

BMAG Family Social Story

My Visit To



Birmingham Museum and
Art Gallery

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I am going to visit Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery is a museum in Birmingham city centre.



This is a photo of Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

There are people that will help me when I am in the museum. These people are called Enablers.

Enablers wear blue T shirts.



If I have a question when I am at Birmingham Museum I can talk to the Enablers. It is fine to talk to them.

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery also has volunteers. Volunteers will also help me when I am in the museum.

Volunteers wear yellow lanyards, name badges and red t-shirts.



If I have a question when I am at Birmingham Museum I can talk to the Volunteers. It is fine to talk to them.

Enablers and Volunteers all wear a gold Birmingham Museums Trust badge

The Birmingham Museums Trust badge looks like this.



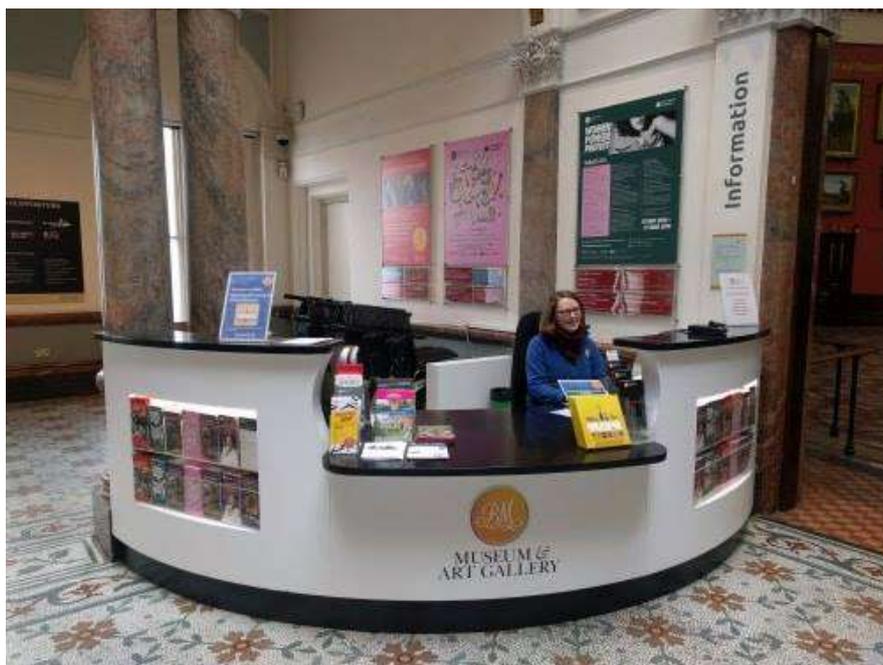
If somebody is wearing this badge it is okay to talk to them and ask them questions or ask them for help if I get separated from my adult.

When I come to the museum, I will use one of the two entrances.



This is a photo of the main entrance.

There are stairs here that I can use to get to the galleries. When I use the stairs, I will see the Vestibule reception desk. I will walk past this when I come in.



There will always be staff here in blue t-shirts if I need them.

The Vestibule desk has lockers. These work with a £1 coin. If I want, I can leave my bag and coat here. They will be safe.

There is a box at this desk called an 'Access Box'. I can borrow ear defenders and other things from this box if I want to.

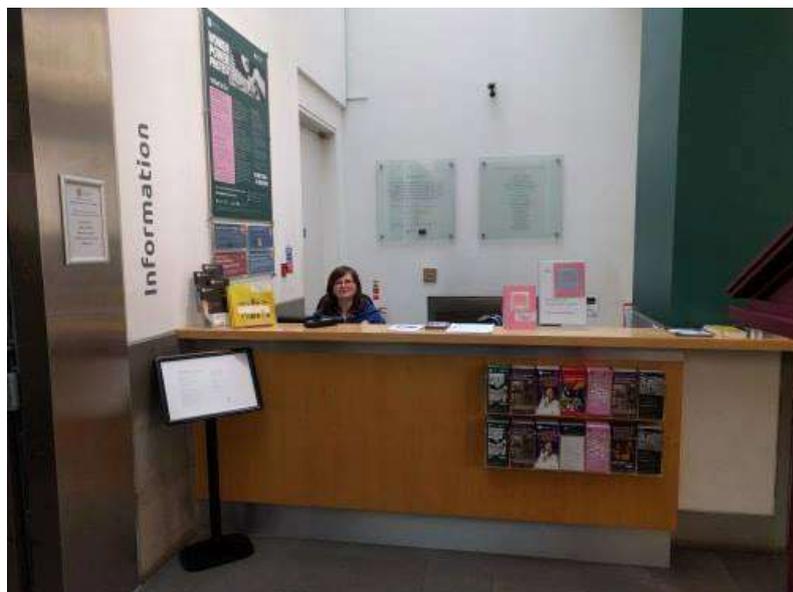


There is a second entrance to the Museum at the Gas Hall.



