

MUSEUMS, GALLERIES & HISTORY

Southampton and South East Hampshire have several interesting museums which are interactive and child-friendly!


See also the Solent Sky Hall of Aviation


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1. City Art Gallery


- ⇒ Large collection, spanning 6 centuries of European art history
- ⇒ Offers a programme of art events and workshops including family and children's activities, youth workshops, art clubs and tours. Contact for full details and current events

Opening Times
 Monday-Friday 10am-3pm
 Saturday 10am-5pm
 Closed Sundays
 Free of charge

 Civic Centre, Commercial Road,
Southampton, SO14 7LP

 02380 833 007

 art.gallery@southampton.gov.uk

 www.southampton.gov.uk/s-leisure/artsheritage/sotonartgallery/



No designated parking, metered street parking only

2. Portsmouth's Historic Dockyards

- ⇒ Numerous historic landmarks and museums in the still active Navy Base of Portsmouth harbour, packed with history and things to do
- ⇒ Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence Award
- ⇒ Not far from Spinnaker tower and Gun wharf Quays shopping centre
- ⇒ Maps available of the site online



- ⇒ **Special Access Route** gives ramped access around the Heritage Area
- ⇒ Shopmobility operate a scheme of hiring manual wheelchairs and powered scooters to members of the public with limited mobility. 3 days notice is required, see website for details
- ⇒ Toilets for disabled visitors can be found in:
 - Historic Dockyard Car Park
 - Boathouse No.7
 - Victory Arena
 - National Museum of the Royal Navy
 - Action Stations
- ⇒ Car park 400 yards away, 15 disabled spaces, open 7 Days a week 7am-7pm



Victory Gate, H.M. Navel Base,
Portsmouth, SO1 3LJ



02392 839 766



Contact form on website



www.historicdockyard.co.uk

Opening Times

10am-6pm throughout the year
But 10am-5.30pm Nov-March

Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas
Day and Boxing Day

Prices



1 year unlimited entry to all attractions

Adult :	£28
Child:	£21
Senior:	£26
Student:	£26
Family:	£78.40

Captains Pass:

2 years unlimited entry to all attractions, discounted entry to events, eligibility for friend & family discount, catering/ parties/guide book discounts

Admirals Pass:

2 years unlimited entry to all attractions, eligibility for friend & family discount, catering/ parties/guide book discounts

See website for pass prices and for which attractions are included



The Royal Navy National Museum

- ⇒ One of the country's leading maritime museums
- ⇒ See treasures from the last 350 years, have a go on the latest Merlin Helicopter simulator, Discover the amazing stories of ordinary people who made the Navy's history, interactive activities
- ⇒ (Fully wheelchair accessible, disabled toilets, wheelchairs available from reception desk)
- ⇒ Opening Times:
 - Everyday 10am-4.15pm (November-March)
 - Everyday 10am-5pm Summer (April-October)
 - Except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day
- ⇒ Prices (1year unlimited entry)
 - Adult: £13.00
 - Child: £8.00
 - Senior: £12.00
 - Family: £33.30
 - Student: £12.00

www.royalnavalmuseum.org
 02392 727 562

The Royal Navy Submarine Museum: HMS Alliance

- ⇒ The only remaining WW2 era British ocean going submarine
- ⇒ (fully wheelchair access except on board HMS alliance, see page)
- ⇒ Prices
 - Adult: £14.00
 - Child: £10.00
 - Senior: £11.00
 - Family: £38.00
 - Student: £11.00

02392 510 354

HMS Victory

- ⇒ This is the Royal Navy's most famous warship. Best known for her role in the Battle of Trafalgar, the Victory currently has a dual role as the Flagship of the First Sea Lord and as a living museum to the Georgian Navy
- ⇒ (Several steep sets of stairs, video tour provided on ground floor for wheelchair users)
- ⇒ Opening Times:
 - 10:00am everyday throughout the year
 - April to October: Last tickets 4.30pm, last entry to HMS Victory 4.45pm, Dockyard closes 6pm
 - Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day
- ⇒ Prices (1year unlimited entry)
 - Adult: £18.00
 - Child: £13.00
 - Senior: £17.00
 - Family: £49.60
 - Student: £17.00

