

Epworth Old Rectory Information for Groups 2013

Groups visit Epworth Old Rectory from all over the world. Whatever your reason for visiting we aim to give you and your group members a warm welcome and help you to make the most of your visit. Your group can come for a short visit or we can help you to create a full day's programme. Please give us as much notice as possible of your booking. A deposit for group admission and catering fees is requested at least two weeks before your visit.

Standard House Tour The standard tour lasts approximately 1 hour. Visitors are then free to wander through the gardens and visit the shop. We suggest you allow approximately 1 and ½ hours for your entire visit. Groups over 15 are split into two groups and begin the tour in different parts of the house. Tours are led by our experienced guides and cover the history of the house and the remarkable Wesley family that lived here. If your group has a special interest then please let us know in advance and we will try and to find the most suitable guide	Adults (£6.60)* Groups over 10 people	£6
	(£5.50)*	23
	Students over 16 and In full-time Education	£4
	Children under 16	£3
Tour with costumed guides Similar experience as above but with tour guides in costume – subject to	Adults (£7.70)*	£7
availability	Groups (£6.60)* over 10 people	£6
Walk with Wesley	Adults	£6
We offer a circular guided walk around the town of Epworth. It starts outside Epworth Old Rectory and stops at sites of historical significance to the Wesleys	£6.60)*	20
and early Methodism. The walk takes in St. Andrew's and Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, and sites of later Methodist interest such as the site of the former Wesleyan chapel, the Methodist New Connexion Chapel and the former Wesley Manse. Please note that we cannot guarantee access to the inside of both churches, depending on their activities. The walk can be tailored to your needs and can start and finish in different locations.	Groups (£5.50)* over 10 people	£5
	Combined tour (House Tour and Walk)	
	Adults (9.90)*	£9
	Children	£4.50
Quiet Days A full day of contemplative activities for groups that would like a more spiritual approach. Suitable for:	Suggested donation of £10 per person – please don't forget to gift aid	
Church groupsHouse groups		
 Prayer groups 		

Confirmation/ membership classes

Experience the stories and inspiration that shaped the Wesley family, discover your roots, and discover connections and lessons for your own faith and the churches of today. There is a suggested programme but days can also be tailormade for your group. Quiet days are led by a Methodist minister or local preacher. Elements of the day:

- House tour
- Walk with Wesley
- Quiet time in the garden
- Bible study and prayer
- Creative response
- Worship at Wesley Memorial Church

Activities for schools and young people

Main activities for all bookings:

- 1. History Detective Tour of the house
- 2. Costumed experience of home schooling in Susanna's kitchen (KS2 literacy and history unit 18)

One further activity from this list can also be selected:

- 3. 'Plant detectives' in the Physic Garden (KS2 science 2b) available from May to September
- 4. Shock pots and loving cups learning their meaning and making your own (KS2 art 5b)
- 5. Learning about portraits and drawing a portrait of another pupil (KS2 art 3a)

Activities can be adapted for young people's groups.

More information is available on our website or in our Schools' packs

£2 per child – up to 3 adults accompanying the school group come free

* with Gift Aid

Events and exhibitions

We offer a range of events each year, including candlelit tours, craft fairs and concerts. Details of the events with dates and times are available on our website.

For the first half of 2013 you can be part of our own 'time team', and watch as the main chimney of the house is excavated and the early 18th century fireplaces are discovered and restored. There are fireside cupboards that have been blocked off for possibly hundreds of years that will be reopened. This is the start of our major development project.

Facilities

Parking

Epworth Old Rectory has a small car park for visitors. This will accommodate coaches, and coach spaces can be reserved by prior arrangement.

Toilets

One gentlemen's and two ladies' toilets are available.

One toilet for the disabled is available.

Large groups please allow extra time.

Access

Our staff will do all they can to ensure a pleasurable visit for people with mobility problems, but we regret that currently wheelchair access to the house is limited to the ground floor. We have a ramp to the front door available on request. There is a reduced admission fee for those unable to access the upper floors. The beautiful gardens however are wheelchair friendly.

Please be assured that in our plans to refurbish the house, accessibility for all is a key issue and we thank you for your patience. Guide dogs are welcome.

Catering

Epworth Old Rectory can provide morning coffee, lunches and afternoon teas for groups by prior arrangement, as follows:

Morning Coffee

Coffee or Tea and Biscuits £1.50

Lunches

Option 1 Light Lunch
Soup and Sandwiches
Choice of 2 soups with roll,
Selection of sandwiches with salad garnish
Tea of coffee £4.00

Option 2 A little more substantial
As option 1 but with the addition
of home-made cake or scones £5.50

Afternoon Tea

Selection of Sandwiches
Savoury bites
Home-made cake
or Scones
Tea or Coffee £4.50

Tea or Coffee

Home-made scones & Jam £2.00

There are also a range of cafes in Epworth and a map indicating these is available in the Old Rectory shop. Lunches and afternoon teas can also be booked at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on some days. Contact Marion Gunson on 01427 872525.

Accommodation

Details of accommodation in North Lincolnshire can be found at: http://www.visitnorthlincolnshire.com/accom.php

The Red Lion Coaching Inn in Epworth has 17 rooms and can accommodate small groups. http://www.redlionepworth.co.uk/#/rooms/4543998612

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