

Your school's visit to the Horniman Museum and Gardens

A Visual Story for
school groups



Getting here by train or Overground



The Horniman Museum is on London Road.

You can get the train or Overground to Forest Hill Station.

The Museum is a ten minute walk uphill from the station.

This walk is along a main road which might be loud and noisy.

Getting here by bus or coach



You can also get here by bus.
Find out more on our [Plan Your Visit page](#).

School minibuses with a blue badge can drive onsite. We have parking spaces available.

Please email us:
Schools@horniman.ac.uk
to find out more.

Arrival



There is a sign on the building that says Horniman Museum.

The Museum is open every day from **10am** to **5.30pm**.

Entrance Hall

When you arrive you will be greeted by our friendly Front of House team. They wear black shirts with a white 'H' in the corner.

They will show you inside.

This space can get loud with other visitors and schools.



Welcome to the Museum



If you are visiting for a workshop, India will take you to the Education Centre.

Please feel free to ask for help or if you have any questions about your trip.

Education Centre



You will leave your bags and coats here for the day.

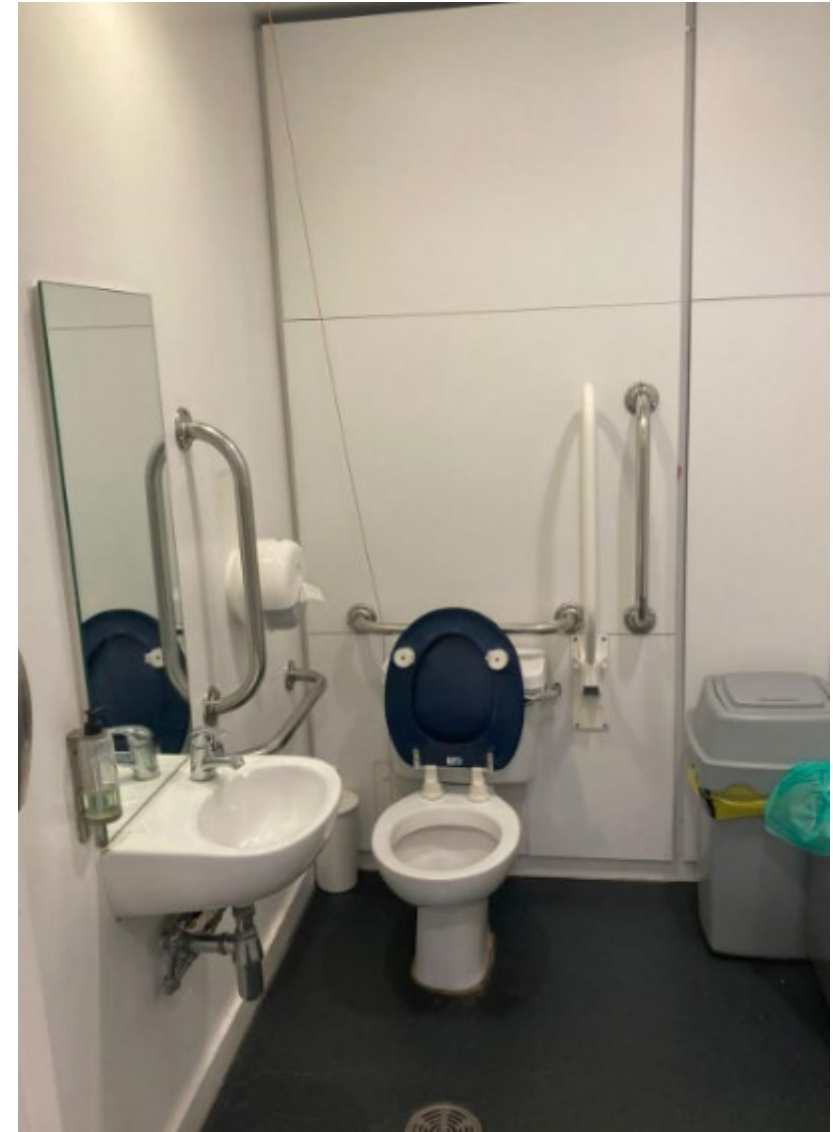
You will also eat your lunch here.

It can be loud in this space. If you would like ear defenders please ask us.

Education Centre toilets



There are also toilets in the Education Centre for school children to use.



Other people you might meet:

If you have booked a workshop, it will be led by one of our friendly School Officers.



Lucy



Maggie



Elle



Emily



Harriet

Learning spaces:

Your workshop will be in one of these spaces.



Hands on Base



Music Gallery Performance Space

Learning space: Pavilion



The Pavilion is outside the main Museum building, in our gardens.

There is a hill to get to the space.

There are toilets here too.

Getting around the Museum



You enter the Museum on the ground floor.

The lift is at the bottom of the ramp.

There are also steps downstairs.

Natural History Gallery



The Natural History Gallery is at the bottom of the entrance ramp.

You can watch this [video](#) to see how to get there.

This gallery is very popular and can get very busy and noisy.

You can use the stairs at the back of the gallery or the lift by the entrance to access the balcony.

World Gallery

The World Gallery is downstairs.

This gallery can also get loud and busy with other visitors.

It has a balcony too. The balcony can be quieter.

There is a quiet space to sit at the back of the gallery's balcony.



Musical Instrument Gallery



This gallery is downstairs.

This gallery has music playing but is often quieter and less busy.

There are lots of places to sit here.

It can be dark. If you would like a torch you can ask one of our friendly Visitor Hosts for one.

Other spaces you might visit

You will go up a steep hill to access the Butterfly House and Animal Walk.



The Butterfly House can get very hot. The butterflies might land on you when you are in there.



You might meet Poppy, the alpaca, on the Animal Walk.

Gardens



Our gardens are large spaces that you can explore during your visit.

There are benches if you need a quiet space during your trip.

Feel free to explore a [map of our gardens](#) before your visit.

Accessing the Gardens



Most of our gardens are wheelchair accessible. Some of the paths are uneven or steep.

Our beautiful Nature Trail is a long, wild area with lots of trees and birds. The paths are uneven and can get muddy in rainy weather.

It is accessed via steps.

Facilities



There are toilets around our Museum and in the Gardens.

We do not currently have a Changing Places toilet but we do have a changing table in a large accessible toilet.

This toilet is in an external Museum, close to the Museum's entrance. Please tell the Schools Team before your visit if you would like to use this space.

We look forward to your visit to the Horniman!

A playlist of videos on how to access and get to some of our spaces can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions get in touch with us at:

Schools@horniman.ac.uk