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## DALES COUNTRYSIDE MUSEUM

## Learning Resources

### Loan Boxes and Workshops



The Dales Countryside museum, set in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park provides a range of exciting, active learning opportunities. Artefacts and museum resources motivate an interest in learning and provide a memorable learning experience.

Our museum workshops include interactive handling sessions using museum artefacts and archives. Designed to present pupils with historical and creative challenges, they stimulate independent learning.

Opportunities to investigate and evaluate help extend learning experiences and increase confidence. Led by a member of our education team our History Detective sessions provide pupils with the opportunity to work together to solve problems, encouraging cooperation, communication, citizenship and understanding.

We also have loan boxes to support each of workshops to enhance your lesson back in the classroom.

### Loan Boxes

The museum has a number of boxes on a wide variety of themes, which are available for loan. This service provides teachers with the opportunity to develop their teaching across the curriculum. A wide range of historical artefacts, replica objects and useful resources comprising of photographs, maps and documents can support learning in school, provide material for display and inspiration for creative writing and art.

Enhance lessons in your classroom with our historical artefacts and replica boxes on a variety of themes.

#### Prices

**£25 for half a term (negotiable depending on demand)**

**£10 for one day hire**

### Prehistory

This loan box contains a selection of original and replica flint microliths, arrowheads and spearheads. Combined with antler and bone artefacts they make an interesting collection of everyday objects from life 10,000 years ago.

These objects are ideal for Archaeological illustration activities, story telling or discovering how early settlers in the Yorkshire Dales lived.



Archaeological illustrators in the making

### Romans

Use our replica and original Roman objects including fragments of beakers, tile and plaster discovered at Bainbridge Roman Fort to look more closely at life in Romano-Britain. Our loan boxes also include a replica helmet and bathing tools, Roman sandals and other objects to help your class explore life at Virosidum (Bainbridge Fort) and the surrounding area.

Schools often use these loan boxes to compare life in a Roman garrison, story telling or descriptive writing.



Trying the Roman helmet for size

### Multicultural Dales

Look at African, Caribbean, East Indian and Asian links with the Yorkshire Dales. Explore the connections between these different cultures and use the objects in our box to discover their influence on life in the Yorkshire Dales, both now and in the past.

Our loan box contains a collection of objects from Georgian England, including replica slavery objects and abolition medals and resources, as well as more everyday objects such as tea caddy and coffee set. The loan box includes a CD with animations and digistories created by students inspired by the stories of people who came to live in the Yorkshire Dales.

### Victorian Lead mining & Farming

Our Victorian loan boxes contain original, everyday lead mining and farming tools, dairying and household objects from a Yorkshire Dales farmhouse.

Use these boxes to explore how we used to live, to look at the changes in farming and food since Victorian times or as a contrasting location.

### World War 2

Our WW2 loan box consists of four original suitcases of WW2 objects and artefacts relating to life in the 1930's and 1940's. Uncover the stories of the people evacuated to the Yorkshire Dales, by discovering what they packed for their stay in the Dales and what this tells us about life during WW2.

These boxes are great prompts for storytelling and thinking about how we used to live.



Exploring the WW 2 suitcases

### 1950s Home Life

Using the Yorkshire Dales National Park as a contrasting locality.

Use our educational handling collection to discover how people lived in the 1950's. Find out if life in the 1950's was different in the Yorkshire Dales to where you live. Is life in the Yorkshire Dales different now to where you live?

### Vikings

Our Viking boxes contain a selection of replica objects from Anglo-Scandinavian life in the Yorkshire Dales; including replica helmets, clothes, animal skin rugs, jewellery and tools. We also include information sheets, drawings and maps to help your class investigate Gauber Viking settlement and longhouse at Ribbleshead.

Includes a CD with digistories and stop-motion animations inspired by the Viking ring at the Dales Countryside Museum. These resources are a great starter for storytelling and creative writing activities.



Using the Viking quern stones

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[www.mylearning.org](http://www.mylearning.org)

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## Timeline Activity

The concept of just how long ago the Bronze Age was, or how long the Neolithic people farmed without metal tools is difficult to grasp. Our visual hands-on timeline can be used as an addition to our workshops, or as a stand alone activity to look at a particular theme. Explore the houses in the Yorkshire Dales from Prehistoric Round Houses to modern Eco-Build barn conversions or changes in farming through the ages. How can field and place names in the Yorkshire Dales tell us about the past?



## Prehistory

Look at some of the earliest inhabitants of the Yorkshire Dales, from nomadic Mesolithic people and Neolithic hunter gatherers to Bronze and Iron Age farmers.

During this hands-on session we look more closely at humans in our landscape. Through our Axes and Arrowheads workshop discover the tools used by these first settlers of the Yorkshire Dales and learn the techniques needed to become an Archaeological illustrator.



## Romans

How do we know what the Romans did and where they lived during their 400 years of occupation in the Yorkshire Dales?

Use original Roman artefacts discovered by Archaeologists at the Roman fort in Bainbridge and replica items to uncover Romano-British life in the Dales.



## Vikings

During the 6th – 9th centuries the Vikings left their mark on the place names of the Yorkshire Dales. For 565 years they chose to stay in the Yorkshire Dales. Why did they settle here rather than just invading or passing through and how do we know?

Use objects and maps from the museum's collection to look at the evidence these Anglo-Scandinavian settlers left behind.



## Victorian Lead mining and Farming

Use Museum artefacts, objects and archives from our handling collection to gather information about the life of a lead mining and farming family in the Yorkshire Dales.

Uncover the story of our Victorian family using census documents and photographs from the museum's collection to discover who worked on a Victorian farm and how the whole family was involved in Hay time in the Dales.



## Outdoor Discovery

Outdoor Discovery consists of three different workshops which can be booked separately.

Learn more about the Yorkshire Dales National Park in an introductory talk.

Discover Hawes in our Locality Trail exploring the contrast between an Upper Wensleydale market town and the wider world.

Explore and discover Upper Wensleydale through enquiry based field work, using maps, aerial photographs and field sketching.



## Multicultural

Understanding and appreciating diversity. Explore the Eastern, Asian and Caribbean links with the Yorkshire Dales and the influences of the wider world on life in the area.

Discover the campaigns and hidden history of the abolitionists in the Dales through the museum's resources and archives.



## WW2 Evacuees

How was life in the Yorkshire Dales during WW2 different to other places? Why were children evacuated? Where were the children evacuated from and how did they get here?

How would you feel if you had to live with strangers in a different part of the country? Look at the challenges of evacuation through our handling collection and activities.



## Workshops

We are happy to tailor make workshops to fit with your requirements, based on our core historical themes. It is also possible for workshops to be held at your school, please contact us for more information and prices.

Additional workshops activities:

- Arts Award - Work with us to achieve your Artsmark status.
- Discover how different life was in the 1950's to now.
- Romano-British mosaic – 2hr
- Roman Wax tablet – 1 hr
- Viking finger knitting 1 hr
- Felt making 2 hr
- Victorian Lead miners lunch taster session
- WW2 rationing 2hr
- Willow pattern 1 hr
- Citizenship - Campaign make an impact! (A British Library Partner).