



My visit to Portland Basin Museum

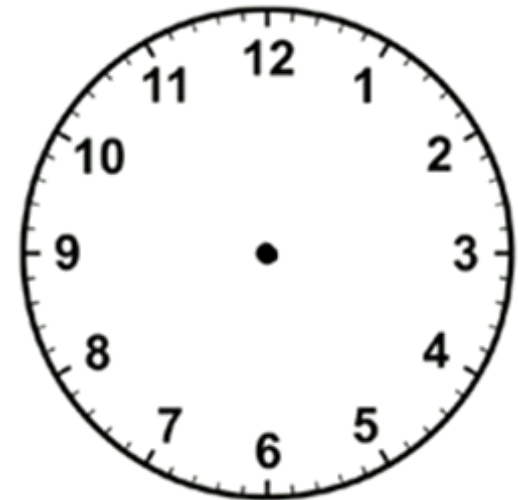


My name is.....

I will be visiting Portland Basin Museum on....

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I will be setting off at.....



There are cobbles to walk across to get to the museum.
The car park can get very busy. There are 6 disabled parking spaces in front of the museum.



There are two sets of doors to go through to get inside the museum.



The toilets are just inside the entrance, on the left hand side. There is a separate baby changing room here too and a disabled toilet. There is another toilet downstairs.



There are no noisy hand dryers, just paper towels.

There are some lighting tracks with bright lights just inside the museum entrance.



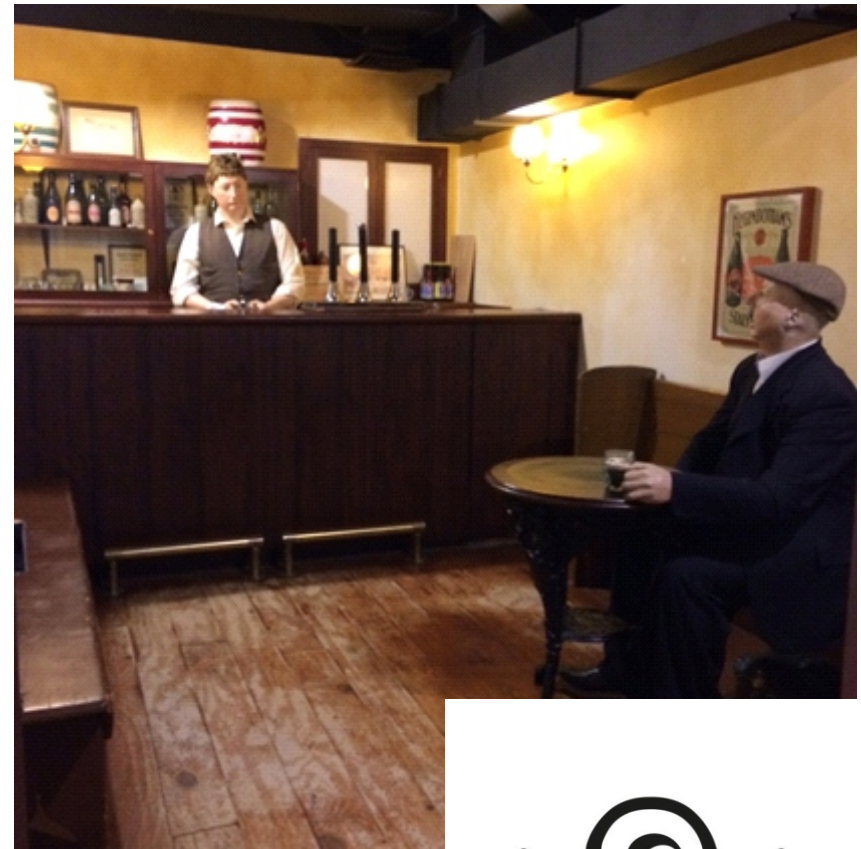
The museum shop is next to the reception desk. Some of the spotlights in this space are bright too.

There is a Museum Attendant at the welcome desk. You can ask them questions about the museum and pick up a trail with things to spot and do as you go around the museum.



There are lots of objects to see in the entrance space. We change these objects every six months.

