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CHANGES IN BRITAIN FROM THE STONE AGE TO THE IRON AGE

Engaging and practical KS2 discovery days
delivered by the Creswell Crags Learning Team
at the University of Nottingham Museum, Lakeside Arts



Designed to help your students' understanding of the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, a visit to the University of Nottingham Museum is the perfect way to learn about pre-historic Britain.

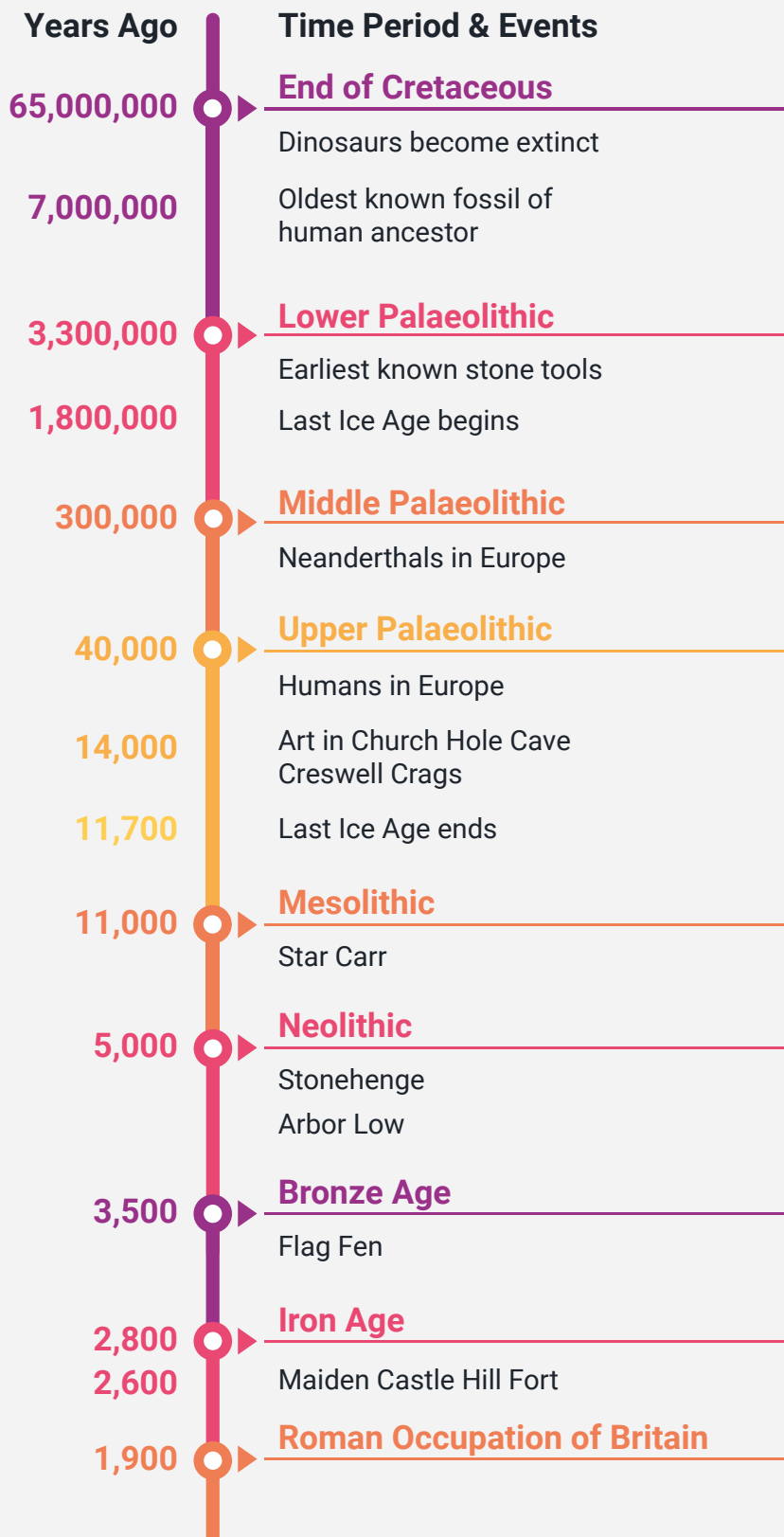
Your students will have an opportunity to learn what we know about pre-historic Britain and how we know about the changes that took place.

