



School Visits to Somerset Coalfield Life at
Radstock Museum
Bring History to Life

Come and find out how we lived in
Victorian Times

Children have the opportunity to:

- Attend and participate in a Victorian school lesson
- Visit the Victorian shop
- Visit a typical miner's cottage
- Visit a replica coal mine
- Visit the blacksmith's forge
- Handle Victorian & early 20th C objects and guess what they were used for
- See and handle toys from the past

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A school visit, unless alternative arrangements are made in advance, always includes a Victorian School experience.

Added to this you can book three other experiences from the list.

The two-hour visit will include two sessions in the Victorian classroom. At the beginning of the visit, children will engage in an interactive discussion with the Victorian school teacher about all the differences and similarities they can see within the Victorian classroom and look at and try out some of the props, such as the cane, finger stocks, dunce hat and lots more.



After the initial schoolroom session, the children will be divided into three smaller groups (organised by teachers prior to the visit). These groups will rotate around the three other experiences booked. For example, group 1 will visit the coal mine and meet our volunteer coal miner.



Group 2 will visit the old Co-op shop to see how we shopped before fridges, cars, and shopping trollies.

Group 3 will visit the miner's cottage and see how the very large miners' families lived in cramped conditions with no bathroom or inside lavatory. Then the groups rotate to each experience until they have all completed all three.

For the last part of the visit, the children return to the schoolroom for a Victorian school lesson complete with slates and chalk, and lessons in reading, writing and arithmetic suitable for the age of the children attending.



Visiting children and teachers are encouraged to dress up in Victorian costume, in addition to this, the museum has pinafores (for girls) and waistcoats and caps (for boys) which can be worn by children who would like to wear them.

Arranging a School Visit

School visits take place in the mornings when the museum is closed to the public.

Normally, visits run from 10am-12noon; ideally schools arrive in time to start at 10am.

Due to the limited space in the Victorian Schoolroom, we can accommodate a maximum of 30 children per visit. We accept a minimum of 15 children per visit, except children with special needs, whereby smaller numbers are welcome. Please contact the Museum via email for discussion of possible alternative arrangements.

There is a cost of £4.80 per child (which includes VAT) Your school will be invoiced for the visit. All funds raised go to Radstock Museum, registered charity no. 1151573.

As is usual with school trips, we adhere to the statutory guidelines with respect to accompanying adults, therefore there will be no charge for:

- 1 adult per 5 KS1 children
- 1 adult per 8 KS2 children
- 1 adult per 10 KS3 children

Special educational needs are catered for; any requirements must be discussed at the time of booking. If a child needs a one-to-one helper for specific special needs, then the helper will be admitted free of charge.

Teachers are welcome to arrange a free preliminary visit during normal museum opening hours.

During a visit to Somerset Coalfield Life at Radstock Museum, children will always remain the responsibility of their teachers and helpers.

Following the visit, all children receive a free ticket to visit the museum at a future date.

Please contact the Education Team for details.
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All museum Education Team are
volunteers



We look forward to welcoming you