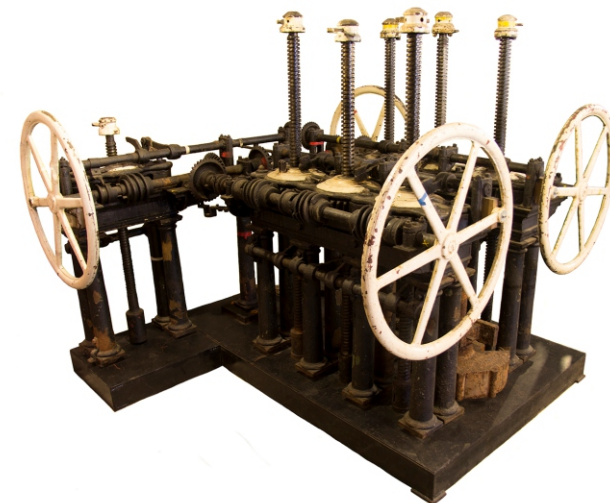
The museum's 1920s street is on this floor. There are lots of room sets. Some you can go in and touch things. Some have models of people in them.



There are some sound effects along the street, such as church music, a lady humming and a school bell being rung.

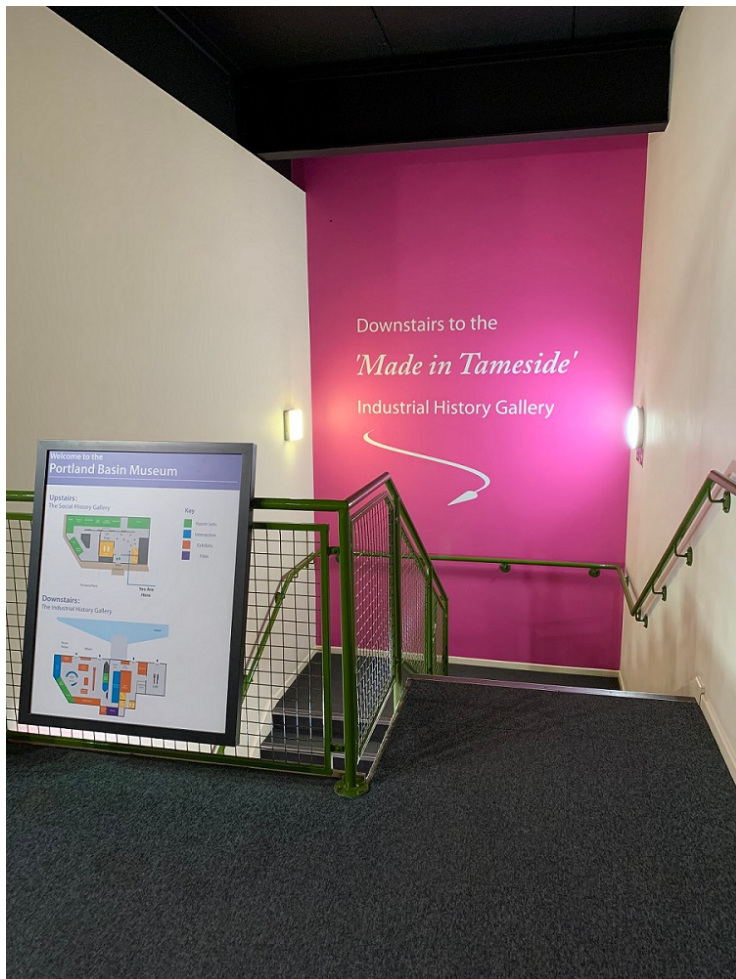


There are lots of things to see and do in the museum.
These are some of the objects you might see:



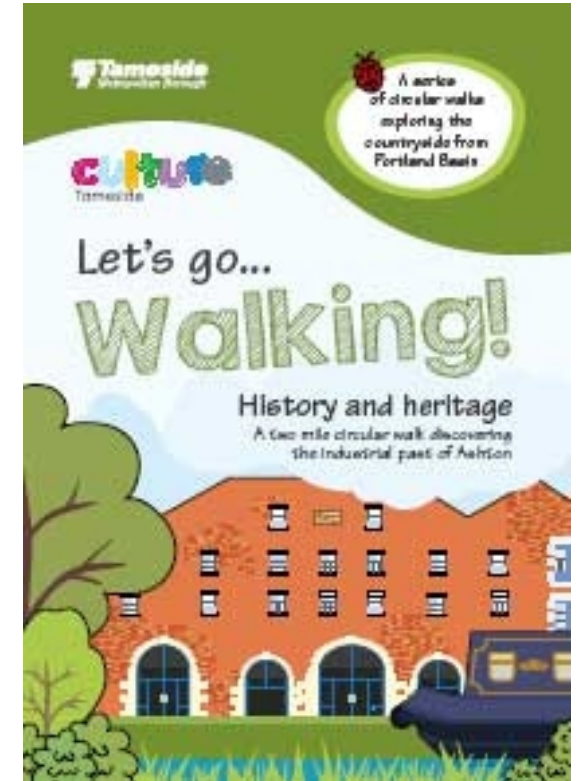
To get downstairs you need walk back along the 1920s street and back towards the entrance.

