

BLISTS HILL VICTORIAN TOWN

DEVAMOG VISIT 15th JUNE 2024



In June we aim to 'travel back in time and experience the sights, sounds and smells of Victorian life' by visiting the outdoor Blists Hill Victorian Town Museum.

The museum is one of ten venues contained within the Ironbridge Gorge 'Valley of Invention', a World Heritage Site, located between Ironbridge and Telford in South Shropshire.



According to their website two days would be required to do justice to their museums and attractions! However, we intend to focus on the largest venue; that of the Blists Hill Victorian Town.

The original Blists Hill site was an industrial area comprising a brick and tile works, blast furnaces and coal, iron and fire clay mines. The site we will experience contains buildings and structures that were originally in situ, along with buildings of the Victorian era relocated to the site from the surrounding areas; as well as - for instance - shops that represent a generic type of business establishment.

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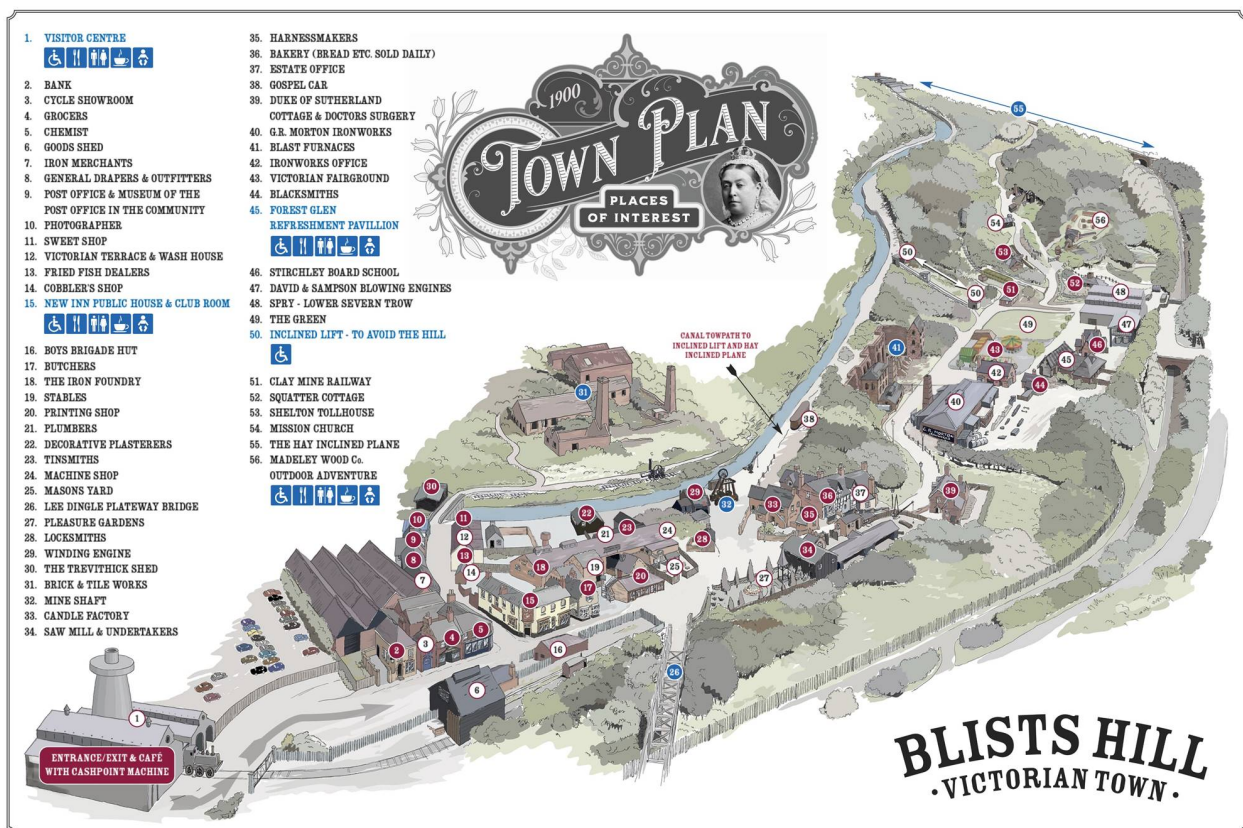
Date: Saturday 15th June

Time: 10:30

Place: it is proposed we meet in the Museum car park (postcode TF7 5UD) and specifically within the car park there will be a dedicated/ reserved area for the Devamog members to park (see map below for car park location.)

Cost: £16 per person (normal admission is £26.50) - this is based on a group size of 15 or more persons.

Prior payment will be required by Friday 7th June. Any members wanting to join the trip within the 7 days prior to our visit would need to pay the full price.



Parking: As mentioned above, the Museum has its own car park, the cost being £1 per hour up to a maximum of £5. Payment can be made by credit/debit card at the machines on site or online within 48 hours of visiting.

Food: The site is extensive and various food options are available, from the Forest Glen Refreshment Pavilion, 'Fried Fish Dealers', and even the New Inn Public House (period sweet shops are available too!) There is also the option to bring a picnic lunch. Members therefore are free to eat at their leisure as the site is explored.



If members would like to have their 'four-legged friends' join in for the day, they are allowed (but need to be on a lead.)

Further information can be found at www.ironbridge.org.uk

Please register your interest with Mike Skelhorn via mikeskelhorn747@gmail.com and please contact me if you need further details.

Unlike some of our trips there is no upper limit on numbers, so the more the merrier! And on the weekend of our visit they are to be having the Blists Hill Annual sports day: games such as the egg and spoon race and sack race are undertaken - in period clothing!