

FAQ

How can I find out more about a session? Contact us and we'll send you a Session Plan so you can see the outline of what happens.

How many pupils can I bring? Sessions are for one class of up to 32 children. See below if you'd like to bring two classes. We work with up to 15 learners in Forest School sessions.

Where do sessions take place? They make use of a range of spaces across our two buildings. This may involve sitting on the floor and using the stairs in the Tide Mill.

Are sessions led? Yes, our sessions are facilitated by our Community Engagement Officer, sometimes with the support of volunteers. Sessions always involve small group work; your accompanying adults will be responsible for leading their group in their activities, with the guidance of our team.

Will we see milling in action? Tide mills capture seawater at high tide and release it later, at low tide, to turn their waterwheel. We therefore operate during low tides, and when we have a miller on site. See our About section for more.

When are you open? We are open 7 days a week April – September. We are open 4 days a week (Thu – Sun) October – March; however we can work with booked groups on other days of the week during this period.

Can we have lunch there? We can clear the Activity Room of artefacts after your session so you can eat in there, or you can use our outside spaces if the weather is fine.

Are sessions free? Our sessions are all facilitated and we charge a set fee for them rather than a charge per-head; we don't charge extra for admission. Please email us for prices.

Can we stay all day? You are welcome to stay on site all day. Sessions are focussed on achieving specific learning outcomes, so a bit of time in the afternoon to explore the Discovery Room and Tide Mill (if they don't feature in your session) or our walks is a nice way to round off the day.

Where can we park? We recommend coaches park off Eling Lane, next to the Anchor Inn (see map)

How can I make an enquiry or book? Please call us during our open hours on 023 8086 9575 or email us on info@elingtidemillexperience.co.uk

Want to bring two classes? We may be able to accommodate your second class:

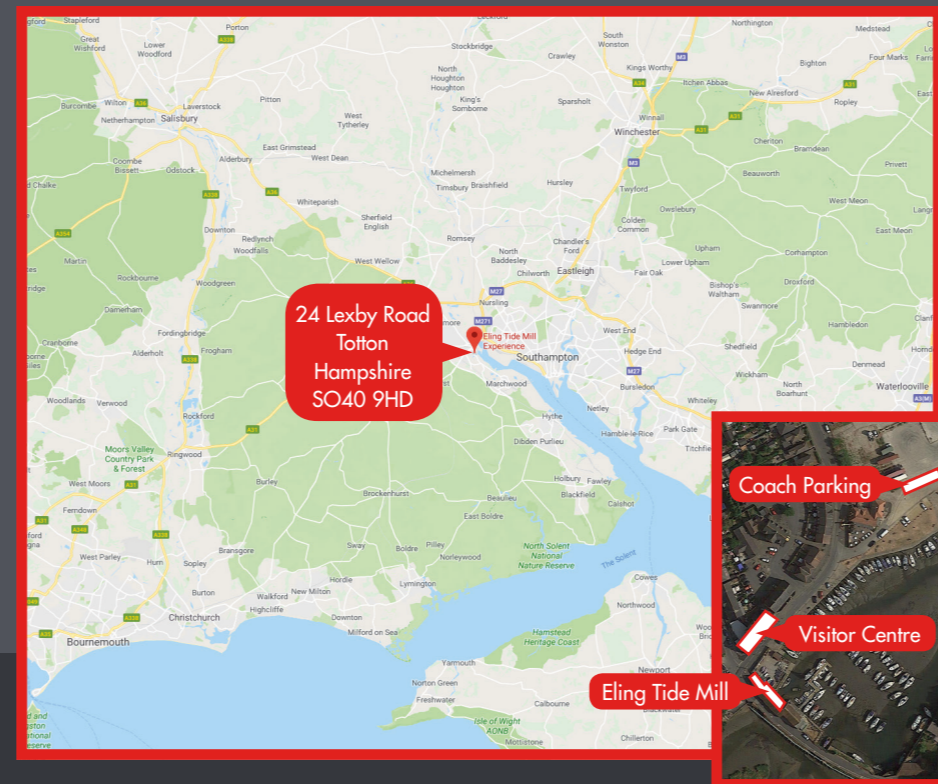
Clearing Granny's Attic and Our Town in the Past: a second class can visit the Tide Mill and our outdoor areas with the support of activity sheets and a trail, then have lunch outdoors, before swapping with your first class. Please note we do not have a wet weather alternative to this or a second lunch area.

Exploring the Gingerbread Man and Mission: Machines! talk to us about possibly changing the format of your session to accommodate a second class.

From Foragers to Farmers: you can make a visit to Totton & Eling a two-class visit by booking with us and our partners the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust at Testwood Lakes, where they have a replica Bronze Age roundhouse and a complimentary facilitated session.

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FIND OUT MORE & BOOKING



Please call us on **023 8086 9575** during our business hours or email us on info@elingtidemillexperience.co.uk with your enquiry, or the session you'd like to book and some possible dates. Our Community Engagement Officer will be happy to respond.

Once your booking is confirmed, you'll receive a copy of your booking form and supporting documents, including a Hazard Information Sheet to support your Risk Assessment.



WE ARE OPEN:

10am – 5pm, Monday – Sunday, April to September
11am – 4pm, Thursday – Sunday, October to March.

