



Friday 22 July - Wednesday 31 August

**Take a
family-friendly
trip back in
time this
summer**

Summer in

SUFFOLK MUSEUMS

Get summer sorted with Suffolk museums and discover over 60 low cost family-friendly events and activities on your doorstep!

What will you discover this summer?

If you are looking for fun, low cost activities for all the family to enjoy this summer, look no further than Suffolk museums! Throughout the school summer holidays, museums across the county will offer a jam-packed line-up of exciting events, activities and trails to suit all ages and interests.

This leaflet is your handy guide to what's happening in museums across the county. To help with planning, we've listed the museums by location, shown below on our handy museums map. The events are also in date order so you can see at a glance what's happening, and when, in your neighbourhood.

For more event information visit suffolkmuseums.org or like us on Facebook at [/summerinsuffolkmuseums](https://www.facebook.com/summerinsuffolkmuseums).

Do something different for your holidays this year. Join in the fun and discover together, look further and be inspired by something new this summer in Suffolk museums.

Handy Tip

Opening Times

Double check museum opening times before you visit as times can vary.

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Museum Facilities

For more information on individual museum facilities, such as parking or refreshments, visit the museums' website by using our handy list on pages 19-20.



Suffolk Coastal Special Events

Wed 27 Jul and Wed 10 Aug 1–4pm

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS

The Long Shop Museum

Bring your budding scientists to Workshop Wednesdays and explore the amazing world of light, sound and forces with awesome experiments and activities.

LUMINOUS LIGHT AND SUPER

SOUND 27 Jul

FANTASTIC FORCES 10 Aug

Free with normal admission, All-ages,
Drop-in



Thu 28 Jul 11.30am–4.30pm (Dig 2.30pm)

DIG DUNWICH!

Dunwich Museum

Explore how archaeologists unearth the past and discover real finds in the new excavation trenches! Plus, amazing handling collections available all day.

£2 suggested donation, Ages 5+,
Pre-book dig on 01728 648796 or email
admin@dunwichmuseum.org.uk

Wed 3, 17, 24 and 31 Aug 12–4pm

BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT

Felixstowe Museum

Celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday with some 'right royal' summer holiday events for children! Enjoy fun royal quizzes, make your own crown and get knighted by the museum's Landguard Queen!

Children £3, Adults £2,
Ages 2–16, Drop-in



Thu 4, 11, 18 and 25 Aug 11.30am–4.30pm

FAMILY DISCOVERY DAYS

Dunwich Museum

Step into mystical Medieval Dunwich! Join Sister Luke's fascinating village tour or make your own scroll at the Quill and Seal workshops. Plus, enjoy wonderful handling collections every Thursday!

SISTER LUKE'S TOUR 4 Aug (2.30pm)

'QUILL AND SEAL' WORKSHOP 4 Aug

(11.30am – 2.30pm), 11 and 25 Aug (All day)

MEDIEVAL ACTIVITIES 18 Aug (All day)

Free, All ages, Drop-in

Sun 7, 21, 28 and Mon 29 Aug 10–4pm

ALIEN HUNT

Bentwaters Cold War Museum

Find out more about the infamous 1980 Rendlesham Forest UFO incident and discover the museum's very own little green men to win a free Alien sticker!

Children go free, Ages 4–10, Drop-in

Wed 10 Aug 12–4pm

FUN AT THE SEASIDE!

Felixstowe Museum

Join in with a special holiday treat for children and create fairy tale puppet shows, get up close to starfish on the 'Seaside Touch Table', play giant outdoor games or go on a Teddy Bears picnic!

Children £6.50. Adults £2.00, Ages 2–16, Drop-in



Sun 28 Aug 10–4pm

MARVELLOUS MAKERS FAIR

The Long Shop Museum

Join the Long Shop Museum for the Marvellous Makers Fair and celebrate everything 'Made in Suffolk' with local artists, traders, and craftsmen. Plus, special creative workshops and fun craft activities for all ages!

Free with normal admission, All ages,

See longshopmuseum.co.uk for more details

Suffolk Coastal

Always Available During Museum Opening Hours



SUMMER TRAILS AT THE LONG SHOP MUSEUM

The Long Shop Museum

Explore the museum and its wonderful collections with a new family trail every fortnight!

