



Dean Heritage Centre, Soudley, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, GL14 2UB

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## The Ghosts of Camp Mill

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By day the Dean Heritage Centre (DHC) is a lovely place for a family day out. Feeding the ducks, exploring the woodland site before stopping for tea and cake in the café is the typical experience of visitors to the Centre. But on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, another side of Camp Mill will be highlighted as visitors are invited onsite after usual opening hours as part of Museums at Night.

**Museums at Night** is a national campaign to showcase the unique and vibrant museums, galleries, heritage sites, libraries and archives across the UK. Night owls can look forward to a weekend of ghostly goings on as museums unlock their doors for the annual after-hours celebrations.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, a costumed guide will take visitors on a torch lit tour of Camp Mill, sharing the history of the site and local area as they progress through the galleries. Ghosts from the past will be demonstrating how they lived their lives but tread carefully lest you startle them!

Kathryn Ashcroft, Marketing Manager of the DHC said, 'This has been a really enjoyable event to plan and has made us all look at the site in new light – torch light! Usually the focus is on displaying artefacts in clear ways but for Museums at Night we're focusing on the building, its stories and the characters from the Forest of Dean. Our ghosts are a little unpredictable so visitors are advised to keep their wits about them!'

The 7pm sunset tour will be spooky but not scary and families are welcome to bring older children. The 8.30pm twilight tour will include a walk through the darkening forest and is not for the faint hearted! Tours are priced at £8.00 for adults and £4.00 for children.\* The Heritage café will stay open after the centre closes and will serve food and drinks until 8.30pm. A special ticket including an adult's tour, ploughman's supper and free glass of wine is available for £14. The special ticket is only available when booked in advance and cannot be bought on the night.

Tickets are on sale now at the Dean Heritage Centre and can be booked in person or by calling 01594 822170. Numbers are limited and while unsold tickets will be available on the night, booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. Please be aware that the Centre will only be open to those visitors booked on a tour and will be closing as usual at 5pm.

\*(ages 5 – 16)

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For more information or if you would like a photograph to illustrate the article please contact Kathryn Ashcroft on 01594 822170 or email: [Kathryn@deanheritagemuseum.com](mailto:Kathryn@deanheritagemuseum.com)

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## Notes to editors

- The Dean Heritage Centre is based in five acres of scenic woodland and is home to the 'Museum of the Forest'. It tells the story of the Forest of Dean and its' people spanning 10,000 years of history, from the ice age to present day.
- It is open 363 days a year and offers a full diary of events, activities and exhibitions.
- The Museum is a centre of education and offers tailored educational workshops and activities to tie in with the school curriculum. For more information please call Sarah Fuller on 01594 822170.
- The Centre has been awarded the accreditation of Quality Assured Visitor Attraction.
- The Dean Heritage Museum Trust (DHMT) is a company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity.
- In March 2007 the Centre was awarded the accreditation of Quality Assured Visitor Attraction.
- Led by [Culture24](http://Culture24), Museums at Night is a national campaign to showcase the unique and vibrant museums, galleries, heritage sites, libraries and archives in the UK in a different light.
- For 2011 more than [150 events](#) have been announced so far but the Torch lit tour of Camp Mill is the only event in the Forest of Dean.
- Museums at Night is funded by the Museums, Libraries and archives Council (MLA) and Arts Council England (ACE). [www.museumsatnight.org.uk](http://www.museumsatnight.org.uk)