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LEARNING at Eling Tide Mill Experience

The Eling Tide Mill Experience is a unique opportunity to experience rare working technology, history, the natural world, and hands-on learning, all in one site!

Whether your main focus for a visit is history, natural science or STEM, there's an opportunity for you and your pupils to explore real artefacts in a relevant learning context.

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FACILITATED SESSIONS

EXPLORING THE GINGERBREAD MAN YR+

In this session we give the traditional tale a Tide Mill twist! Working in groups, children will try activities to explore waterwheels, the journey of wheat, historic hand-milling and the foods we make from flour, as well as having the chance to roll and cut their own Gingerbread Person. They will also have time to visit the Mill itself. This is a two-hour session.

Children will:

- Roll and cut their own Gingerbread People to be baked on site
- Hear the traditional tale with an Eling Tide Mill focus
- Discuss the grain chain sequence from wheat in the fields to flour for sale
- Investigate waterwheels and try grinding wheat into flour

CLEARING GRANNY’S ATTIC KS1 *changes within living memory*

We draw on our collections of everyday artefacts from the past for this session, giving children the chance to handle, explore, compare, discuss and make decisions. This is a 90 minute session.

Children will:

- Physically explore a range of real historic artefacts, including toys
- Explore similarities and differences, including materials
- Make comparisons, have discussions, come to decisions and give explanations

FROM FORAGERS TO FARMERS KS2 *exploring the changes from stone age to iron age*

Totton & Eling town is home to the oldest bridge archaeologists have found in England – providing evidence of a Bronze Age community from over 3,000 years ago. The Bronze Age dagger blade found during that excavation is on display in our Discovery Room, as are other archaeological artefacts. This session gives children the chance to explore the basics of archaeology through a series of discovery learning activities. This is a two-hour session.

Children will:

- Visually explore real artefacts on display
- Handle replica archaeology to gain a meaningful understanding of the past
- Understand the chronology of the Stone Age to the Iron Age
- Understand how life and use of materials changed across these periods

OUR TOWN IN THE PAST KS2

Children are given the task of helping Eling Tide Mill Experience answer an enquiry about a real person who lived in the town in the past. This is a two- hour session.

Children will:

- Investigate primary sources to explore the past: maps, photographs, census material and historic artefacts
- Use enquiry and problem-solving skills
- Gain an understanding of how the town has changed over time

MISSION: MACHINES! KS2

In 1709 seven year old William Pillin became apprenticed to a miller in Eling. Drawing on what we imagine may have been William’s early experiences of working in a mill, children explore machines of the past – some of which William may have been familiar with - and which in some cases still help us today at Eling Tide Mill. This is a two-hour session.

Children will:

- Investigate science in a real life context
- Explore forces and pulleys
- Examine simple domestic machines from the past

COMING SOON!

HABITATS KS2

Children will:

Visit and compare two different habitats – Bartley Water Riverside (a small river which flows down to the sea next to Eling Tide Mill) and Goatee Beach (a nearby stretch of shoreline by Southampton Water).

COMING SOON!



Youth Groups



If you have a youth or uniformed group you’d like to bring out of school hours, please let us know. We have a facilitated session exploring the history of the Tide Mill and with the chance to explore waterwheels, historic artefacts and historic milling, as well as visit the Discovery Room and Tide Mill. The session 90 minutes or can be extended to two hours. If you are working towards a specific badge, please contact us to see how we can help.

Forest School

Forest School is a learning experience where children take part in achievable and enjoyable tasks in woodland or another natural environment. At Forest School children play, work with tools, learn how to look after themselves and manage risks they encounter. As they learn and succeed in tasks, they develop confidence, self-esteem and enjoy learning.



Originating in Denmark, Forest School is recognised to support the holistic development of children. It helps them develop key skills in communication and teamwork. Because Forest School helps develop resilient, sociable learners, it supports a child’s classroom learning. The outdoor spaces we have at Eling Tide Mill Experience offer the chance to explore areas of established oak woodland, open space by the river, and a stretch of shoreline by Southampton Water. We offer a minimum 6-week Introduction to Forest School programme for small groups of learners (15) of any age. Please email us for more information.



About Eling Tide Mill Experience

We have two buildings: Eling Tide Mill is a Grade II* Listed building with historic working machinery. We support access down into the ground floor of the mill with a flexi-step from the Gift Shop; there is no lift to the first and second floors. The Visitor Centre is home to the Discovery Room (our hands-on display about the Mill), the Activity Room, visitor toilets, and Mill Café. The Visitor Centre has entirely flat access.

The Visitor Centre has 4 unisex visitor toilets (inc. 1 disabled toilet).

We have two outdoor areas: Bartley Water which is the area around our millpond, and Goatee Beach which is a stretch of shoreline along Southampton Water. There are accessible footpaths to both areas. See our website for Walks.

We are a tide mill, not a river mill. We capture seawater from a high tide and release it later, at low tide, to turn our waterwheel. This means we operate during low tides, and when we have a member of the milling team on site. There are two tides a day; the times vary greatly. If you specifically want to see working machinery during a visit, it may limit when you can come (check Visit Us on our website for a two-month schedule of when we will be turning the waterwheel).

We mill wheat to make flour and often use it in our sessions. Please remember to tell us if your pupils have allergies!