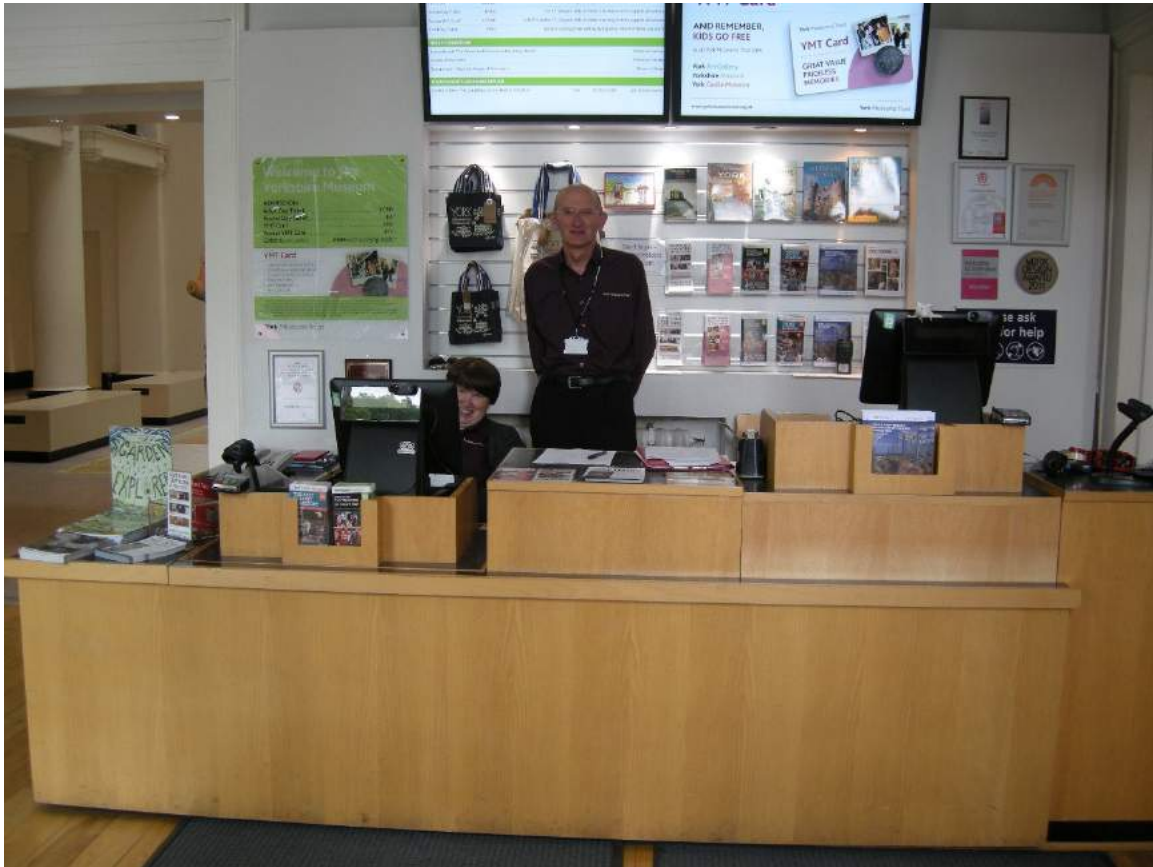


My visit to the Yorkshire Museum

I am going to visit the Yorkshire Museum



This is a photo of the outside of the museum.



This the Reception area

I will walk past this when I come in.

There will always be staff here in purple shirts if I need them.



There are people that can help me when I am in the museum. These people are called museum guides.

Museum guides wear purple shirts and a name badge.

If I have a question when I am at the museum I can ask the museum guides. It is fine to talk to them.

The museum has three floors with different galleries on each one. I might not visit them all but that is fine – I can always come back another day if I want to.

There are a lot of stairs in the museum and one lift if I want to use it.



There are toilets on the lower ground floor of the museum.



There are some things I must not touch in the museum. If I don't know what I can or can't touch, I can ask the adult I came with or a museum guide.

There is no café but a shop sells drinks and snacks.



I might even want to buy other things in the shop.



If I want to eat my own food there are seats outside in the Museum Gardens – I can't eat my own food in the museum.



The museum can be a busy place. There might be lots of other children there when I visit and it might be very noisy.

If I don't like the noise I can tell the adult I came with or a museum guide. They can show me somewhere quieter.

I must not leave the area where the people I came with are. This is so they know where I am and I am safe. If I don't know where my adult is I can ask a museum guide and they will help me.

This is the start of Yorkshires Jurassic World Exhibition.



It will tell me all about the creatures and the landscape of Yorkshire during the Jurassic period.

I will see fossils of things that no longer exist today. There is a huge model of a plesiosaur hanging from the ceiling.



I can pretend I am a fossil hunter and discover hidden replica fossils here.



