

The Historical Tour



Magnificent Elton Hall



Gardens, Elton Hall



The Walled Garden Centre Restaurant, Elton

The Historical Tour at a glance

Morning: Elton Hall

Lunch: The Walled Garden Centre Restaurant, Elton

Afternoon: Ramsey Rural Museum

Walking requirement: Very little walking required.

The Ramsey Rural Museum is approximately 50 mins drive from Elton Hall.

Morning: Elton Hall

From the A1 drive along the A605 and follow the signs to Elton Hall.

Elton Hall has been the home of the Proby family for over 350 years. The magnificent Hall, which is still used as a family home, is full of fine furniture and paintings from early fifteenth century Old Masters to the remarkable pre-Raphaelite work of Alma Tadema and Millais. Great British artists are well represented by Gainsborough, Constable and Reynolds. Other treasures include Henry VIII's prayer book.

The stunning Gardens have been created in recent years and include topiary, a flower garden, a knot garden, a sunken garden and an arboretum. A new Gothic Orangery and Garden was built to celebrate the Millennium and a Gothic Arbour has recently been completed to mark the jubilee celebrations.

- Opening times:** Between April and September, groups can visit most days by arrangement.
- Average visit time:** One hour forty minutes.
- Max. group:** 57 (split into 3 or 4 groups for a tour).
- Min. group:** 20
- Coach parking:** At the nearby garden centre where a guide will meet you.
- Contact:** Contact the Administrator in advance of your visit on 01832 280468, who will tailor the tour to meet your needs.
- Notice required:** 2 weeks
- Toilets:** Toilets are available where the coach parks and at Elton Hall. Wheelchair accessible toilets are at the coach park only.
- Cost:** Please telephone 01832 280468. Further details can also be found at www.eltonhall.com. The Head Gardener can take groups around the garden with prior arrangement.
- Disabled facilities:** The Gardens are fully accessible to wheelchairs. Some ground floor rooms are also accessible, but please call for details. Where possible, assistance will be given to those with mobility, hearing and visual impairments. Visitors with guide dogs are welcome.

Lunch: The Walled Garden Centre Restaurant, Elton

Adjacent to Elton Hall, the Walled Garden Centre Restaurant is an ideal stop for lunch. The group can also browse the gift shop and they may also wish to purchase plants from the well-stocked Garden Centre.

- Opening times:** 9am - 5.30pm, 6 days a week. 9am - 4.30pm on Sunday. Lunch visits can be staggered as can guided tours at the Hall.
- Max. group:** 80 inside, 50 outside
- Min. group:** No minimum
- Coach parking:** Outside the Garden Centre
- Contact:** The Restaurant Manager on 01832 280058.
- Notice required:** 2 weeks
- Toilets:** Toilets (including wheelchair accessible toilets).
- Catering:** A set meal can be provided with prior arrangement.
- Disabled facilities:** The Garden Centre and restaurant are wheelchair accessible, with ramp access and wide aisles. Assistance available. Visitors with guide dogs welcome.

Afternoon: Ramsey Rural Museum

Drive southbound along the A1 to Huntingdon. From Huntingdon drive towards Warboys along the A141. Drive over the first roundabout and, where the road forks, bear left and drive along the B1040. Continue along this road (through Bury) until you reach Ramsey. In Ramsey, the Museum is located on Wood Lane and is clearly signposted (journey time about 50 minutes).

This award winning museum of Fenland Heritage is run solely by volunteers and all of the exhibits have been donated by Huntingdonshire people. It is housed in 17th century stone buildings set in open countryside. A visit to the museum is ideal for any group – young, old and mobility or visually impaired.

Exhibits of interest include: a village store, a chemist's shop, a cobbler's Victorian kitchen, bedroom and sitting room, school room and much more.

Many special events are held throughout the season at the museum. Please see the website for details: www.ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk.

Bargain Barn – Open May to October. In our Bargain Barn you will find hundreds of good quality secondhand books, as well as a good selection of cds, DVDs, records and videos. There are many stalls of bric-a-brac, collectables, crafts and jewellery. New stock comes in every week, so why not pay a visit and pick up a bargain.

Opening times: April to end September: Thursdays: 10am - 5pm.
Sundays and Bank Holidays: 2pm - 5pm.
Other times by appointment.

Average visit time: Two hours thirty minutes, including a group tour.

Max. group: 57

Coach parking: On site

Contact: Mrs Jane Yardley on 01487 814304
Email: d.yardley@talk21.com

Catering: Tea room. Cream teas by arrangement.

Notice of visit: Preferably 1 month's notice of visit required.

Toilets: Two ladies toilets, one gents toilet and one wheelchair accessible toilet.

Cost: Call for details.

Disabled facilities: Wide walkways, ramps for wheelchair access, 2 wheelchairs available, visitors with guide dogs welcome, assistance available for disabled customers, accessible parking, all signs and descriptions are in large type.

Farmers' Markets: For details about Farmers' Markets in Ramsey, please call 01487 813612.



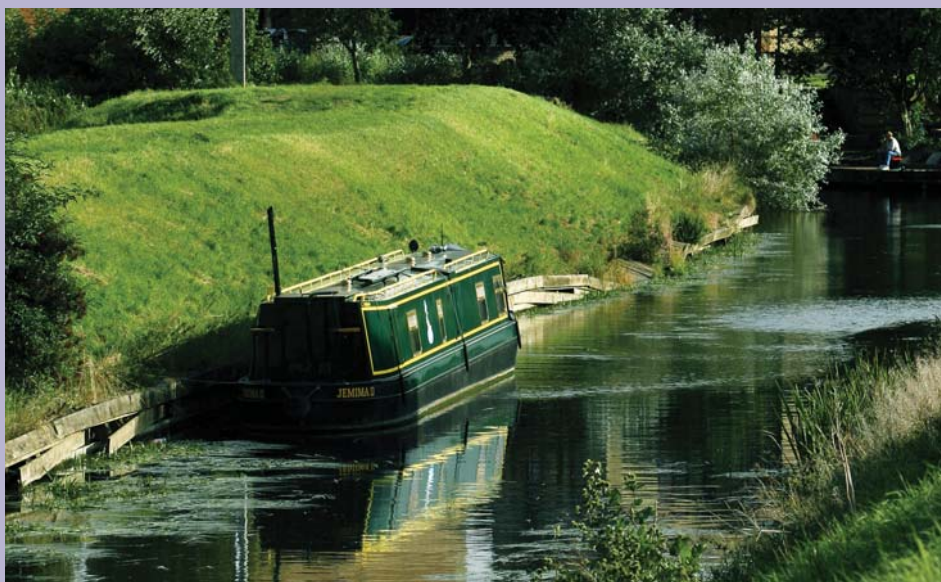
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An example of Victorian living at the Ramsey Rural Museum



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Please phone each attraction prior to your visit. Thank you.