

Ironbridge

GREAT VALUE DAYS OUT 2012/13

The **IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUMS**

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Ironbridge Gorge

World Heritage Site

Inventing | Inspiring | Inviting



Meet the Victorians at Blists Hill Victorian Town

New Annual Family Passport Ticket

Home to the fantastic Enginuity



Ironbridge
BIRTHPLACE OF INDUSTRY





'come back again
and again for a
whole 12 months
with your
fantastic value
Annual Passport
Ticket'

Families love it!

Return
using your
Annual
Passport
Ticket

...to visit
with friends
and family

...to entertain
the children
during school
holidays

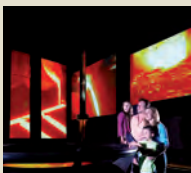
...to enjoy
summer
daytime
Special Events



Meet the animals

MUST DO LIST

See the spectacular
film show in the
Visitor Centre



Try the delicious
traditionally cooked
Fish & Chips



Buy 'old favourites'
in the Sweetshop



Ride on the
Inclined Lift



Blists Hill VICTORIAN TOWN

Travel back over 100 years to
experience the sights, sounds,
smells and tastes of a recreated
Victorian town.

Enter a different world filled with Victorian characters in costume going about their daily life. Fascinating for visitors of all ages, the 52 acre site is a bustling recreation of a Victorian town, and uses token pounds, shillings and pence for its transactions. Discover what life was like for a Victorian housewife in the cottages, and in the main season have fun at the fairground and enjoy a journey on a horse and cart. Reminders of the past dot the landscape with original industrial monuments such as the Hay Inclined Plane and Blast Furnaces.



All the fun of the Victorian fairground

Home to the BBC's Victorian Pharmacy



**A brilliant recreation
of Victorian life...**



Generate electricity

Enginuity

Test your reactions against the speed of a robot; generate power from water or pull a locomotive by hand.

Find out how a little ingenuity will empower you to pull a 10 ton locomotive or generate electricity from flowing water. Look at familiar objects with new eyes using the giant x-ray machine, build an earthquake-proof tower and challenge our robotic arm. Whether you're young or old, this is your chance to discover the true spirit of Ironbridge: it lies within us all!

"The new Annual Family Passport Ticket is great value however many children you have. Come back again and again during all the school holidays"

COME BACK AND HAVE A GO AT THESE GREAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

The Games & Me



Speed



Techno Terrors



Space Race



...the power of technology

Ingenious Inventions



The giant x-ray machine



Kids have great fun

Coalport China Museum

Home to the famous Coalport China Factory until 1926, here you'll find the listed buildings are now filled with the finest examples of the old factory's work.

MUST DO LIST

See how china is made



Watch Demonstrations



Have-a-go



Alongside the National Collections of Coalport and Caughley China, discover displays and demonstrations explaining the history and techniques of china making. On many days during school holidays, come and have a go yourself and decorate china with your own designs or even try clay modelling.



Jackfield Tile Museum

The village of Jackfield was once at the centre of the world tile industry. Today one of the old factories is filled with rooms of beautiful tile displays and settings such as a pub, a butcher's shop and a tube station.

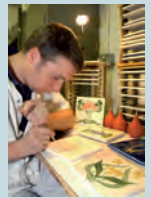
As you wander through the museum you will be able to see, touch and even walk on magnificent British tiles. On many days, you can watch staff from the Craven Dunnill Company manufacture tiles or even create your own at one of the regularly held workshops. At the adjacent **Fusion** see contemporary Designers and Makers in action, marking a new and exciting period in the history of Jackfield.

MUST DO LIST

Marvel at tiles



Watch the experts



Have-a-go



Go Green - Why not hire a bike here and explore the area and all our museums the green way?

Coalbrookdale Museum of Iron & The Old Furnace

The mighty Coalbrookdale Museum of Iron celebrates the importance of the early iron industry and houses a fabulous collection of fine art castings.

MUST DO LIST

Explore the
Old Furnace



Discover
Ironmasters'
Secrets



Step inside the
Darby Houses



Statues, benches, tables, plaques, fire surrounds and other works of art are displayed here. Nearby is Abraham Darby's original Old Furnace, the heart of the Gorge, and the place where it all began 300 years ago.

Step inside the **Darby Houses** and discover rooms packed with original furniture, costumes and mementos from the everyday life of the Ironmasters.



The Iron Bridge & Tollhouse

Our forebears may have invented heavy industry, but in stark contrast to many of today's industrial projects, they never forgot the majesty of elegance or the importance of sheer beauty.