The next gallery is called Coral Seas



There is an activity sculpture with a box of wooden toys and some books to look at.

It has a tunnel I can crawl through but I don't have to if I don't want to.

If I listen very carefully I can hear the sound of water gently lapping.

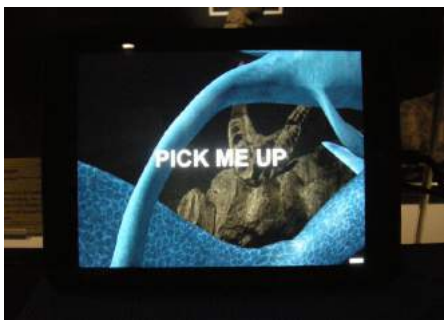
There are other things on the wall to play with in here.



The next gallery is called Deep Oceans and looks quite dark but my eyes will soon adjust.



There are some fossils of huge marine reptiles in here and an i-pad to look through to see what their skin was like.



The next gallery is called Dinosaur Country.



There is another activity sculpture in the shape of a dinosaur footprint in here.



There is a dinosaur trackway in here with footprints in it.

A moving image of a dinosaur is projected onto it. It looks like the dinosaur that might have made the prints.

There is a chance to put a headset on and pretend I am feeding a dinosaur but I don't have to if I don't want to.



At the end of Yorkshires Jurassic World I can either go upstairs to look at Prehistoric objects or I can go back into the Central Hall.

In the Central Hall



There is a large colourful map on the floor which shows me how far the Roman Army travelled and how big the Roman Empire was.

I can also listen to and watch some actors on a big screen talking as if they are Romans living in Eboracum (Roman York).

There are some Greek pots in this gallery.

Pre History



This area shows me artefacts from the time before the Romans, 'Prehistory'. I can see objects from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

Roman Galleries

I can look at artefacts from when the Roman Army arrived in York in the year 71 AD.



I can do a coin rubbing in this room or watch a video about some Roman skulls which are on display.

There is also a skeleton of a Roman lady in here.

There is a map of York with flaps that lift up so I can see pictures of objects and where they have been found. There are some wooden bricks here for me to build a model of a Roman building if I want to.



There is a film playing on a screen in here.

Mosaic floor



This is the Four Seasons Mosaic. It is made up from tiny square tiles. Each head has a symbol behind their shoulder that represents a season.

There are some objects that people in Roman times would use for day to day living.

A television is on the wall with two short films that play over and over again.

I can dress up as a Roman in this room and see myself in the mirror but if I don't want to that's OK.



Medieval Gallery.

Downstairs tells me about the time after the Romans left York. It explains why York was such an important city during medieval times.



I can look out of the glass door into the gardens but I cannot open the door because it will set off an alarm.



Outside there are some Abbey ruins. This part of the museum was built on top of those ruins. That is why there are bits of broken stonework in this gallery.

Some bits have been reconstructed or made to look like they did hundreds of years ago There is a step in this gallery but I can use the ramp too if I would rather.



There are some costumes to try on with a mirror to see myself in but I don't have to if I don't want to.



There is an area for children under 5 to play.

There are books to read, puppets and a castle to play with.



I can dress up as a Monk and see myself in the mirror if I want to. I will hear the sound of a bell tolling in this area.



There is a touch screen monitor that lets me zoom in to look at some objects close up. There is a symbol on the display cases which tell me which objects I can do this with.



In the main part of the gallery I can play with bricks to make an Abbey or I can design my own stained glass window on a light box.



There are two smaller rooms.

They don't have windows to let in natural light but they are not dark.

One room has a skeleton in. He was killed in a big battle a long time ago. I don't have to go in here if I don't want to.



The other room has a table where I can sit and pretend to eat a feast although there is no real food.



I can smell some boxes on the table that smell of different herbs. The answers are in the Herb Menu on the table.



There is some medieval music playing in this room.

When I get back to the staircase I can use the lift or stairs to the top floor or I might go to the café or the shop on the ground floor.

The top floor is all about Prehistory. It shows me objects from the Stone Age to Bronze Age and the Iron Age. The Iron Age is the time just before the Romans arrived in Britain. There is a big time line on the wall that shows objects in the cases underneath.



There is mock-up of a Mesolithic house. This is how people lived in the middle stone age. I can dress up if I want but I don't have to.



I will hear the sound of flint knapping up here.

There are eight steps up to a reading room. I can sit quietly in here and there are lots of books I can look at.



There is a touch screen monitor in here that tells me all about certain books that are held in the library. I can't handle the books in the historic library. They are too delicate.

In the library there are lots of very old books locked safely away and a big map of Britain.



There is a peacock sitting on the bookcase. It is not alive and doesn't move. It is a beautiful colour.

There is a bear in the corner of this room. It is stuffed and cannot hurt me.



I have seen everything in the museum now. I can go downstairs to the shop or maybe go and play in the museum gardens.