

Verulamium Museum Visual Story

Arrival



There is a large car park opposite the museum.

Entrance



This is the entrance to the museum.

There is a ramp and steps and the doors open by hand.

Reception Area



When you enter the museum there is a round space with a high ceiling. At the front desk you can buy your ticket. Our staff wear black or blue and white clothing and a name badge.

Shop Area



The museum shop is also in this round space.



The **toilets** are down these steps from the shop area.



There is also a **lift** behind the front desk which will take you down to the toilets.

Downstairs



This is the cloakroom. The doors on the left in this picture lead to the baby changing room, the ladies' toilets and the disabled toilet. The men's toilets and the lunchroom are further down the corridor on the right.

The toilets have hand dryers.



This is the way back to the museum either via the stairs or the lift.

Lift

Stairs

To the Museum Gallery and Exhibition Spaces



To enter the museum, you follow the corridor to the left of the welcome desk.



Walk down the long corridor.



These doors lead you into **the gallery**.

You might find it dark at first because the lights are dimmed and the walls are dark green.

Take a moment if you need to allow your eyes to get used to the darker space.



There will be a video showing on the right. You might hear it before you see it. The film is 8 minutes long and runs on a loop. There are some stools to sit on.

The volume of the DVD can be changed if you wish, please ask a member of staff.



Central Area

From here you can choose which area you want to visit first. There is no set order to the gallery. In every room there are display cases and drawers underneath them. If a drawer has a sticker, you can open it to explore further.



Death and Burial

This room is about the people of Verulamium and there are skeletons in here. There is also a film (6 minutes long) where an actor tells the story of a skeleton that archaeologists have discovered. You need to press the button to start. Ask a member of staff to adjust the volume if needed.



Rites and Recreation

In this room there are 3 buttons on the right you can press to hear audio stories. There is a board game like noughts and crosses that you can play.



Merchants and Markets

There is a screen in this room that magnifies some of the coins on display. You can make a paper rubbing using the two large bronze coins. If you would like paper and crayons, please ask a member of staff.



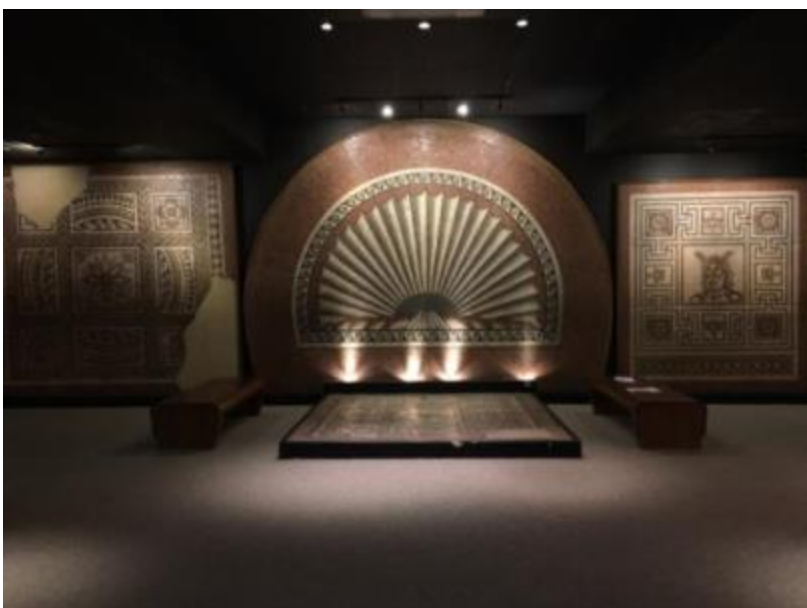
Food and Farming

In this area you can learn about how Romans worked with animals.



Making a Living

In this room you can learn how to build an arch with the large foam blocks.



This is the biggest open area of the museum where large mosaics are displayed on the wall and one is on the floor. We need to keep these mosaics really safe so please do not touch or sit, stand or walk on the mosaics. Here you will find a mosaic puzzle and on weekends we put out the dressing-up boxes.

At Home in Verulamium



In this area of the museum the light is dimmed so take a moment to get used to it.

Here you see a model of a Roman Merchant and his dog.



Here you see a model of a mother and child in their Roman villa.



Leaving the villa, you enter an area where the light is brighter. There are sounds of farm animals. There is a large mirror on one side of the area.



In the **Carpenter's Workshop**, there is a model of a man standing behind a table. You can hear sawing sounds.

The light is dimmed.

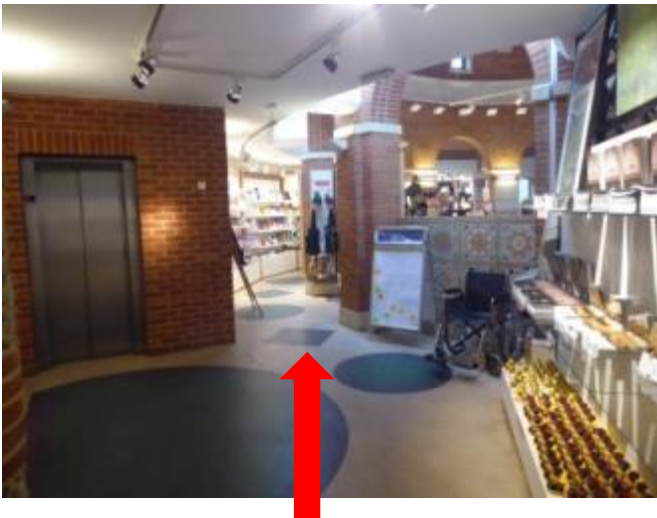


In the **Kitchen Area**, there is a woman model standing behind her worktop.

The light is dimmed.



The **way out** is through a large set of doors to the rear of the museum. Pass by the large mosaics on your left.



Exit through the gift shop.

There is a comments board for you to use.

Here is also the lift to the cloakrooms.

Exit

We hope you enjoyed your visit to Verulamium Museum and that you will visit us again.

If you have any feedback about this document, please get in touch with us:

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You may also visit these places near the museum



The Roman Theatre

is a 5 minute walk from the museum across the road.

You can see the remains of a roman theatre and walk round the paths and imagine you were there 2000 years ago when it was built



The Hypocaust building

is a 5 to 10 minute walk from the museum.

A hypocaust is a Roman heating system – you can see how it worked and walk round the edge of the mosaic floor



The Roman City Wall

Is a 10 – 15 minute walk from the museum.

You can still see parts of the old Roman city wall in the middle of Verulamium Park near the far end of the lake.



Verulamium Park and Lake

is just next door to the museum.

If you follow the footpaths from the car park you will find lots of open space, play areas, sport and fitness areas, picnic areas, a splash park and more.

If you are visiting with your school or other students, you may take part in one of our Teaching Sessions



In our 'Roman Artefact Handling' session you will get close to real Roman objects and some replicas.

You will move around the tables to explore all the objects.

The lights are dimmed when the projector is used.

On the walls you can see large pictures of moments in Roman history.



In our 'Roman Market Day' session you will get to handle mostly replica objects and some natural products (salt, fish oil, shells).

You may sit on the floor or walk around the room exploring the market.



You may have your lunch in our lunchroom in the basement.

There are green benches and tables.

The light is bright in the room.