www.hms-victory.com
 02392 727582

HMS Warrior 1860

- ⇒ Warrior, launched in 1860, was the pride of Queen Victoria's fleet. Powered by steam and sail, she was the largest, fastest and most powerful ship of her day and had a profound effect on naval architecture. Warrior was, in her time, the ultimate deterrent. Yet within a few years she was obsolete
- ⇒ Restored and back at home in Portsmouth, Warrior now serves as a ship museum, monument, visitor attraction, private venue and more
- ⇒ (Several sets of steep stairs but mostly wheelchair accessible: ramp to upper deck, lift to main deck, ask staff for assistance and advice in advance as the ramp can be tide dependent due to steep gradient)
- ⇒ Opening Times:
 - 10am-5.30pm (April - October)
 - 10am-5pm (November - March)
 - Last ticket sales are one hour before closing
- ⇒ Prices (1year unlimited entry)
 - Adult: £18.00
 - Child: £13.00
 - Senior: £17.00
 - Family: £49.60
 - Student: £17.00

www.hmswarrior.org
info@hmswarrior.org
02392 778 600

Action Stations

- ⇒ Offers a wide range of interactive displays and completes the Dockyard story by bringing visitors within reach of today's modern high-tech Royal Navy
- ⇒ Lazerquest £6 for 1 game, £10 2 games
- ⇒ (Fully accessible to wheelchair users)
- ⇒ Opening Times:
 - Everyday 10am-5.30pm April to October
 - Everyday 10am-5pm November to March
 - Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day
- ⇒ Prices
 - Adult: £11.50
 - Child: £8.50
 - Senior: £11.00
 - Family: £32.00
 - Student: £11.00

www.actionstations.org
info@actionstations.org
02392 893 338



The
Historic
Dockyard



The
Hovercraft
Museum



Harbour Tours

- ⇒ Portsmouth is still a working naval base and a 45min boat tour can be taken around the docks
- ⇒ (2x wheelchairs on board large Harbour Tours boat, no access for motorized wheelchairs or scooters)
- ⇒ Opening Times:
- ⇒ April to October, Daily Tours
 - October, November, March: select days, most weekends, weather permitting.
 - December, January, February: Saturdays only, and some other days
 - Weather and conditions dependant
- ⇒ Prices
 - Adult: £7
 - Child: £5
 - Family: £20

bookings@portsmouth-boat-trips.co.uk
 01983 564 602


The Mary Rose Museum


- ⇒ The museum provides one of the most significant insights into Tudor life in the world and creates the new centrepiece to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
- ⇒ (Fully wheelchair accessible, hearing loop, subtitles, disabled toilets)
- ⇒ Opening Times:
 - April to October 10am-5:30 pm (last entry 4:45pm)
 - November to March 10am-5pm (last entry 4:15pm)
 - Closed 24th-26th December & 26th February
- ⇒ Prices (1year unlimited entry)
 - Adult: £18.00
 - Child: £13.00
 - Senior: £17.00
 - Family: £49.60
 - Student: £17.00

www.maryrose.org
mail@maryrose.org
 02392 812 931


3. Hovercraft Museum

- ⇒ The only hovercraft museum in the world, home to over 60
- ⇒ Visits arranged by prior appointment: Saturdays 10am-2pm and Wednesdays 10am-4pm
- ⇒ They also hold Open Days and Exhibitions
- ⇒ Situated right on the waterfront, the beaches and shops are very nearby

 Building 40, Daedalus Site, Argus Gate, Chark Lane, Lee-on-the-Solent, PO13 9NY

 02392 552 090

 enquiries@hovercraft-museum.org

 www.hovercraft-museum.org

Prices

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Adult:	£10
Child (5-15):	£6
Concessions:	£8
Carer:	Free

Concessions: students, over 60's & disabled customers



4. John Hansard Gallery

- ⇒ A collection of contemporary visual art, with many different exhibitions held
- ⇒ Closed temporarily between exhibits
- ⇒ For exhibition, workshop and talk information see website



University of Southampton, off Sailsbury Road, Southampton, So17 1BJ



02380 592 158



info@hansardgallery.org.uk



www.hansardgallery.org.uk



Opening Times

Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm
Saturday 11am-4pm
Closed Mondays, Sundays and Bank holidays

Free of Charge



Disabled bays behind the Gallery

Other parking: unmarked bays between the gallery, building 54, building 58 and behind building 46 (all free) or use the pay and display car park off University Crescent