This is a photo of the Gas Hall entrance.

This is the information desk inside Gas Hall. I can ask the Museum Enabler questions about the museum if I want to.



There is a lift at the Gas Hall entrance which takes you to all floors of the museum. I might use the lift if I do not think I can use the stairs.

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery is a busy place. There might be lots of other children at Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery when I visit. It might be very noisy when I visit.

If I don't like the noise, I can tell the adult I came with or an Enabler.



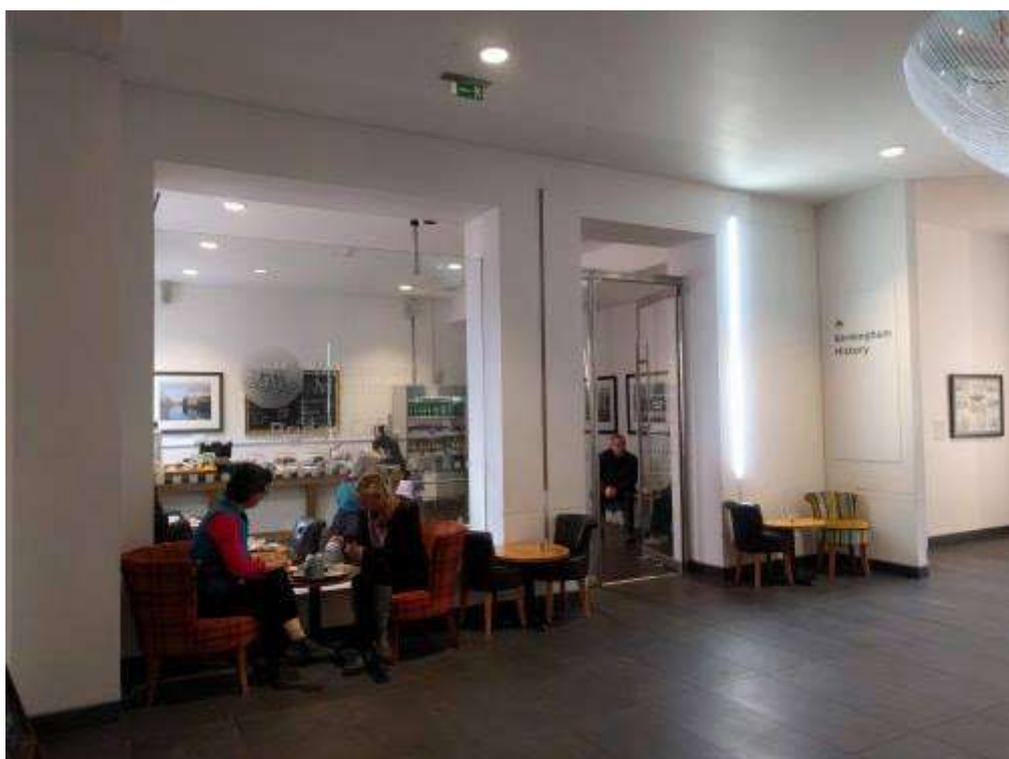
They can take me and my adult somewhere else where it will be quiet if I want, but I don't have to.

I must not leave the area where the people I came with are. This is so my adults know where I am, and I am safe.

If I don't know where my adult is I can ask an Enabler and they will help me.

During my visit I might have lunch.

I might sit in the Edwardian Tearoom or the Bridge Café.



If it is too noisy for me I can tell my adult and an Enabler will find me a quiet place to eat.

I might visit the shop. This is the shop.



There are toilets on every floor of Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.



If I need the toilet I can ask my adult, an Enabler, or a Volunteer and they will help me find one.