University of Nottingham Museum

Located on University Park Campus, the University of Nottingham Museum is an award-winning museum that holds a collection of regional archaeology covering 250,000 years. The museum contains objects that tell a fascinating story of everyday life over this long period.

Why the Creswell Crags Learning Team?

Creswell Crags, located on the Nottinghamshire-Derbyshire border, is one of the most important prehistoric sites in Britain. Caves within this gorge have sheltered people and animals for over 60,000 years, with bones, fossils, and stone tools all telling the story of those who visited during the last Ice Age.



ACTIVITY DAYS

The Learning Team at this internationally important site have been delivering high quality educational activities to visiting primary school groups for many years. They have now used their vast experience and expertise to create these unique activity packages for children to learn about prehistory through engaging and interactive sessions at the University of Nottingham Museum.

You have the choice of two different discovery days, both are based on Prehistoric Britain but take different approaches to their style, delivery and learning approach.

Spirit of the Stone Age Day breathes life into the Stone Age, with a costumed, time-travelling guide leading your class on an immersive journey focussing on **what we know** about life in pre-history.

Archaeology Adventure Day allows students to become an archaeologist for the day, focusing on **how we know** about life in pre-historic Britain during a time when documents and written records weren't kept.



Spirit of the Stone Age Day

Step back in time in this immersive, action packed activity day that breathes life into the topic of the Stone Age. Your friendly, time-travelling guide will transport your class back to everyday life in ancient Britain as you explore the age of your ancestors.

This activity day focuses on **what we know** about life in the Stone Age, by making a symbolic and physical journey through the period. Students will travel through three different eras of the Stone Age; the Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age), the Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age) and the Neolithic (New Stone Age). Due to the nature of the activities, the sessions are predominantly held outdoors in the woodlands area opposite Lakeside Arts. See **Important** information at the bottom of this page.



Pre-historic Pathway Sessions

Palaeolithic Pathway

Take a journey and discover how people lived in the earliest days of hunter-gatherer life. Learn how to make a basic shelter, track and hunt for food, and set up camp as you strive to live with your tribe in these tough times.

Marvellous Mesolithic

Work as a team to gather the resources needed to cope with the evolving landscapes of ancient Britain. Learn about new technologies used to hunt and gather more abundant resources, and discover how the changing climate impacted life.

Nifty Neolithic

Get hands on with the key skills the first farmers needed to create their farmstead. Learn about the dramatic changes that happened in this last period of Stone Age life, which changed the landscape of Britain forever. Explore the changes in tool technology and their impact.



Example Timetable

10:00-10:30am

Welcome, orientation & toilets

10:30am-11:30am

Session 1

Palaeolithic Pathway

11:30am-12:30pm

Session 2

Marvellous Mesolithic

12:30-1:00pm

Lunch

1:15-2:15pm

Session 3

Nifty Neolithic

IMPORTANT: This is an outdoor activity day with no shelter, and therefore can only go ahead in fine weather. If you book the Spirit of the Stone Age activity day and the forecast for your visit is wet/windy, we shall deliver the (indoor) Archaeology Adventure Day instead, and notify you of this change as far in advance as possible.

Archaeology Adventure Day

Pre-historic Britain is the period of human history we know least about. So how do we know what life was like for the people who lived here before the Romans brought over the written word?

This activity day focuses on **how we know** about the lives of people living in Britain before there were any documents or written evidence to guide us.

This day offers a more **science-based** experience, with a focus on **experimental archaeology, excavation methods** and **teamwork**.