There are stairs near the entrance and a lift just outside the entrance.



There is a transport model with buttons to press to make things move.





There are three canals at the back of the museum.

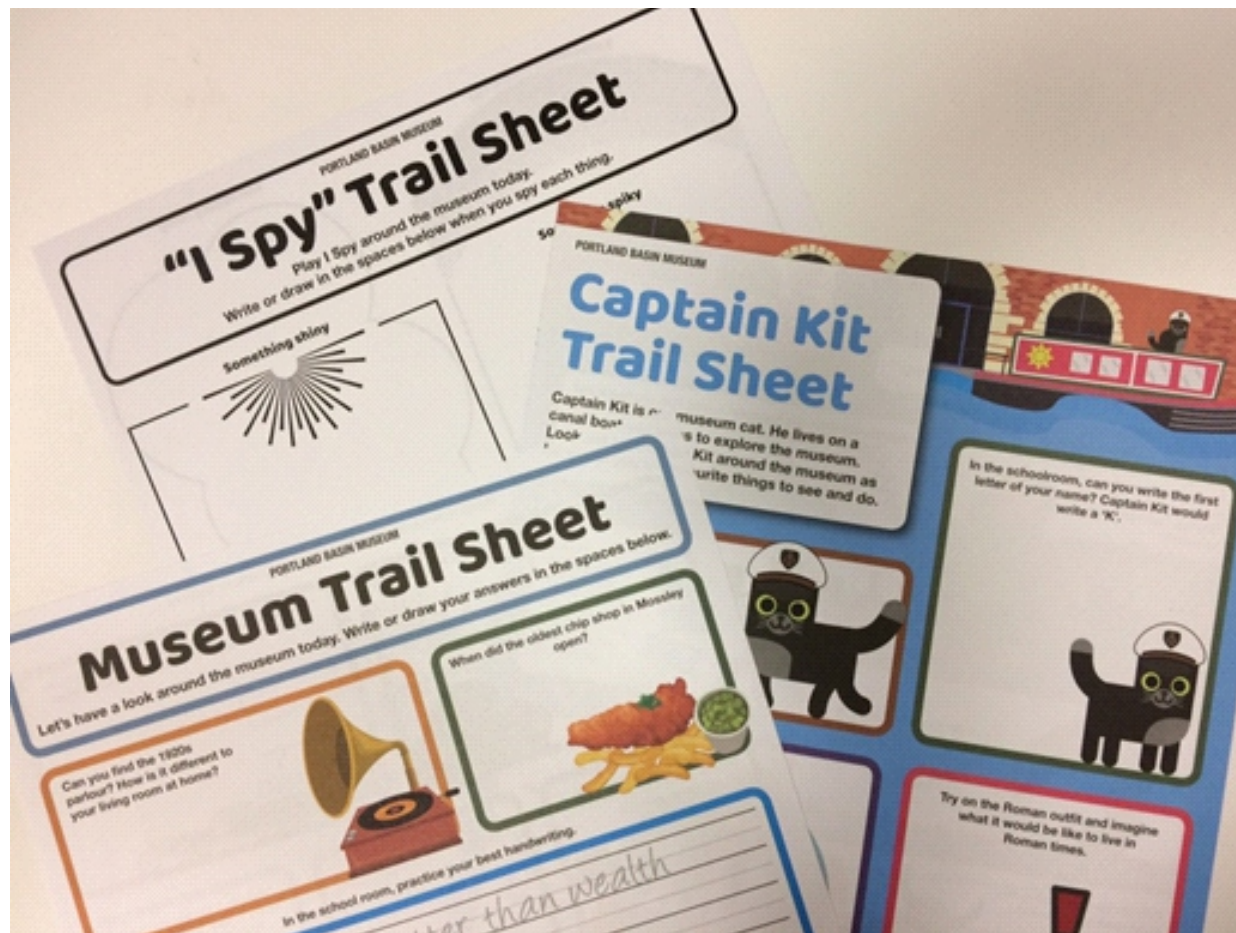
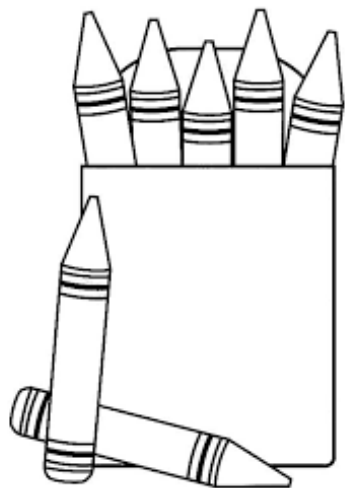
On the canal wharf you can find a big water wheel, some machinery and a bug hotel. You can eat your own food at the picnic benches.