5. Mottisfont National Trust

- ⇒ A National Trust Property with a romantic house and gallery set in beautiful riverside gardens
- ⇒ Ancient trees, bubbling brooks and rolling lawns frame this lovely old house. Crafted from a medieval priory, it is full of surprises, with art that intrigues and delights
- ⇒ Carpets of spring bulbs, a stunning walled rose garden, rich autumn leaves and a colourful winter garden make Mottisfont a feast for the senses all year round. The rose garden in spring is particularly recommended
- ⇒ As well as the house and gardens there is also a café, gift shop, small book shop and river where you can relax in deck chairs and feed the ducks
- ⇒ Most of the grounds are wheelchair accessible, the top floor of the house is not but there are iPads downstairs showing the upstairs of the house and the art exhibition. The staircase may be manageable to people with limited mobility as it is broad with shallow steps and a large banister, it is also a broken stair case every 2-3m



Mottisfont, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 0LP



01794 340 757



www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont



Opening Times

See website for opening times
Late opening of the grounds during rose season June-July subject to weather
Gallery closes for short periods when the exhibition is changing

Prices



Adult:	£11.25
Child:	£5.60
Family:	£28

Gift aid prices slightly higher
Various membership deals available



6. Milestones Living History Museum

- ⇒ An experience of 'stepping back in time'
- ⇒ Milestones is a large modern building, containing a network of streets that have been recreated as those found in Hampshire in Victorian times and the 1930s
- ⇒ Features include a Victorian railway station, traditional 1930s sweet and toy shops, historical motor vehicles and home technology. There is dressing up and toys from the past to play with, and a 1930s bus to sit on
- ⇒ Staff dress and act as characters from the past, making it a fully authentic and hands-on historical experience.
- ⇒ The museum is fully under cover, and has a cafe and gift shop
- ⇒ Regular events and new displays (see website for current details)



Opening Times

Tuesday-Friday 10am-4.45pm
 Saturday-Sunday 11am-4.45pm
 Bank Holidays 10am-4.45pm
 Closed Mondays

Last admission 1 hour before closing

Prices



Adult:	£8.95
Child:	£5.25
Under 5's:	Free
Concession:	£7.95
Family (2A, 2/3C):	£26.75
Carer:	Free

(Concessions: 60+, disabled person, student with ID)



Leisure Park, Churchill Way West,
 Basingstoke, RG22 6PG



01256 477 766



milestones.museum@hants.gov.uk



www.hants.gov.uk/milestones



Guide dogs allowed, wheelchairs available to hire



7. Royal Navy Submarine Museum

- ⇒ Family-friendly museum on the history of Navy submarines, part of Portsmouth's historic dockyards
- ⇒ Ex-submariners as guides, a real WW2 submarine to explore, hands-on interactive and sensory experiences in the submarines and Science Gallery, tactile objects in the children's exhibition & dressing up area, periscopes and playing pirates!
- ⇒ Recent £7 million refurbishment of HMS Alliance
- ⇒ Gift shop and café



Opening Times

April-Oct Everyday 10am-5.30pm
Nov-March 10am-4.30pm & closed Mondays and Tuesdays except school holidays

Last admission 1 hour before closing



Haslar Jetty Road, Gosport, Hampshire, PO12 2AS



02392 510 354



www.submarine-museum.co.uk



- ⇒ Wheelchair access to all parts of the museum except onboard HMS Alliance
- ⇒ Guide dogs not allowed on HMS Alliance
- ⇒ Wheelchairs available to hire

"Easily the best attraction in the area...we'll be back!"

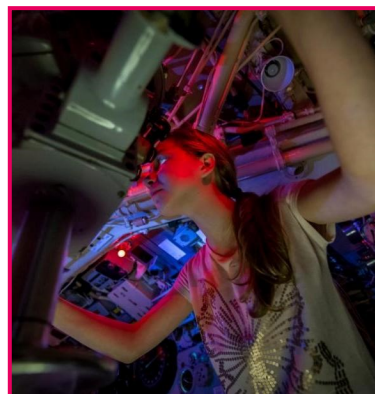


Prices



Adult:	£14
Child (5-15):	£10
Under 5's:	Free
Senior:	£11
Student/ unemployed:	£10
Family (2A/seniors & 3C):	£38
Disabled:	£9
Carer:	Free

Save 10% online



8. Sea City Museum


- ⇒ A brand new museum based at the heart of Southampton
- ⇒ Tells the story of the people of the city, their fascinating lives and historic connections with Titanic and the sea, the museum aims to bring maritime history to life
- ⇒ Galley, café, gift shop and special events and exhibitions run throughout the year