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Archaeology Adventure Day Sessions

Exploring Excavating

Learn the skills used by archaeologists to uncover the evidence left behind by our oldest ancestors. Using experimental archaeology, your class will take part in their own excavation, and examine the creative and practical worlds of the Stone Age.

Art of the Ancients

This session explores how life in the Stone Age was more colourful and creative than we think. Explore how early art shows that life was much more than survival. Your class will make their own art replicas, testing their theories about Stone Age life.

Pre-historic People

Using all their prior learning, students will investigate who our pre-historic ancestors really were. Examine the evidence of what people ate in the past, the types of tools they made and the clothes they wore.

Important Information



Location

Sessions are held at the [University of Nottingham Museum](#), located on University Park Campus. You will find the museum between the Department of Music and Djanogly Gallery.



Cost

The cost for each day is [£275](#), regardless of class size. The maximum class size is 30 children, so if you wish to bring more than this, you will need to book multiple days.



Accessibility

Spirit of the Stone Age Days take place [outdoors](#) by the Highfields Park Boat House and in the surrounding woodland. The area around the woodland is mainly flat and wheelchair accessible, and has some clearings for access. However, there may be areas where raised tree roots make the [ground uneven](#). The Archaeology Adventure Day takes place indoors, and is fully wheelchair accessible.



Environment

Spirit of the Stone Age Days take place [outdoors](#) by the Highfields Park Boat House and in the surrounding woodland. Archaeology Adventure Days take place [inside](#) the museum building.



Available Days

Sessions will run on [Mondays](#), [Tuesdays](#) and [Wednesdays](#) only. Please note, the museum is closed to the public on these days. Spirit of the Stone Age sessions will run [May to September](#) (due to the activities being outdoors). Archaeology Adventure Days run [all year round](#). Please contact us to discuss current availability.



Safety

Aspects of both activity days take place by the Highfields Park Boat House. These sessions are near a [large boating lake](#); please ensure you familiarise yourself with the location of the sessions and lake. The Team will provide you with a necessary safety briefing upon arrival.



Public Spaces

Spirit of the Stone Age Days take place in a [public space](#), and members of the public have access to the area. Where possible, we will try to make the sessions as private as possible, but we are unable to completely cordon off the learning area. Toilets are also shared with

Terms and Conditions

Numbers

The maximum number for each activity day is 30 children and 3 adults (plus any one-to-one support staff who may attend in addition to the 3 adults). If you wish to bring more than 30 children, please book an additional date(s) and split the group over multiple days.

Booking Process

All bookings are made via our booking form, which is emailed out to schools once a provisional date is agreed with us. The form is completed by the school and returned to us via email. No booking is secure until we have acknowledged receipt of the booking form and emailed the information pack to the booked school.

Schools with a secure booking will be sent an information pack, which includes details of the timetable of the activity day, travel information, risk assessments, the school's agreement with us, and vital health and safety information. By placing a booking, you agree to:

- Carefully read the information we send you, and to forward the information to all members of staff within your school who are involved with the trip, including teachers, teaching assistants and business support staff.
- Submit your own risk assessment for your visit to us at least 2 weeks before your visit. This shall be read by staff at both the University of Nottingham and Creswell Crags, to ensure that everything is in place for your visit.

PLEASE NOTE: Without written confirmation that you have read the information pack and the submission of your school's risk assessment for the visit, we are unable to deliver your activity day, and the booking shall be cancelled. Schools who make a booking but then fail to submit confirmation of reading and a risk assessment will be charged the cancellation fee of £137.50.

Payment

Each activity day is priced at £275, regardless of the number of children attending.

We will issue an electronic invoice before your visit, to the e-mail address you have specified. Payment can be made by cheque to Creswell Heritage Trust or by BACS (details will be on the invoice). Payment is due within 30 days after your visit. For any invoicing queries, please email finance@creswell-crags.org.uk

Alterations

If you wish to alter your booking or make special requests for your visit, we will do what we can to assist you. Please contact uon.learning@creswell-crags.org.uk or call us on 01909 720378 ext: 2030 to discuss your options. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all requests or alterations, but we are happy to discuss this with you.