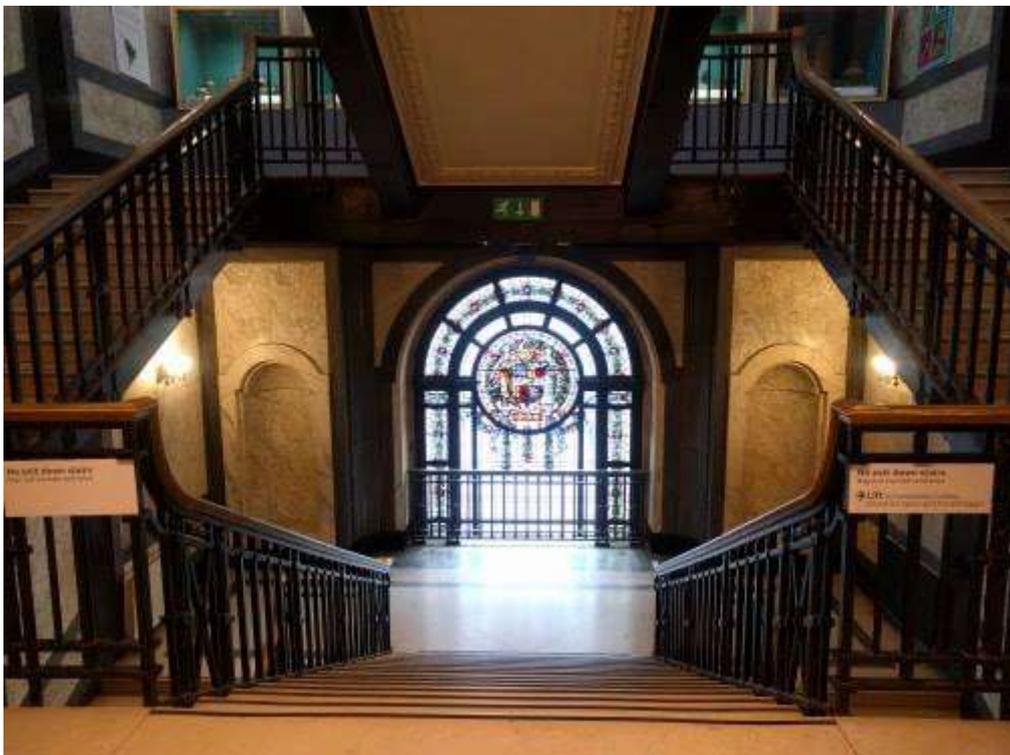
There are accessible toilets which I can use if I need to.

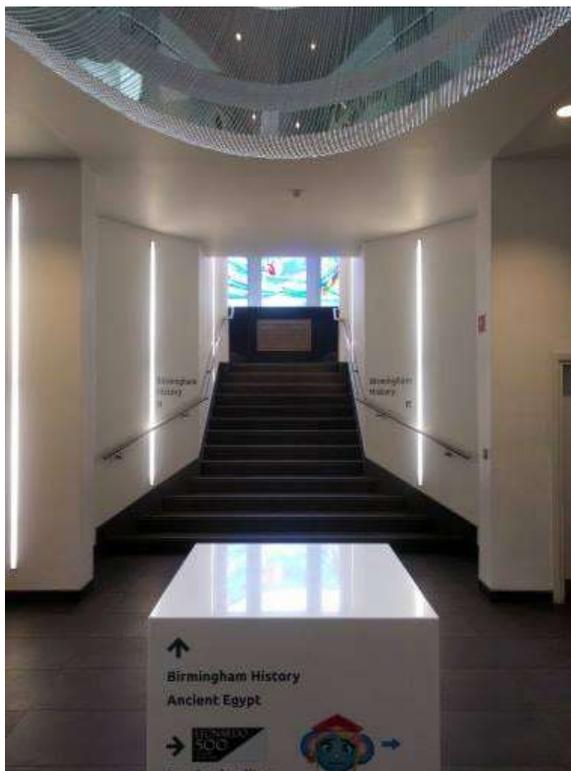


Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery has art work and historic objects from the past.