50p with normal admission, Ages 4+, Drop-in

PICNICS AT THE RED HOUSE

The Red House, Aldeburgh

Bring your own picnic and spend the afternoon enjoying the Red House's beautiful gardens and outdoor games!

Free, All ages, Drop-in

SAXMUNDHAM SUMMER TRAILS

Saxmundham Museum

Explore the museum and medieval market town of Saxmundham with family quizzes and trails!

Trail £1, Ages 7-12, Drop-in

GINGERBREAD BISCUIT TRAIL

The Tide Mill Living Museum

(In partnership with the Cake Shop)

See the sites of Woodbridge and solve the clues to claim your Gingerbread Prize! Pick up a trail from the Tide Mill Living Museum or The Cake Shop.

Trail sheet £1 (optional admission to the museum at normal price), Ages 5+, Drop-in

ERIC THE EXPLORER!

Southwold Museum

Can you find the pictures of Eric hidden in Southwold's unique cottage museum? Try the trail and find out!

Free, Ages 7-11, Drop-in

Handy Tip Donations

Many family activities (and museums) are free but donations are always very welcome and much appreciated!

WALKING INTO HISTORY

Orford Museum

Discover Orford's and the surrounding villages' exciting military past and amazing churches with three self-guided exploration trails!

Free, All ages, Print the trails at orfordmuseum.org.uk

SEA SHELL SEARCH!

Alfred Corry Lifeboat Museum

Give it some 'heave ho' and explore the museum to find the secret shells before claiming the booty!

Free, Ages 4-7, Drop-in

LANDLUBBERS TRAIL

Alfred Corry Lifeboat Museum

Ahoy, matey! Don't let the quiz scupper you! Explore the museum to complete the trail and claim the booty!

Free, Ages 8+, Drop-in

SUMMER TRAILS

HMS Ganges

Explore the HMS Ganges Museum and try out their Summer Trail.

Free, Ages 7+, Drop-in

Ipswich

Special Events



Thur 28 Jul 10.30–11.30am, 1–2pm and 2.30pm

MYTHICAL BEASTS AND MAGICAL CREATURES

Christchurch Mansion

Create your own masterpiece inspired by the fantastical creatures painted on Christchurch Mansion's Hawstead Panels.

£3, Ages 7-11, Pre-book at <https://apps.ipswich.gov.uk/PEO/>

Thur 4 Aug 10.30-11.30am, 1–2pm, 2.30–3.30pm

SHADOW PUPPETS WORKSHOP

Christchurch Mansion

Join artist Ky Rice and make your own shadow puppets

£3, Ages 7-11, Pre-book at <https://apps.ipswich.gov.uk/PEO/>

Sun 7, 14 and 21 Aug 11am–4pm

HISTORIC BUS RIDES!

Ipswich Transport Museum

Take a magical ride on a historic bus or coach and sample the sights and sounds of yesteryear!

Free with normal admission, All ages, Drop-in, See ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk for the timetable



Wed 10 Aug 10–3pm

SHOW AND TELL DAY

Ipswich Museum and Art School Gallery

Have you ever found something interesting and wondered what it might be? Whatever your treasures bring them along to the 'Show and Tell Day' to discover more!

Free, All ages, Drop-in



Thur 11 Aug 10.30–11.30am, 11.30–12.30pm, 1.30–2.30pm, 2.30–3.30pm

MAKE YOUR OWN MOSAIC

Christchurch Mansion

Create your own magic mosaic at our drop-in workshop.

£3, Ages 7-11, Pre-book at <https://apps.ipswich.gov.uk/PEO/>

Thu 18 Aug 10.30–11.30am, 12–1pm, 2–3pm, 3.30–4.30pm

MEDIAEVAL ARCHERY TRAINING

Christchurch Mansion

Come and have a go with a long bow in Christchurch Park and release your inner Robin Hood!

£3, Ages 7-11, Pre-book at <https://apps.ipswich.gov.uk/PEO/>

Thu 25 Aug 10.30–11.30am, 1–2pm, 2.30–3.30pm

TELLING TALES

Christchurch Mansion

Ever wondered how you get from 'once upon a time' to 'happily ever after'? Join Mike Dodds, storyteller extraordinaire, and learn how to tell tales of your own.