We cannot run the outdoor sessions in bad weather. In the event of bad (i.e. wet/windy) weather being forecast on the day of your visit, any booking of Spirit of the Stone Age will be changed to Archaeology Adventure Day. You shall be notified of this change as early as possible.

Cancellations

As our primary school sessions are very popular, we appreciate as much advance notice as possible if you need to cancel your trip. Any cancellation within 6 weeks of your visit is subject to a £137.50 cancellation fee.

Responsibility

While the staff and volunteers from Creswell Crags and the University of Nottingham shall do everything within their ability to keep visitors safe during their visit, responsibility for the health and safety of the visiting school group remains with their accompanying adults at all times.

To ensure sessions are not disrupted or made unsafe, managing the behaviour of the children while attending the visit is also the responsibility of the visiting school group's accompanying adults. Creswell Crags' staff can support this behaviour management when appropriate, but shall at no point be solely responsible for this during the activity day.

Getting to Us



By Coach

Coaches are welcome to drop off and pick up directly outside the entrance to the University of Nottingham Museum, on East Drive. The maximum stay for coaches in this location is limited to 20 minutes.

If coach drivers wish to stay on site for the duration of the day, we advise them to find off-site parking as the University Park campus doesn't have coach parking.



By Tram

The University of Nottingham tram stop is located at the bottom of East Drive, around two minutes walk from the University of Nottingham Museum. Please see www.thetram.net/ for details of the Nottingham tram network.

How to Book

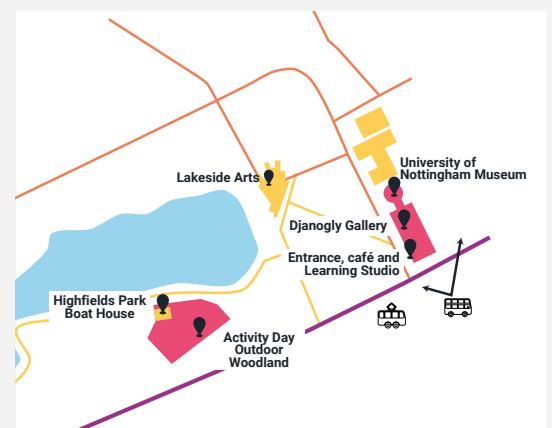
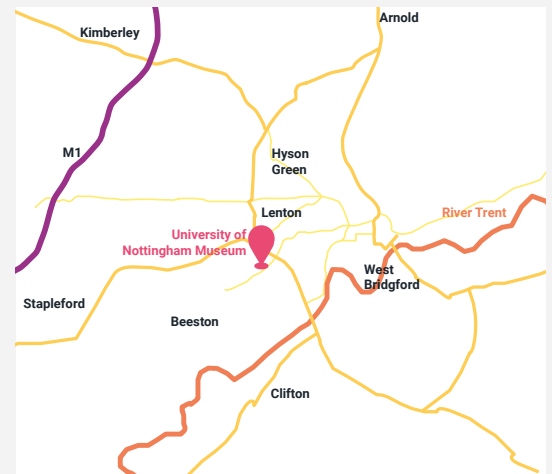
Please email uon.learning@creswell-crags.org.uk or call us on 01909 720378 ext: 2030 to discuss availability and potential dates for your visit.

Once we have identified a convenient date, we shall send you a booking form to complete; the submission of this form shall secure your booking, and we shall then send you all the information you need for your visit, such as the risk assessments and timetable.

Please note that we require each school visiting the University of Nottingham Museum to submit their own risk assessment at least 2 weeks in advance of their visit, and also confirm in writing that they have read the information we have sent out concerning the activity day.

If you have any queries, please contact our Finance and Bookings Assistant on 01909 720378 ext. 2030, or email uon.learning@creswell-crags.org.uk.

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