Absorb the sheer beauty of the Gorge and its historic Iron Bridge



Nowhere is this more artfully expressed than in the graceful lines and soaring arches of the world's first cast iron bridge. As the enduring symbol of our Industrial Revolution, it will stay in your memory forever. To the south side of the Iron Bridge you'll find the original Tollhouse, home to an exhibition revealing the secrets behind the Bridge.


The Tollhouse is open during the summer and at other times for pre-booked groups. Please check for details.

The Museum of The Gorge

Housed in a Gothic-style warehouse beside the River Severn.

The Museum of The Gorge uses film to explain the area's significance and you can see what the Gorge was like in 1796 with the help of a giant 12 metre long model. Spot a Royal carriage crossing the Iron Bridge, the cargo on a Severn Trow and a tiny figure toiling in a coal mine.

Understand more about the area's history and discover why, as a World Heritage Site, it ranks alongside the Pyramids and the Taj Mahal in its importance in world history.

 The Visitor Information Centre can be found here and is open from 9am weekdays and 10am weekends.



Broseley Pipeworks



This abandoned factory was once home to one of the most prolific clay tobacco pipe makers in Britain, exporting all over the world.



Production came to an end in the 1950s but it remains as though the workforce left just minutes before you arrived. Seasonal opening times.

The Tar Tunnel

Amongst the most curious of tourist attractions is the Tar Tunnel, where miners digging in 1787 struck a spring of natural bitumen, a black treacle-like substance.

The eerie brick-lined tunnel was a great curiosity and bitumen still oozes from its walls today. Do you dare walk the Tar Tunnel - even with the hard hat supplied?



Gift Aid is a very simple initiative which allows charities like the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust to reclaim tax paid on donations. If you choose to Gift Aid your donation the taxman will then pay us 25p in the £ on that donation. This will cost you nothing except a few seconds of your time when you visit but is of huge importance to us and will make a real difference to our charitable work. *Thank you.*

Events & Exhibitions Calendar 2012

Below are listed a few of our many special events. Check out www.ironbridge.org.uk for a full list of events and workshops.

Date	Event title	Venue
11 - 19 Feb	The Games & Me	Enginuity
23 Mar - 30 Sept	CORE: Digital Art Exhibition	Enginuity
31 Mar - 15 Apr	Float - a - Boat Workshops	Enginuity
6 - 9 Apr	Easter Celebrations	Blists Hill Victorian Town
21 - 23 Apr	St. George's Day	Blists Hill Victorian Town
6 & 7 May	Steam in Miniature	Blists Hill Victorian Town
2 - 5 June	A Royal Jubilee Celebration	Blists Hill Victorian Town
2 - 10 June	Wicked Water Workshops	Enginuity
14 Jul - 1 Sept	International Garden Photographer of the Year	Jackfield Tile Museum
15 July	Julius Caesar - Evening Theatre	Blists Hill Victorian Town
21 & 22 July	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Blists Hill Victorian Town
21 July - 2 Sept	Space Race Workshops	Enginuity
28 & 29 July	Community Games	Blists Hill Victorian Town
4 & 5 Aug	Detectives Weekend	Blists Hill Victorian Town
20 Oct - 4 Nov	Techno Terrors Workshops	Enginuity
27 Oct	Ghostly Gaslight	Blists Hill Victorian Town
3 Nov	Fireworks Night	Blists Hill Victorian Town
8 & 9 Dec	Victorian Christmas Weekend	Blists Hill Victorian Town
15 & 16 Dec	Victorian Christmas Weekend	Blists Hill Victorian Town

The management reserves the right to change or cancel any event without notice.

Large print and Access information available, call 01952 433424.

Made in The Gorge & From Our Collections

If you're looking for that special gift, a treat for yourself or a memento of a great day out, be sure to visit our museum shops. With beautiful handmade items, **Made in The Gorge** truly showcases local artists and designers. Our fabulous **From Our Collections** range offers gifts inspired by the beautiful and historic objects found within our sites.



Stories
of the World



Science Sport Life

Our Sporting Life - Exhibition

SPORTING HEROES - 1st Jan 2012 - 9th Sept 2012

The Coalbrookdale Gallery, Nr Enignuity, Coalbrookdale

FREE ENTRY, open Monday to Friday.

Our Sporting Life - Exhibition

SCIENCE OF SPORT - 1st Jan 2012 - 9th Sept 2012

Enignuity, Coalbrookdale.

Normal admission charges apply, open every day.

THE GAMES AND ME

Fun, family activities with a sporting twist.

Enignuity, Coalbrookdale, during school holidays.

Normal admission charges apply.

CORE world-class digital art exhibition,
part of the London 2012 Festival, by Kurt Hentschläger
23rd Mar - 30th Sept 2012

The Engine Shop, Enignuity, Coalbrookdale.

FREE ENTRY to the exhibition, open every day.

