Information

This Event guide and the events are organised by the Leicester Museums Technology Association, the volunteer group supporting the museum, in cooperation with the Leicester City Council Museum Service.

The Abbey Pumping Station Museum is open from February to October from 11.00am to 4.30pm (Except Special Event Days)

Museum Tours

Tours of the museum with an entertaining and İnformative guide can be booked for groups of all kinds. Tours can also be tailored to meet your specific requirements.

Contact: enquiries@abbeypumpingstation.org or aps@leicester.gov.uk

Special Needs Access

Level access is available in the grounds, museum displays and railway. Wheelchair loan is available on request and audio interpretation and hands-on displays are featured throughout the exhibitions. A staff assisted lift allows access to the beam engine house. There is an accessible toilet and baby changing facilities.

Fire Safety Restrictions

The museum is based in a listed building, which makes it very difficult to make alterations in respect of fire escape routes. During busy Special Event Days it may be necessary to limit numbers in the Beam Engine house.

* Admission Charges

Tickets booked in advance:

Adult £6, Concessions £5, Child (over 5) £2, Family (2+2) £15

Tickets can be booked online at www.leicestermuseums.org/abbey-pumping-station/ or by calling 0116 299 5111 (open hours only).

On the Gate:

Adult £7, Concession £6, Child (over 5) £3.

Please note that events may be subject to change without prior notice. All engines and working exhibits operate subject to availability and safe working.

How to get to APS

The Abbey Pumping Station, Leicester LE4 5PX (Grid reference SK588067) is about 1 mile north of Leicester City centre near Beaumont Leys. Situated on the Riverside Walk and Sustrans cycleway, it is adjacent to the National Space Centre.

For further information about events at the Abbey Pumping Station: call 0116 299 5111; or visit either www.abbeypumpingstation.org or www.leicestermuseums.org/abbey-pumping-station/ or write to The Operations Officer, The Abbey Pumping Station Museum, Corporation Road, Leicester LE4 5PX.



Bus 54, leave from Haymarket Bus Station, currently stand HY. Park and Ride electric bus 303 from Birstall or City Centre, alight at ASDA stop, not on Sundays. Outer city centre circular

route number 40 clockwise/anticlockwise. Nearest stop Thurcaston Road/Abbey Lane junction. Not on Sundays. 'Skylink' service from Leicester, Loughborough and Derby, will drop off and pickup at the junction of Corporation Road and Abbey Lane. Visit: https://skylink.co.uk



Follow the Riverside Walk or Abbey Lane (A6). An 8 minute walk from Abbey Lane bus stop.



Parking (including Disabled parking) is available on the National Space Centre car park, Pay and Display.



Follow Sustrans cycle route 6 along Riverside Walk.

Change at Leicester Station for local bus services available from Railway Station or Haymarket Bus Station. Leicester North Station on the preserved Great Central Railway is a short walk (1 mile).

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2024 Calendar

February 20th Half Term Railway Day

Trains run 11.30 to 4.00pm

March 3rd Steam Toys in Action

Museum Open 12.00 to 4.30pm

March 23rd Steam With The Team

April 2nd Holiday Railway Day

Trains run 11.30 to 4.00pm

April 6th Railways Gala Day
Trains run 11.30 to 4.00pm

May 12th Emergency Services Day

Museum open 12.00 to 4.30pm

May 28th Half Term Railway Day

Trains run 11.30 to 4.00pm

June 8th Railway Day with Teddies

Trains run 11.30 to 4.00pm

July 6th Railway Day with Meccano

Trains run 11.30 to 4.00pm

July 16, 23, 30 Holiday Railway Days

Trains run 11.30 to 4.00pm

Aug 6, 13, 20 Holiday Railway Days
Trains run 11.30 to 4.00pm

August 18th Summer Family Fun Day

Museum open 12.00 to 4.30pm

September 7th Railway Day, Classic Vehicles

Trains run 11.30 to 4.00pm

October 5th Railway Day with Models

Trains run 11.30 to 4.00pm

October 22nd Half Term Railway Day

Trains run 11.30 to 4.00pm

October 26th Steam With The Team November 30th Steam With The Team

December 1st Christmas Steam Day Museum opens 11.30 to 4.00pm

Light refreshments available at all events. (Cash Only)

Beam Engines in Steam

Steam Hauled Railway

Railway Day Events



On Saturday Railway themed days and special events, the site Narrow Gauge railway will be steam hauled by Leonard, the 1919 Bagnall locomotive.



On Tuesday running days the site Narrow Gauge railway will be hauled by Peter, or one of the other resident IC locos.

Admission Free.

Small charge for train rides. (Cash Only)

Steam With The Team

Saturdays

Tour Times; Every 1/2 hour from 11am to 3pm.

Book online £9 Adults, £8 Concessions (over 60, under 16)

On the door £10 Adults, £9 Concessions.

This is your chance to take a full guided tour of the Beam Engine House (only open to tour groups) while the engine is working. You can question the guides on the engines (max group size 20).

Recommended for those aged 10 years and above. Pre-booking is highly recommended on 0116 299 5111

Special Events

Steam Toys in Action

Sunday March 3rd. 12.00noon to 4.30pm



This is the 34th year of this event. See one of our Beam Engines in steam and enjoy steam powered engines, boats and trains on display.

Admission Charges Apply *

Emergency Services Day Sunday May 12th. 12.00noon to 4.30pm

We hope to have on display Fire Engines, Ambulances, police cars and many other response service vehicles and demonstrations of them working. One of our Beam engines will be in Steam.

Admission Charges Apply *

Summer Family Fun Day Sunday August 18th. 12.00noon to 4.30pm



This event gives the atmosphere of a Village Gala Day with lots of fun stalls, vintage vehicles and one of our Beam Engines in Steam. All fun games will be at a reasonable cost, so enjoy a cheap day out.

Admission Charges Apply *

Christmas Steam Day Sunday 1st December. 11.30am to 4.00pm



The return of this popular event, with one of the Beam Engines in Steam while the band plays Christmas music. Lots of old Christmas toys on show from railways to model steam engines. Museum vehicles on show and railways running.

Admission Charges Apply *