



Heckington Windmill



**Schools &
Group Visit
Information**

**Discover
milling**

**Explore
history**

**Enjoy
food**

**Love
baking**



**The world's
only working
eight sailed
windmill**

We want your group to get the best out of a visit to the windmill and we hope that the following information will help you plan and prepare for your trip

www.heckingtonwindmill.org.uk

OPENING TIMES

- The mill's normal opening times are Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, and extra days each week during the school summer holidays. Open 12–5pm in the summer and we close at 4pm in the winter.
- However, we are able to offer group and school visits that can be planned at any time during the week to suit you
- We will open the mill and site ready for your visit. This can be during the week and at weekends and in the evenings during the summer if required.
- Visits can be between 1.5 hours and up to a full day depending on your itinerary. The longer time on site, the more your group will be able to experience.

FACILITIES

- Large car and Coach parking area
- Toilet & disabled facilities
- Group meeting room
- Guided mill tours
- Bakery demonstrations
- Garden and indoor area for lunch and refreshments
- Shop selling our own stone-ground flour, gifts and souvenirs
- Miller's House tea rooms and Edwardian parlour
- Large visitor centre & disabled access to the ground floor of the windmill



THE WINDMILL

- Heckington Windmill is the only surviving 8 sailed windmill in the world and weather permitting, can be seen in full operation
- It was originally built in 1830 with 5 sails and was later converted to an 8 sail mill by John Pocklington
- The mill has 5 accessible floors via wooden ladders; the steps are steep but sturdy
- Children and adults can climb to the top floor and follow the progress of wheat into flour on each level
- You can go out onto the balcony on the 3rd level and view the site from above and see the modern wind turbines across the fens
- During tours of the mill the numbers in each group are reduced to a maximum of 8 in to ensure safety
- The mill is a living, working mill and as such can be dusty and noisy when it is operating. However this is not excessive and masks & hearing protection are not required



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GROUP FACILITIES

- On the first floor of the mill house is a group meeting room that will accommodate up to 30 people
- This allows for larger groups to be split allowing smaller groups to tour the mill
- We also have the piggeries education area where tables and chairs can be used for group activities
- Full disabled toilet facilities are located on site
- Children's worksheets and mill based activities are available
- There is a large garden which can be used for picnics and refreshments.
- The Mill House tea rooms can cater for group lunches with advance notice or children's groups are welcome to bring a packed lunch to eat on site

BAKING DEMONSTRATIONS

- Baking demonstrations can be given by prior arrangement, subject to the availability of our demonstrators.
- Please enquire for further information and availability.



LENGTH OF VISITS

- We suggest allowing a minimum of 1 hours if time is limited – this will allow for tours of the mill and refreshments.
- For schools a visit of at least 3 hours will include a tour of the mill, activities and a soft drink
- A 4-5 hour visit will enable you to get the most from the mill and can include tours of the mill, baking demonstration, a talk on the history of the mill or mill based activities and also allow time for lunch
- Additional time can be used to walk around the village looking at the associated buildings within the village, including the-Pearrooms, railway museum and church.

EDUCATION & LEARNING

- There are lots of activities in the visitor centre including weighing, measuring, build a windmill, cogs, materials and wind power.
- Children can also try their hand at making flour by using the quern, see the mill in action (weather permitting),
- Heckington Windmill age related activity packs are provided for each child on a school visit.
- A visit to the mill offers the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of school curriculum topics



MILL SHOP

- The mill shop sells our stone-ground wholemeal, white and self-raising flour, plus rolled oats and bread-making kits
- Gifts are available over a wide price range allowing children to purchase pocket money priced souvenirs of their visit
- If required souvenir bags are available to order in advance priced from £1.50. (no food items included)



HEALTH & SAFETY

- Completed Risk Assessments for your visit are available to download on our website
- We have DBS cleared staff and first aiders available if required
- Storage space for bags and equipment during mill tours
- Wheat, flour and food products are used – please advise if there are any allergies
- Inside the mill it is relatively cold most of the year – coats/jumpers are recommended according to the season, as are sensible shoes

PRICES—SCHOOLS & YOUTH GROUPS

We aim to offer a quality visits for everyone and costs are based on activities and length of visit. We are a charity and all running costs come from visitors and donations.

2 hour visit with mill tour	£3.50 each
4 hour visit with mill tour, & activities	£5.50 each
5-6 hour visit with mill tour, baking demo & activities	£8.00 each

- All prices include a soft drink (squash) for children
- Staff accompanying children on visits are free (1 per 8 children)
Additional adults £5.00 each
- Group organisers pre-visits welcome (no charge)
- Please see booking form on our website to book a visit

PRICES—ADULT GROUPS

Group visits are welcome and will include entry to the site and wind-mill tower.

Price: £5.00 per person

Guides: Included for each group

- Group organisers pre-visits are welcome (no charge)
- Tours of the Eight Sailed Brewery and the Railway Museum are available if required at £1.00 each.
- Baking Demonstrations are available at £3.00 per person extra.
Advance booking essential—subject to availability of demonstrator



CONTACT

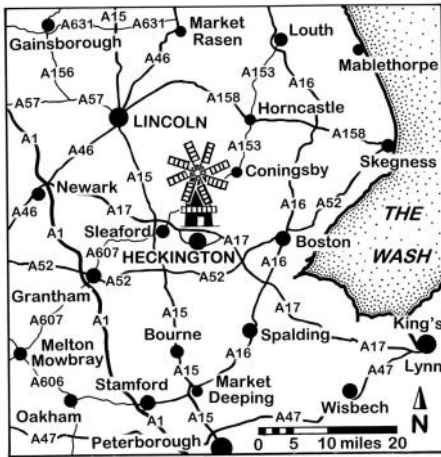
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Heckington Windmill is has undergone major renovation works thanks to a £1.6m Heritage Lottery Grant to develop the historical buildings surrounding the mill.

Work includes a new visitor centre with interactive displays and interpretation, expansion of the tea rooms and a bakehouse to allow for everyone to have a go at baking.



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More information and booking forms are available on the website www.heckingtonwindmill.org.uk



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