(see opposite page)

For dates, times and costs call 01952 433424

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CORE at Enignuity

Fri 23 March -
Sun 30th September
2012

Free entry to the Exhibition



Visit CORE at Enignuity, Ironbridge and step into a digital creation of movement and sound. Giant projections give a glimpse into a weightless world populated by humanoid figures in extreme motion.

This world-class piece of art will be premiered during March 2012 and will remain on display until the autumn. CORE is part of the London 2012 Festival and at the heart of the Cultural Olympiad.



Artist: Kurt Hentschläger Producer: Humanew LLC. Commissioner: The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust Limited. Curator: Richard Castelli. Humanew LLC - Kurt Hentschläger.
Courtesy: The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust Limited. Kurt Hentschläger thanks his assistant, the team production and Epidemic.

INTERNATIONAL GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

IMAGES OF A GREEN PLANET

The world's premier competition and exhibition specialising in garden, plant, flower and botanical photography, and run in association with Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, arrives in the Ironbridge Gorge for the summer season. A truly beautiful exhibition showcasing idyllic scenes and nature at its best. The 2011 winner and finalists' photographs will be on display at the Footprint Gallery, Jackfield Tile Museum.

At Jackfield TILE MUSEUM
Sat 14th July -
Sat 1st September 2012

Free entry to the Footprint Gallery

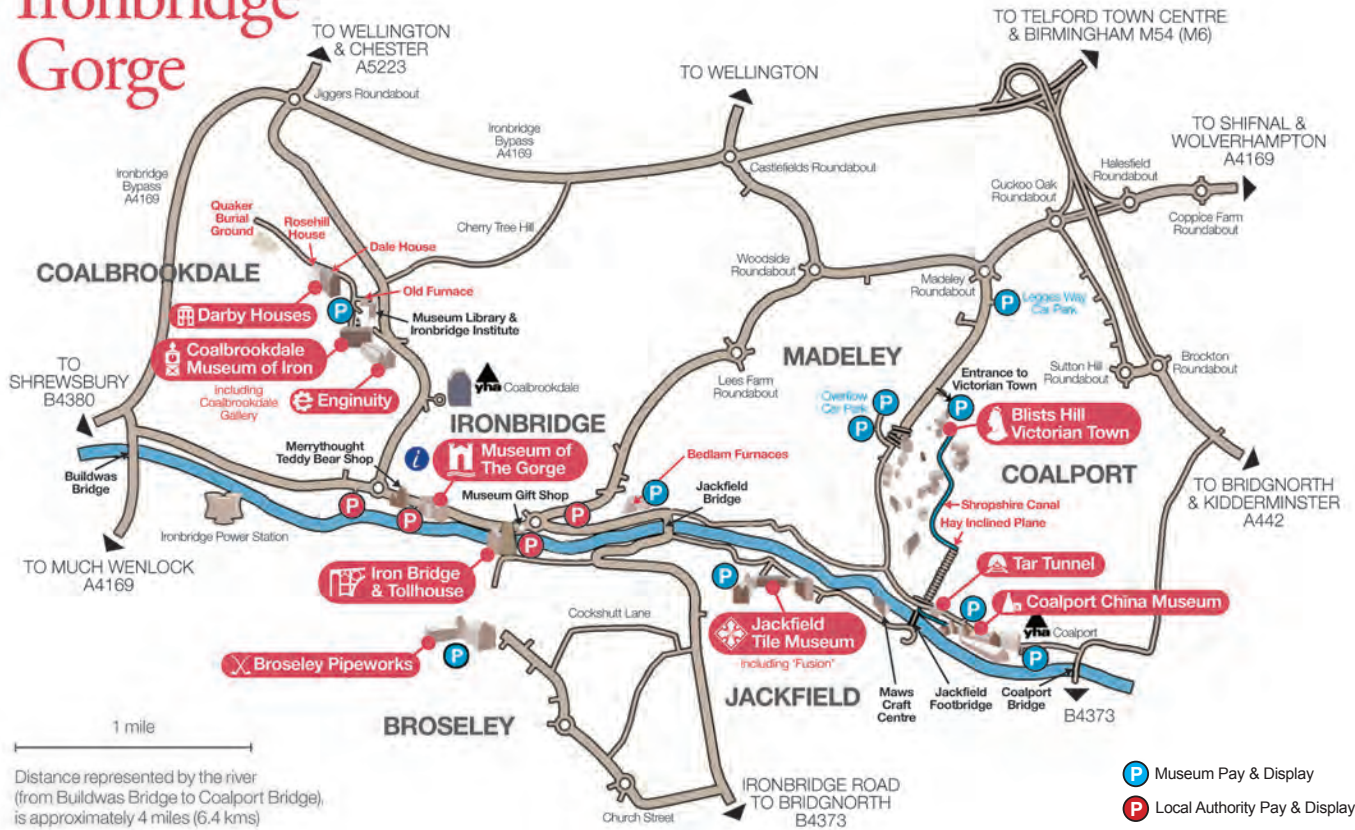


Songs from the Machair by Colin Campbell



The White Garden by Fleur Robertson

Ironbridge Gorge



MUSEUM SITE			SHOP					SAT NAV	VISIT TIME	SUMMER OPENING 24/03/2012 to 4/11/2012 incl.	WINTER OPENING 5/11/2012 to 16/03/2013 incl.
Blists Hill Victorian Town	●	●	●	●	●	●	-	TF7 5DU	3+ hrs	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm	Mon - Sun, 10am - 4pm
Coalport China Museum	-	-	●	●	●	●	●	TF8 7HT	1.5 hrs	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm
Tar Tunnel	-	-	●	-	-	-	●	TF8 7HT	20 mins	Mon - Sun, 10.30am - 4pm	<i>Closed</i>
Museum of Iron	●	●	●	●	●	-	●	TF8 7DQ	1.5 hrs	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm
Darby Houses	-	-	-	-	●	-	●	TF8 7DQ	1 hr	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm	<i>Closed</i>
Enginuity	●	-	●	●	●	-	●	TF8 7DQ	2 hrs	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm
Iron Bridge & Tollhouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	●	TF8 7JP	30 mins	Tollhouse open every local school holiday weekend *	<i>Tollhouse closed</i>
Museum of The Gorge	-	-	●	●	●	-	●	TF8 7NH	45 mins	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm
Jackfield Tile Museum	●	-	●	●	●	-	●	TF8 7LJ	1.5 hrs	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm	Mon - Sun, 10am - 5pm
SUMMER OPENING 21/05/2012 to 23/09/2012 incl.											
Broseley Pipeworks	-	-	●	●	●	-	●	TF12 5LX	1 hr	Mon - Sun, 1pm - 5pm	<i>Closed</i>

