

# Welcome to the Isle of Wight Heritage Biosphere Learning Menu

Are you a primary or KS3 secondary school planning to visit the Island or a school based here planning a field trip? Use our menu of creative heritage learning opportunities to help create a curriculum-linked educational itinerary, supported by pre-visit and post visit activities. Developed by the [Isle of Wight Museums and Schools](#) programme, a collaboration of 11 nationally accredited museums working with wider heritage partners.

The Isle of Wight is a uniquely special place for educational visits, a wonderful learning playground. As an internationally renowned UNESCO Biosphere, the Island has a rich mix of cultural and natural history, surviving in the landscape and museum collections, all within a compact geographical area framed by the sea. This heritage supports engaging storytelling for all ages, providing opportunities for a vast range of fun and healthy learning activities outside the classroom in a stunning environment.

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Whether you are planning for the day or a longer residential visit, use our menu to build your curriculum-connected itinerary of exceptional heritage experiences our Island has to offer. Click on the buttons in the menu to explore these experiences by theme. Perhaps choose theme(s) related to previous study during the year, as an extension activity, or inspire pupils' interest and engagement in new topics they will be studying next year.

Each theme includes suggested:

- Pre-Visit activities to support learner engagement with Island histories in the classroom
- Visit suggestions providing a range of museum, heritage and wider activities relevant to the theme
- Post-Visit activities providing follow up learning and consolidation in the classroom, with creative outputs for sharing with the wider school and parent/ carer community

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Visits can be booked directly with venues using the links found in each menu item.  
More information about arranging visits to the Island by mainland schools can be found on the [Visit Island website here.](#)

This learning menu is still in development and uses The Earth Museum's open beta Heritage Origin stories mapping platform.

This platform is easy to use and if you would like a quick introduction please view this [short film](#) (developed for Air We Breathe but same principles apply).

Thank you and please enjoy your visit to the Isle of Wight Heritage Biosphere virtually and, hopefully, in person on a residential or day trip.

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