

The St Neots Tour



One of the exhibits at the St Neots Museum



Outdoor restaurant area at Frosts Garden Centre, Brampton

The St Neots Tour at a glance

Morning: St Neots Museum and a walk around St Neots

Lunch: Frosts Garden Centre, Brampton

Afternoon: Paxton Pits, Little Paxton

Walking requirement: 2 to 3 miles of walking required throughout the day.

St Neots Museum is approximately 20 minutes drive from Frosts at Brampton. Paxton Pits is in Little Paxton, a small village 5 minutes drive from St Neots.

Morning: St Neots Museum, The Old Court, New Street, St Neots. PE19 1AE

St Neots is signposted from the A1 and coach parking is available on the south side of Cambridge Street. The Museum occupies St Neots Victorian Police Station and Magistrates Court building, on New Street in the town centre. Here, you will find a wealth of objects and information. Visit the cells, still much the same as when they were built in 1907. In the story of St Neots Gallery, find out about St Neot himself, about the town's vanished Priory, the battle of St Neots in 1648, the age of coaching on the Great North Road (and its first petrol pump!), and the arrival of the Great Northern Railway in 1851.

Contact: For all details call the Curator:
Tel: 01480 388921
Email: curators@stneotsmuseum.org.uk
Website: www.stneotsmuseum.org.uk

Coach parking: Coach 'drop-off' point within 200m, outside Corner House, on the Market Square. Coach parking on the south side of Cambridge Street.

Toilets: 1 unisex toilet with wheelchair access. Public toilets available at South Street and Tebbutts Road.

Disabled facilities: Level access to ground floor, stair lift to first floor. Ground floor toilet accessible to wheelchair users. Loan wheelchair available. Staff are happy to help with other requirements where they can. Visitors with guide dogs welcome.

Guided Walk around St Neots

Whilst one group is in the Museum, the other may like a guided walk around the town. Available to download on this website is the St Neots Guided Tour.

Farmers' Markets take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 9am to 1pm in the market square. Please contact the Town Centre Manager on 01480 388912, for more details.

Lunch: Frosts Garden Centre, Brampton

From the riverside at St Neots follow signs to the A1 (North). At the Buckden roundabout drive straight over, continuing on the A1 (North) and ignoring the first sign to Brampton as there is a low bridge. At the next junction turn off and bear right onto the A14 towards Huntingdon. Come off at the first left and turn right at the first mini roundabout you come to. Carry on over the next 2 mini roundabouts. At the third roundabout turn right and after a mile you'll come to Frosts Garden Centre on the left hand side.

Lunch: Frosts at Brampton, Buckden Road, Brampton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE28 4NF

Frosts Garden Centre in Brampton is ideal for a group visit. Not only can visitors look at the myriad of shrubs and plants, but they can also browse around the extensive gift shop or relax in the café/restaurant which also has an outside area to enjoy in good weather.

Contact: The Restaurant Manager on 01480 447605 to arrange your visit.
Website: www.frostsgardencentres.co.uk/Centres/Brampton

Toilet facilities: Ample toilet facilities (including wheelchair accessible toilets).

Disabled facilities: All facilities on one level, wheelchair accessible toilets available, 2 wheelchairs available on site, wide walkways. Assistance available and visitors with guide dogs welcome.

Afternoon: Paxton Pits Nature Reserve

Paxton Pits Nature Reserve can be found in the village of Little Paxton which lies 2 miles north of St Neots. Follow the signs on the A1 to Little Paxton and then, once in Little Paxton, follow the signs to the Nature Reserve.

Paxton Pits as a wildlife haven is a fairly recent event; millions of years of history went into making it the place it is today. The geology of the Ouse Valley makes it a good area to quarry for sand and gravel, which in turn creates holes that are great for wildlife. The quarrying has dug up some fascinating insights into local history too

Paxton Pits Nature Reserve includes 75 hectares of lakes, meadows, grassland, scrub and woodland, and consists of a series of restored gravel pits with excellent paths and two bird watching hides. The site is famous for its nightingales (which can be heard in May) and its wintering wildfowl. There are two waymarked circular trail and part of the Ouse Valley Way long distance footpath runs alongside the Reserve.

Contact for visits: For all information for visiting Paxton Pits
Email: paxpits@paxton-pits.org.uk
Website: www.paxton-pits.org.uk/groups.htm
Tel: The Rangers on 01480 406795.
Talks can be given by the team at Paxton Pits, by prior arrangement.

Toilets: Toilet facilities at the Visitor Centre, including one disabled toilet.

Cost: Free, but there is a small charge for guided walks and talks.

Disabled facilities: The Visitor Centre and toilets are wheelchair accessible. The first mile of the Heron Trail is a hard surface track. Most manual wheelchairs and pushchairs can use the kissing gates, while larger wheelchairs can gain access using a RADAR key. These keys can be purchased from the Visitor Centre.



The Visitor Centre at Paxton Pits



St Neots Farmers' Market



A view across Paxton Pits



Please phone each attraction prior to your visit