£3, Ages 7-11, Pre-book at <https://apps.ipswich.gov.uk/PEO/>



Ipswich

Regular Events

Every Tue from 26 Jul to 30 Aug 10.30–11.30am, 1–2pm
and 2.30–3.30pm

SAXON SUMMER

Ipswich Museum and Art School Gallery

Starting during the Festival of Archaeology and continuing throughout the summer enjoy Anglo-Saxon themed workshops.

26 Jul

TREASURE

Create your own Anglo-Saxon inspired treasures!

2 Aug

ARMOUR

Join us to create your own cardboard armour or helmet.

9 Aug

MONEY

Handle real Anglo-Saxon coins and make your own pocket money!

16 Aug

MEDICINE

Explore traditional Anglo-Saxon medicines in this multi-sensory workshop.

23 Aug

WEAVING

Practice your warping and wefting as you weave your own miniature creation.

30 Aug

WILLOW SHAPING

Be inspired and take part in this wonderful willow weaving workshop!

£3 per child per session, Ages 7-11, Pre-book at <https://apps.ipswich.gov.uk/PEO/>



Every Wed from 27 Jul to 24 Aug 10.15–11.30am,
12–1.15pm, 2–3.15pm

ART SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Ipswich Museum and Art School Gallery

Learn new art skills every Wednesday throughout the summer holidays at artist-led workshops at Ipswich Art School Gallery.

27 Jul

DRAWING

Come and have a go at different ways of drawing.

3 Aug

PRINTING

Create your own print with artist, Jen Hall.

10 Aug

PAINTING

Slap on the paint and brush up your art skills in this workshop all about paint.

17 Aug

COLLAGE

Mix up pictures and patterns to bring them altogether in this collage workshop.

24 Aug

SCULPTURE

Mould a 3D wire sculpture inspired by the art in the Ipswich Art Gallery.

£3 per child per session, Ages 7-11, Pre-book at <https://apps.ipswich.gov.uk/PEO/>

Waveney

Special Events



Sun 24 Jul 10–5pm

FAMILY FUN DAY

Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum

A day of fun and family activities including Swing Dancing, a BBMF Spitfire flypast, Suffolk Vehicle Enthusiasts Club, the Polystyrene plate glider championship, Simulator Flying and more!

Free, All ages, Drop-in

Sat 30 Jul 11am–4pm

FAMILY FUN DAY – WOOL AND WEAVING

Lowestoft Museum

Join the 'Travels in Time Team' and weave your own woollen wonders! Plus, take part in a mini-dig to find the hidden artefacts or try the new family trail!

Free, All ages, Drop-in



Sun 31 Jul 10am–5pm

WAVENEY VALLEY & DISTRICT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum

A day of family fun with bygones, working engines, the Lowestoft Classic Vehicle Club, simulator flying and more!

Free, All ages, Drop-in

Sat 3 Sep 11am–4pm

FAMILY FUN DAY – ROMAN HOMES

Lowestoft Museum

Join the 'Travels in Time Team' and learn all about Roman home life through fun activities and crafts. Plus, take part in a mini-dig to find the hidden artefacts or try the new family trail!

Free, All ages, Drop-in

22 Jul – 31 Aug (Various dates/times)

TOURS, TALKS AND TRIPS

Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum

Join the museum on Monday's and Tuesday's for exciting Tours, Talks and Trips! Have a go at starting a jet fighter, fly a flight simulator, visit an Anderson shelter and more!

Free, Various ages, Drop-in, See aviationmuseum.net for dates and times

Waveney

Always Available During Museum Opening Hours

MARITIME MUSEUM TRAIL

Lowestoft Maritime Museum

Become maritime museum explorers with your handy map and compass to find the treasure!

Free, Ages 4-12, Drop-in

DISCOVERY TRAILS

Beccles Museum

Pick up a Discovery Trail and collect your detective kit to hunt for the special hands-on objects in the museum!

Free, Ages 4-12, Drop-in

HALESWORTH TOWN TRAIL

Halesworth Museum

Borrow one of the explorer backpacks and become a detective to discover the hidden side of Halesworth.

Free, Ages 8-14, Check availability – phone 07552 508893 or email office@halesworthmuseum.org.uk



PIRATE TRAIL

Halesworth Museum

Explore the museum to find the pirates lurking in the display cases and discover the treasures they are guarding!

Free, Ages 8-12, Drop-in

TRAMS, TROLLYBUSES AND TRAINS!

East Anglia Transport Museum

Take a family trip back in time and take a ride on our authentic trams, trolleybuses and trains!