Opening Times

Everyday 10am-5pm
including bank holidays but closed
24th-26th December

Last advised entry 3pm

 Sea City Museum, Havelock Road,
Southampton, SO14 7FY

 02380 833 007

 museums@southampton.gov.uk

 www.seacitymuseum.co.uk



- ⇒ Local pay and display car parks nearby
- ⇒ Only 4 wheelchairs permitted in the upstairs exhibition at a time due to fire regulations

Prices

Adult:	£8.50
Child (5-16):	£6
Under 5's:	Free
Students/ Over 60s:	£6
Family (2A, 3C):	£25
Carer:	Free



The Rose Road Association – Mottisfont National Trust

9. The National Motor Museum Beaulieu

- ⇒ The Beaulieu visitor attraction features the National Motor Museum with its collection of over 250 vehicles, Palace House, home of the Montagu family since 1538, 13th century Beaulieu Abbey and picturesque grounds and gardens
- ⇒ See the World of Top Gear exhibition, featuring actual vehicles from the TV motoring show and experience the Top Gear 'Enormodrome', which aims to recreate the feel of the Top Gear studio
- ⇒ On Screen Cars has a display of TV and film favourites, including Mr Bean's lime green Mini and the 'flying' Ford Anglia, used during the filming of 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets'
- ⇒ Children can drive mini motorised vehicles and play on the Mini Motor Play Trail with climbing frames and swings

 Beaulieu, Brockenhurst,
Hampshire, SO42 7ZN
 01590 612 345
 info@beaulieu.co.uk
 www.beaulieu.co.uk



- ⇒ The upper levels of Palace House and the Abbey are inaccessible for wheelchair users, but a member of staff will be happy to show disabled visitors a visual image guide of the upstairs rooms
- ⇒ Museum fully accessible, some gravel paths in the gardens
- ⇒ Manual and electronic wheelchairs available to hire, advanced booking recommended



Opening Times

29th Sept-23rd May
Everyday 10am-5pm
except Christmas day
24th May-28th Sept
Everyday 10am-6pm

Prices



Full entry/ reduced rate for the disabled

Adult: £20/ £13.90

Youth (13-17): £12/ £9.25

Child (5-12): £9.95/ £7.75

Senior (60+): £18.50/ £12.75

Family(1A, 4C or 2A, 3C): £52.50

Carer: Free

Carers for children under 5 pay full price

Reduced rate disabled tickets can not be bought in advance, only on the day

10. The New Forest Centre

- ⇒ A Museum, Visitor Information Centre, Gift Shop, Library, Exhibition Gallery and friendly staff to answer all your questions about the New Forest and how to best enjoy it
- ⇒ The Museum is packed full of information and fun activities. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Beaulieu Road Pony Sales and step back in time into our traditional Cob Cottage. Don't miss our new Family Fun Tree in the heart of the Museum. You can learn how to detect animals in our Poo Corner game, listen to the sounds of wild and commoner owned animals, marvel at gigantic creepy crawlies and indulge in some good old fashioned bark rubbing. You can even share your thoughts with us on what the Forest means to you by adding to our paper leaf mulch!

 High Street, Lyndhurst, SO43 7NY
 02380 283 444
 office@newforestcentre.org.uk
 www.newforestcentre.org.uk



Opening Times

Everyday from 10am
 Last admission 4pm
 Closed 31st Jan, 1st Feb,
 24th-26th December

Prices

Adult: £4
Under 16's: Free
Concessions: £3

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult



Wheelchairs available to borrow

11. Tudor House and Gardens

- ⇒ The Tudor House was built in 1495 and is now a popular historical attraction
- ⇒ Newly refurbished, there is an introductory audio-visual show and free audio guides, a mini-beasts tour of the Garden, a children's trail in the house and displays showing rooms in different historical periods
- ⇒ Pleasant café overlooking the Garden and regular special exhibitions and events (see website for details)

 Bugle Street, Southampton, SO14 2AD
 02380 834 242
 tudor.house@southampton.gov.uk
 www.tudorhouseandgarden.com



Opening Times

Tuesday-Friday 10am-3pm
 Saturday-Sunday 10am-5pm
 Closed Mondays & 24th Dec to 1st Jan
 Last entry 30 mins before closing

Prices

Adult: £4.75
Child (5-16): £3
Under 5's: Free
Seniors (60+)/ Students: £3.75
Family (2A, 3C): £13.50
Carer: Free
 (1 per paying guest)



- ⇒ Basement and some garden areas not wheelchair accessible
- ⇒ On street disabled parking