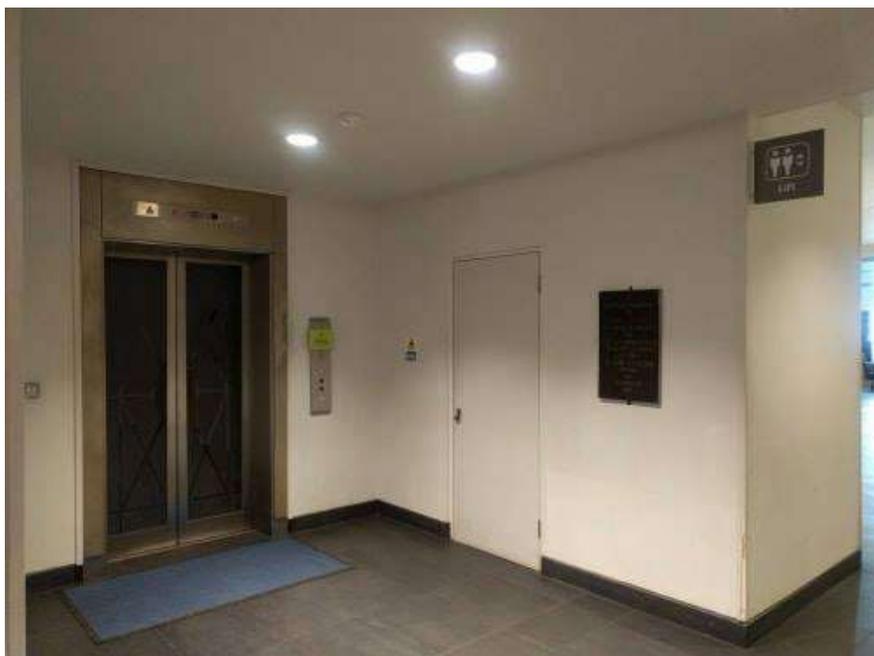
Birmingham Museum has 3 floors and lots of rooms. I might not visit them all but that is fine.

I will move between floors using the stairs. There are 3 different staircases.





If I do not think I can use the stairs, I can use the lift.
There are two lifts at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery



There are direction signs in the museum which will help me and my adult find our way around.



Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery has lots of rooms called galleries. I will see lots of different things in the galleries. I might see paintings, sculptures or things that people made in the past.

There are barriers in some of the galleries. I must not go past the barriers or touch things behind them. If somebody goes past a barrier, an alarm can sound. This is nothing to worry about. The alarm tells the Enablers to check everything is okay and it will be turned off quickly.



These are photos of the picture galleries. I might visit the picture galleries when I am at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. They are on level 2.



The picture galleries have paintings and drawings from many years ago and some from a few years ago.

I might not like every painting in these galleries but that's okay.

I must not touch any of the paintings when I am in the picture galleries.

Maybe I will look at some very famous paintings by the Pre-Raphaelites. Maybe I will try on some 18th Century clothes. Or maybe I will look at art that was made in Birmingham.



This is a photo of the Staffordshire Hoard Gallery. I might visit the Staffordshire Hoard when I am at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. It is on level 2.

The Staffordshire Hoard has a lot of old Saxon gold and other things that were found in the ground not far from Birmingham.

There are lots of things to see and do in the Staffordshire Hoard.



I can play with a lot of things in this gallery but if I don't want to play with something it is okay to just look.

Maybe I will try on some Saxon clothes. Maybe I will feel some Saxon metal. Or maybe I will play with a sliding puzzle.



This is a photo of the Birmingham History galleries. I might visit the Birmingham History galleries when I am at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. They are on level 3.

The Birmingham History galleries have lots of old things from Birmingham's past in them.

There are lots of things to see and do in the Birmingham History galleries.



I can play with a lot of things in the Birmingham History galleries but if I don't want to play with something it is okay to just look.

Maybe I will watch a video about Birmingham's past.
Maybe I will listen to an old song about Birmingham. Or
Maybe I will play the air warden game.



These are photos of the Ancient History galleries. I might visit the Ancient History galleries when I am at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. They are on level 3.

The Ancient History galleries have lots of very old things from all around the world in them.



Maybe I will see the mummies from Egypt. Maybe I will see statues from Rome. Or maybe I will see old coins from a lot of different countries.

There are some things I must not touch in the Ancient History galleries. If I don't know what I can or can't touch, I can ask an adult or an Enabler

I won't get in trouble if I make a mistake but I must try and remember to ask.

This is a photo of the Education Space. I may have visited here with my school.



Sometimes during school holidays there are craft activities in the Education Space. I can ask my adult if I want to join in with these.