Free with normal admission, All ages

Mid and West Suffolk Special Events

23–25 Jul 10am–5pm

VILLAGE LIFE AND THE SKILLS OF THE WARRIORS

West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village

The People of Eoferwic bring the Anglo-Saxon Village at West Stow to life with family activities, crafts and awe-inspiring weapon displays.

Free with normal admission, Ages 3+, Drop in

26 Jul and 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 Aug 11am–3pm

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS

Moyse's Hall

Join Moyse's Hall every Tuesday for a fun history craft workshop for all the family.

Free with normal admission, All ages, Drop-in

Sun 14 Aug 11am–5pm

MUSIC AT THE MIDDY!

Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum

Join the Middy for a day of family fun with live music including the Broadside Boys, engines in steam, train rides and real ale bar coach, the 'Kitchener Arms'!

Free with normal admission, All ages

20–21 Aug 10am–5pm

ANGLO-SAXON VILLAGE LIFE

West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village

Visit West-Stow for a day of Anglo-Saxon family life! Costume group CHES will be on-site demonstrating Anglo-Saxon crafts, cooking and skills.

Free with normal admission, Ages 3+, Drop-in



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Join Gainsborough's House, The National Horseracing Museum and West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village for an exciting three-day creative arts and crafts summer club for children aged 7-11.



Plus, gain an Arts Award Discover Level at West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village and The National Horseracing Museum!



GAINSBOROUGH'S HOUSE

10–12 Aug 10am–3pm

Tel: 01787 372958

THE NATIONAL HORSERACING MUSEUM

16–18 Aug 10am–3pm

Tel: 01638 667333

WEST STOW ANGLO-SAXON VILLAGE

22–24 Aug 10am–3pm

Tel: 01284 728718

Places are limited so book now either by phoning the museum or when visiting the site. Book your child's place before 15 July for the early bird price of just £60 for three days (£75 thereafter).

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Wed 24 Aug 1–4pm
CATS!

Lavenham Little Hall Museum

Visit the Little Hall Museum for a day of family activities and trails all about cats throughout history, including the famous Gayer-Anderson Cat! Puurfect!

Children go free, Ages 2-11, Pre-book on family@little.org.uk or phone 01473 823503

Thu and Fri 10am–12pm
MUDS, BUGS AND BAKING
Museum of East Anglia Life



Join the Museum of East Anglia Life for six family-friendly, fabulously fun activities. Each session starts with a story followed by exciting activities for everyone to join in.

11 Aug BURGLAR BILL

Join us for a scavenger hunt, make a Wanted Poster and fingerprint art.

12 Aug LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Join us today to try out lots of wolfie crafts.

18 Aug SUGAR LUMP AND THE UNICORN

Make your own hobby horse and mini carousel pony!

19 Aug ELMER AND THE WIND

Come along today and create wonderful wind chimes.

25 Aug THE GREAT FAIRY TALE DISASTER

Turn yourself into fairy tale royalty by making your own crown!

Plus, bake fairy tale cakes to take home.

26 Aug ELMER AND THE STRANGER

Have a go at lots of kangaroo crafts and make a kangaroo planter to take home.

£2.50 per child with normal museum entry, Ages 2+, Drinks and biscuits included, Limited spaces so pre-book at www.eastanglianlife.org.uk

Every Tue 10am–1pm
GAINSBOROUGH'S PSYCHEDELIC SUMMER OF COLOUR

Gainsborough's House

Come and explore the fascinating world of colour and light at Gainsborough's House! Design your own crazy colour glasses, explore camera explorers, make a mobile and much more in our summer of art and science.

2 Aug RED

9 Aug BLUE

16 Aug YELLOW

23 Aug GREEN

30 Aug RAINBOW

£2 per child £3 per adult, All ages, Drop-in, Price includes gallery admission



Keep an eye out for the Gainsborough's House Creative Spaces tent at Clare Castle Country Park and Flatford Nature Day

Thu 4, 11, 18 and 25 Aug 10am-5pm
FAMILY ACTIVITY THURSDAYS

West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village

Have-a-go activities for all the family including Archery, Pottery, Mini Archaeological dig and storytelling!

Free with normal admission, Ages 3+, Drop-in



Mid and West Suffolk

Always Available during Museum Opening Hours

TREASURE TRAIL

Clare Ancient House

Learn something new whilst exploring the beautiful 14th century Ancient House and discover how Clare helped shape the Magna Carta!

