive workshops last approximately 1 hour 45 minutes
- Each workshop is available for a maximum of 35 children.
- A free lunch room is available when you book an interactive workshop.

We offer interactive workshops at three fantastic venues:

- Bolton Museum, Art Gallery & Aquarium
- Hall i'th' Wood Museum
- Smithills Hall

All three venues have an exciting range of museum souvenirs and replica artefacts to buy at pocket money prices.

## Interactive workshops

### Art

#### Portraits KS2

- Art: What's it all about? KS2

## History & Geography

- Exploring Ancient Egypt KS2
- Toys KS1
- Samuel Crompton KS2
- Tudor Family Life KS2
- Tudor Celebration KS2
- Victorian Experience KS2
- Local History (Archives) KS2



For more information: <http://www.boltonmuseums.org.uk/learning/>



# Preston

Involve, engage and stimulate your pupils with a visit to the National Football Museum.  
A great place for schools, we offer:

- A fun and stimulating environment
- Creative approaches to learning
- Visits tailor made to *your* requirements
- Sessions for all your KS2, 3 & 4 requirements
- Wide range of subjects including Science, Art, History, Leisure & Tourism
- A choice of 'Hands-on' sessions, talks & tours



To have a chat about how we can help you please **contact:**

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Tel 01772 90 8402

For more information: <http://www.nationalfootballmuseum.com/pages/education/education.htm>



## Lancaster Maritime Museum



Within the setting of two original Georgian quayside buildings, your pupils are given the opportunity to step back in time. Through active participation, role-play and object handling sessions, your pupils will discover and explore over 1000 years of local history from Viking settlers to Lancaster and Morecambe's rich maritime past from its involvement in the Transatlantic Slave Trade to holiday fun.

### Activities

#### **The Vikings are Coming!**

Your pupils will be taken back to 955AD where they will be subject to Viking Law and customs. They will be invited into the heart of the settlement then taken to the home of Linden; she will demonstrate the Viking way of life and offer children the opportunity to participate directly in the home life and daily work chores of the 'Lancashire' settlement. They will also meet a Viking Warrior who will instruct them in all things Viking' farming, crafts, wood-working, sailing, navigation and fighting! These sessions are fully hands on and extremely entertaining taking your pupils on a journey where they experience life in Lancashire over 1000 years ago!

**KS1, KS2**

#### **Holidays in Morecambe (1hr)**

Your pupils will be taken to a Fisherman's cottage where a guest staying there will be waiting to greet them and take them back in time. The group will gain an awareness of many aspects of holidays in the past and local history of the area. The group will be able to handle original and replica artefacts. The group will also experience through active participation a variety of fun activities relating to holidays 'then and now,' including literacy, craft sessions, role-play and seaside games.

**KS1, KS2**

#### **Trade, People, Profits (2hrs)**

Your pupils will follow a local history trail that takes them through the Museums Custom House and outside along the Quayside. They will follow in the footsteps of Lancaster's forgotten past and its involvement in the Transatlantic Slave Trade. This session also covers other aspects of Lancaster's local history and development.

The Museum is keen to work with local schools wishing to develop their delivery of the Transatlantic Slave Trade

**KS2, KS3** Local History Themed Tours, The museum also offers guided tours of its galleries for teachers wishing to conduct a pre-visit..

For more information: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/acs/sites/museums/venues/lanc-maritime/index.asp?siteid=3774&pageid=18058&e=e>