All Museums close 24th & 25th December and New Year's Day. From 26th - 31st December the Museums that are normally open during the winter will close at 4pm. The Visitor Information Centre in the Museum of The Gorge is open 9am weekdays, 10am weekends. * Iron Bridge Tollhouse is open every weekend in the local school summer holidays or by prior arrangement for groups & schools.

Registered offices: The IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUM TRUST Limited Telford Shropshire TF8 7DQ.
 Charitable Trust Ref No. 503717-R.

The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust is committed to sustainable tourism practices and has a Silver Award for Green Tourism. Leaflet printed on environmentally friendly material.



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again and
again

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or visit www.ironbridge.org.uk

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TICKETS - A great value Annual Passport Ticket allows unlimited daytime admission for 12 months to all ten museums - it's like coming back again and again for free!

★ **The New Annual Family Passport Ticket now allows up to 2 Adults plus all your children. Terms and conditions apply.**

ADULT - £23.25

60 PLUS - £18.75

CHILD/STUDENT - £15.25

FAMILY - £64.00

Prices valid from 24th March 2012 until 16th March 2013.

Additional costs apply for some events and activities. Call for terms and conditions. Annual Passports not valid for evening events or at Blists Hill Victorian Christmas Weekends.

**MOST MUSEUMS ARE OPEN
MONDAY TO SUNDAY, 10am to 5pm**

For seasonal and other variations see inside. All museums close 24th & 25th December and New Year's Day. Activities and demonstrations vary day to day, we advise you to call to check details before you travel on 01952 433424.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Situated in the Museum of The Gorge and open 9am weekdays, 10am weekends.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

For rail info call 08457 484950. For local bus information call 01952 200005.

GORGE CONNECT SHUTTLE

The shuttle connects most sites at weekends & Bank Holiday Mondays, Easter to October inclusive and is free to Annual Passport holders.

**PARK IN MOST OF THE MUSEUM CAR PARKS FOR
JUST A SINGLE SMALL CHARGE**

Ticket does not include Museum of The Gorge and Ironbridge pay & display car parks where local authority charges apply.

Ironbridge



HOW TO GET THERE

Take junction 4 from the M54 and follow brown signs for Ironbridge Gorge. The ten museums are in an area of about six square miles and you will need transport to travel between them. There are three routes into the Ironbridge Gorge, take one of the following: **Blists Hill Museums** for Blists Hill Victorian Town, Coalport China Museum and Tar Tunnel. **Ironbridge Museums** for the Iron Bridge & Tollhouse, Museum of The Gorge, Jackfield Tile Museum and Broseley Pipeworks. **Coalbrookdale Museums** for Coalbrookdale Museum of Iron, Darby Houses and Enginuity.