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Verulamium Museum visual story



This visual story provides images and text to help you prepare for your visit to Verulamium Museum.

You can also take a [virtual tour](#) of the inside of the museum.

Before you arrive

Opening times and ticket booking

The museum is open daily, 10am-4pm (last entry 3.30pm). We are open all bank holidays except Christmas, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

You can book a ticket on our [website](#), or pay by card or cash at the front desk.

Quiet times

We are usually very busy with schools during term time. The museum is likely to be less busy after 2pm on a weekday. During school holidays, we are also less busy after 2pm.

Getting here



By Car

There is a large car park outside the front of the museum. There are two disabled bays, but if you have a blue badge you can park for free in any of the car park bays for up to three hours.

You pay for parking at the ticket machines in front of the public toilets, or by using the Pay by Phone app.

The car park is open Monday to Sunday. From 9:30-6:29pm, the rate is: For up to 3 hours £2.80, for up to 4 hours £5.70, for up to 6 hours £7.50, up to 24 hours £17.50. From 6.30pm to 10pm it is £2. For coaches, it is £31.50 for up to 24 hours only.

By train (and walk/bus/taxi)

The closest station is St Albans Abbey (Abbey Flyer line from Watford Junction), around a 15-minute walk, while St Albans City station (fast trains from London St Pancras) is around 25 minutes, walking along Victoria Street, through the town centre and down through Verulamium Park or through St Michael's Village.

By bus

Multiple bus lines, including the S7, S8, S9 and 302 from Hemel Hempstead or Welwyn Garden City, stop near St Michael's Village, just a 2–3-minute walk from the museum.



There are steps and a ramp to left of the entrance, and the doors open by hand or are automated and open towards you.

Shop



When you enter the museum there is a round space with a high ceiling.

At the front desk you can buy your ticket to enter the museum. There is a sign behind the desk with all our prices, or you can ask a staff member. (You can also see our [ticket prices](#) on our website.)

Our staff wear dark trousers and a white shirt and a name badge on a blue lanyard.

Go left to enter the gallery, past the front desk.



There is a seating area in the shop.



The toilets, cloakroom, lunchroom and Calm Zone are in the basement. Go down the stairs, to the right of the front door.

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You can also take the lift to the basement floor. The lift is behind the front desk, to the right.

You can also borrow our wheelchair.

The Basement



If coming down the stairs you will walk into the cloakroom first, if coming by the lift you will enter facing the accessible toilet.

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This cloakroom is used by schools.



The Calm Zone



If you need a private space during your visit, you can use our Calm Zone.



You can turn on the light or use the low lighting. There is a seat that can also turn into a bed. There is a sink. The hand dryer is switched off at the wall. There is some colouring in and books to read.

Toilets



In the Women's toilets, there are 3 cubicles with sinks and a hand dryer. There is a child protection seat in the far-left cubicle.

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In the Men's toilets, there are 3 cubicles, 3 urinals, sinks and a hand dryer.



We have an accessible toilet, opposite the lift. There is also a baby changing table in here.

To the gallery

Go to the left of the front desk and go down this corridor (called the colonnade.)



You can borrow a foldable seat or ear defenders.



There is a table here for colouring in.

There are explorer buckets on the table to your right. These have magnifying glasses, a finger puppet, timers, and dice for you to use in the gallery.

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The door to the gallery is at the end of this corridor, on the right-hand side.

We sometimes have new exhibitions here.

The Green Gallery



Learn about the Celtic tribe who lived here before (and during) the Roman conquest.

There will be a video showing. You might hear it before you see it. The film is around 9 minutes long and runs on a loop.

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There are some stools to sit on.

The volume can be changed if you ask a staff member.

The Central Area



From here you can choose which area you want to visit first – look for the red names above the doorways.

There is no set order to visit, go to which area interests you the most first!

Death & Burial



Learn about what skeletons and burial rites can tell us about the past.

There is 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 the video.

Trigger warning - There are three adult skeletons and two baby skeletons in this area. (This area can be missed out.)



There is an entrance to the next section 'At Home in Verulamium.'

There are mannequins in here.

Food & Farming



Learn about what food the Romans ate and how they farmed.

You can open some of the drawers in this area.

Trigger warning - There are several animal skulls in this area, including those of dogs and cats.

Making a Living



Here you can learn how to build an arch with the large foam blocks.

You can open some of the drawers in this area.

Rites & Recreation



Learn about how the Romans relaxed and had fun.

In this room there are 3 buttons you can press to hear stories.

You can open some of the drawers in this area.

Trigger warning - There is an animal skull in this area.



There is a board game, like noughts and crosses, that you can play.

Merchants & Markets



Learn about the size of the Roman Empire and trade.

You can open some of the drawers in this area.



There is an interactive touch screen (no sound.) You can also use a microscope to look closer at coins.

Mosaics



There are 4 large mosaics, these are all real and nearly 2,000 years old. There are benches you can sit on. There are two booklets which give you more information on the mosaics and the excavations.

We often have a handling table, dressing up, mosaic table and sometimes a large puzzle here, outside of term time.

Turn left, to enter 'At Home in Verulamium', or right to exit and enter the gift shop.

At Home in Verulamium



On your left, you will then see a mannequin working at a desk by a dog.

You can open drawers in this area.

Trigger warning - There is a dog skeleton in the bottom drawer in the second cabinet along.



Don't miss the Lion and Stag mosaic on your right.



Here you can see wall paintings from Verulamium. We have filled them in with replica wall paintings so you can see what it would have looked like in full.

There is a screen here to learn more about Roman fashion and beauty tools (no sound.)



Straight ahead, there is a large mirror here on your left.



Then you will see the Wood Worker.



There is another mannequin in the kitchen. You can open some of the drawers in this area.

If you follow the corridor around, you will end up in Death & Burial.

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To exit the gallery, go back to the mosaic area and leave through this door into the shop.

If you visit with a school group, you may take part in a workshop in one of our lecture rooms



In our 'Roman Artefact Handling' session you will see 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, shells, wool).

You are given the option to dress up in a Roman tunic.

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

Lunchroom



The lunchroom is in the basement at the end of the corridor, past the toilets. This has a max capacity of 35 people. There is a sink, bins and cleaning products in the cupboard.

The light is bright in this room.

This is used primarily by school groups so is often in use, if you would like to use it, please speak to the staff at the front desk.

You may also visit these places while at the museum



Verulamium Park is next door to the museum. The lake is around a 10-minute walk across the park. During wet weather the lake can flood, meaning some paths are not accessible.

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

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The Roman Theatre is a 5-minute walk from the museum across Bluehouse Hill road. There is a pedestrian crossing that you can use.

You can see the remains of a Roman theatre and imagine you were there 2,000 years ago when it was built.

There is no parking here. The site is wheelchair accessible.

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The Hypocaust building is a 10–15-minute walk from the museum. The path up to the building is not paved, so can be flooded when we've had wet weather.

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



The remains of the Roman city wall are a 15–20-minute walk from the museum.