Children go free, Ages 13+, Drop-in

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL OBJECTS QUIZ

Laxfield Museum

Check out the new exhibition on Edwardian/Victorian toys and try the Weird and Wonderful Objects Quiz on some of the museums more unusual artefacts!

Free, All ages, Drop-in

THE TERRIBLE TOUR

Moyse's Hall

A gruesome, but family-friendly, guided tour of Moyse's Hall; handle amazing artefacts and weapons and try on some armour!

£1 with normal admission, Ages 4+, Pre-book – (Moyse's Hall) 01284 706183

MUSEUM TRAIL

Mildenhall Museum

Dress up as a Roman or Anglo-Saxon and discover the history of Mildenhall with a family-friendly museum trail and interactive activities! Plus, Playshop activities for under fours!

Free, All ages (Museum Trail Ages 6+), Drop-in



Museum information

Alfred Corry Lifeboat Museum
Southwold, IP18 6NG
01502 723200
alfredcorry.co.uk/

Ipswich Art School Gallery
Ipswich, IP1 3NE
01473 433681
cimuseums.org.uk

Beccles Museum
Beccles, NR34 9ND
01502 715722
becclesmuseum.org.uk/

Ipswich Museum
Ipswich, IP1 3QH
01473 433551
cimuseums.org.uk

Bentwaters Cold War Museum
Woodbridge, IP12 2TW
07588 877020
bcwm.org.uk/

Ipswich Transport Museum
Ipswich, IP3 9JD
01473 715666
ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk/

Christchurch Mansion
Ipswich, IP4 2BE
01473 433554
cimuseums.org.uk/

Laxfield Museum
Laxfield, IP13 8DU
01986 798318
laxfieldmuseum.onesuffolk.net/

Clare Ancient House Museum
Clare, CO10 8MY
01787 277572
clare-ancient-house-museum.co.uk/

Lavenham Little Hall Museum
Lavenham, CO10 9QZ
01787 247019
littlehall.org.uk/

Dunwich Museum
Dunwich, IP17 3DT
01728 648796
dunwichmuseum.org.uk/

The Long Shop Museum
Leiston, IP16 4ES
01728 832189
longshopmuseum.co.uk/

East Anglia Transport Museum
Carlton Colville, NR33 8BL
01502 518459
eatransportmuseum.co.uk/

Lowestoft Maritime Museum
Lowestoft, NR32 1XG
01502 561963
lowestoftmaritimemuseum.co.uk/

Felixstowe Museum
Felixstowe, IP11 3TW
01394 674355
felixstowemuseum.org/

Lowestoft Museum
Oulton Broad, NR33 9JR
01502 511457
lowestoftmuseum.org/

Gainsborough's House
Sudbury, CO10 2EU
01787 372958
gainsborough.org/

Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Museum
Stowmarket, IP14 5PW
01449 766899
mslr.org.uk/

Halesworth Museum
Halesworth, IP19 8BZ
07552 508893
halesworthmuseum.org.uk/wpress/

Mildenhall Museum
Mildenhall, IP28 7ET
01638 716970
mildenhallmuseum.co.uk/

HMS Ganges Museum
Shotley Marina, IP9 1QJ
01787 228417
hmsgangesmuseum.org.uk/

Moyse's Hall Museum
Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1DX
01284 706183
weststow.org/moyse-hall

Museum of East Anglian Life
Stowmarket, IP14 1DL
01449 612229
eastanglianlife.org.uk/

**The National Horseracing
Museum**
Newmarket, CB8 8JH
01638 667333
nhrm.co.uk/

**Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation
Museum**
Bungay NR35 1NZ
01986 896644
aviationmuseum.net/

Orford Museum
Orford, IP12 2ND
orfordmuseum.org.uk/

Saxmundham Museum
Saxmundham, IP17 1AJ
01728 663583
saxmundhammuseum.org.uk/

Southwold Museum
Southwold, IP18 6HZ
01502 726097
southwoldmuseum.org/

The Red House
Aldeburgh, IP15 5PZ
01728 451700
brittenpears.org/visit-the-red-
house

West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village
Bury St. Edmunds IP28 6HG
01284 728718
weststow.org/west.stow

The Tide Mill Living Museum
Woodbridge, IP12 1BY
01394 385295
woodbridgetidemill.org.uk/

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