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## Visual Story



**A trip to St Fagans**



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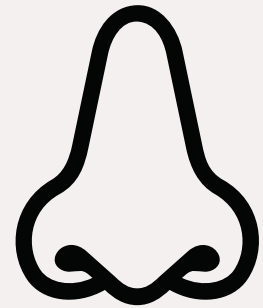
**This is a visual guide for learning groups preparing to visit.**

**It includes useful information for all learners including those with additional needs.**



# Symbols used in this guide

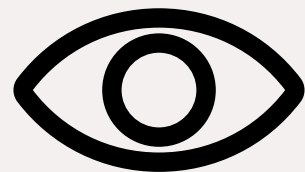
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**This symbol shows when a place has strong smells.**



**This symbol shows when a place is noisy.**



**This symbol shows when a place has a change in lighting.**



**This symbol is used to highlight areas where you can touch objects.**

# If you arrive by coach

There is parking for coaches at the back right hand side of the main car park.

Please use the pavement on the right hand side of the bus car park, to get to the museum entrance.



# When you get to the Museum

**This is the front of the museum.**

**There's a paved path leading up  
to the front door.**



# The front door to the Museum

The doors are made of glass and automatically open as you walk towards them.

The museum building foyer is a big open space with grey, shiny flooring and white walls.

There is a reception desk in the middle of the foyer, where museum staff will be there to welcome you.



# People you will meet

Museum staff will greet you at the main entrance and at the reception desk.

Some staff wear a uniform with the Museum logo on it.

They are there to help you have a good visit and answer any questions.

The TV screens in the main reception will have information about events going on that day and buildings that may be closed.



# People you will meet

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**If you've booked a session with us, some of the staff may be dressed in costume. They may be wearing a celtic outfit and carrying replica objects. They are friendly and will help you learn about how people lived in the past.**





# Getting to the Weston Centre for Learning

You can get to the Weston Centre for Learning by walking up the stairs on the right hand side of the main foyer.

Museum learning staff will be at the centre for learning welcome desk, to sign you in, show you the lunch room and provide any further information for your visit.

You can also use the lift to get to the learning centre and galleries. Press level 2.



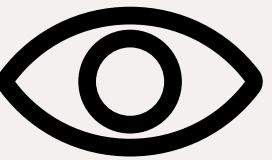
# Map of St Fagans

You can purchase a map from the main reception desk or download it [here](#).

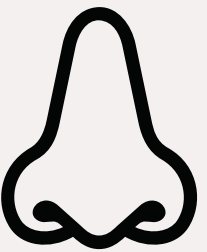
There are large maps around the site with directional arrows signposting to the different buildings and galleries.



# The Historic Buildings



**Some of the buildings are very dark.**



**Some have fires that are lit, so the room may smell smoky.**

**Some of the buildings have ropes and barriers sectioning off different parts of the rooms.**

**Many of the buildings have low ceilings and doors.**



# Getting to the historic buildings

St Fagans is home to over 40 recreated buildings. Please see the map on page 7.

You can go to our website to find photographs and information about the buildings before your visit:

[The Site | Museum Wales](#)

Gwalia



Bryn Eryr

# Animals

**You can visit Llwyn yr Eos farm at St Fagans.**

**The farm can be noisy and busy. Especially during lambing season in March/April.**

**You may see and hear the farmers using tractors, tools and machinery.**

**There's lots of different animals on the farm, like sheep, pigs, ducks and geese.**



# Getting to the Wales is... Gallery



To reach the 'Wales is...' gallery you can walk up the stairs across from the Learning Centre and turn right. There is a long corridor with lots of glass.

The entrance for the gallery will be on your left.



Press Level 3 for the 'Wales is...' gallery.



# Wales is... Gallery

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**When there are lots of people in the gallery it can be noisy and sounds can echo.**



**There are lots of lights in the gallery - which reflect on the glass cases.**



# Getting to the Life is...gallery



The Life is... gallery is on the same floor as the Wales is... Gallery.

You can exit the Wales is gallery and you'll see the entrance on the left.



The gallery is wheelchair accessible.





# Life is...gallery



**There is lots of hands-on activities in this gallery for visitors to use. There are dressing up clothes, games and toys to play with.**



**There is a piano in this gallery, that visitors can play.**



# Getting to the Gweithdy gallery

To reach the Gweithdy gallery:

1. Exit the main building, and follow the foot path around to the left past the play area.
2. Follow the black and green directional arrows.
3. The route is wheelchair accessible. See map.



# Getting to the Gweithdy gallery



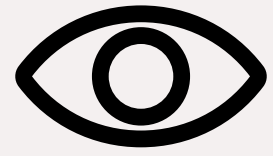
If you're approaching the building from the right, there is a wooden slatted foot bridge to get to the Gweithdy building main entrance.



The route is wheelchair accessible. See map.



# Gweithdy Gallery



**There are lots of objects to explore and touch in this gallery.**

**This could be overwhelming for some visitors. It may help to focus on one case at a time - which will have a specific theme.**



**There are sounds of people working with tools, which are played on a loop in this gallery.**



# Toilets

**Learners have access to a separate set of toilets at the Weston Centre for Learning.**

**They are on the right, before you get to the centre for learning reception desk.**

**The disabled toilet includes a shower.**

**Doors and hand dryers are noisy in this area.**

**There are more toilets on the ground floor of the main building, next to the café.**



# Changing places Toilets

**There is a changing places toilet on the ground floor of the main building next to the café.**

**The changing places toilets include a shower, adjustable height sink, bed and facilities for a hoist.**

**Ask for a Radar key at the main reception desk in the foyer.**

**There is another changing places toilet and a disabled toilet in the Gweithdy building.**

**There is a toilet block with a disabled toilet next to the Prefab building. Please see map for directions.**



# Gift shop

**We have a shop in the main museum building where you can purchase souvenirs.**

**There is also Gwalia's shop, the bakery and the sweet shop.**



# Booking

**When booking a visit please let us know your groups needs.**

**Do you need us to:**

- **Adapt the content or delivery of a session. e.g. pace, language, content, activities, costumes, things to avoid / encourage.**
- **Create a more flexible timetable.**
- **Arrange use of a separate space for lunch.**
- **Look at reducing lighting, sounds - where possible.**





# Lunch room

**Studio 3 is used as a lunch area for learning groups. Please note this space is shared with other groups.**

**Studio 3 is a large room with glass doors and lots of tables and chairs.**

**There are two adjustable height tables for wheelchair users.**

**There are sinks, a drinking water tap and lockers for you to store packed lunches.**

**Please contact the learning admin team to find out more about our spaces and discuss your requirements:  
[learning.st.fagans@museumwales.ac.uk](mailto:learning.st.fagans@museumwales.ac.uk)**



# Quiet areas

**The castle grounds tend to be quieter than other parts of the museum site, where you can spot lots of different wildlife and flowers.**

**You can take part in a mindfulness walks around the castle grounds.**

**Access the map here:**

**Map.pdf (museum.wales)**



# Workshops

**You can book to take part in a facilitated workshop, which may be lead by a costumed facilitator.**

**You may be asked to dress in Victorian costume, hold and use objects or take part in role-play.**

**Pupils enjoy this part of the day but please let us know if you need us to make adjustments. We offer different workshops throughout the year - see website for details.**



# Virtual visits

Would it be useful to book a virtual visit before you visit the Museum?

Connect your class with Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales for a free live interactive workshop.

Designed for learners aged 7-11, the workshops cover areas of the curriculum including: Humanities, Expressive Arts and Health and Wellbeing