If you have time, you can go on a walk along the canal.
We have leaflets to show you different routes you can take.

There is a play space at the far end of the downstairs gallery where younger visitors can play shop, dress up, read a story and pretend to drive a train.



During Tameside school holidays we have extra activities on some days, such as craft activities.



We always have a selection of trails to help you explore the museum.

The museum can get very busy, especially during school holidays, and can be noisy with people talking.

There are sometimes school groups in the museum, who can be noisy.

There are sound effects and noises around the museum too.

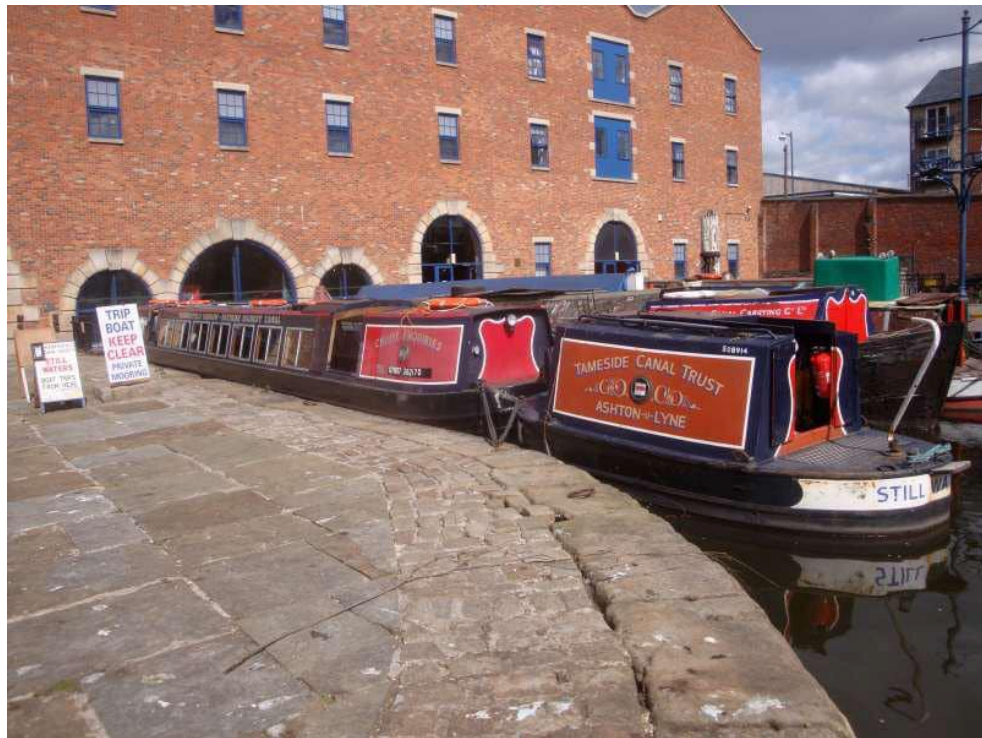


The least busy times to visit are usually 2.30pm - 4pm on weekdays and 10am-12noon on weekends.

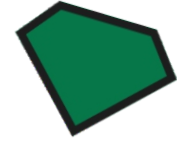
On the last Sunday of each month we turn the sound effects off between 10am-12noon. This is a quieter time to visit the museum.

There are places to sit down around the museum if you need a break.

There are sometimes boat trips from the museum.
These are run by a local charity rather than the museum.
To find out more about the boat trips please contact 07482 188026
or info@tcbt.org.uk.



Bridge View Café offer a wide selection of food, cakes and drinks and the staff are very friendly.



We hope you enjoy your visit
and have lots of fun!

