

Contact details (and Heritage Weekend opening times)

www.swindon.gov.uk www.heritageopendays.org

Swindon Museum & Art Gallery

Bath Road, Old Town, Swindon SN1 4BA

Tel. 01793 466556

Saturday 10 am – 5 pm Sunday 2 pm – 5 pm



Lydiard House

Lydiard Tregoze, West Swindon SN5 3PA

Tel. 01793 770401

Saturday 10 am – 5 pm Sunday 11 am – 5 pm



St Mary's Church

Saturday 10 am – 5 pm Sunday 2 pm – 5 pm

Richard Jefferies Museum

Marlborough Road, Coate (next to Sun Inn)

Tel. 01793 466556

Sunday 2 pm – 5 pm

Free car parking at Coate Water



Groundwell Ridge Roman Site

North Swindon

Tel. 01793 414844

www.groundwell.org.uk



Holy Rood Church

The Lawn, Old Town

Tel. 01793 466327

Saturday 10 am – 4 pm Sunday 10 am – 4 pm



North Wiltshire Young Archaeologists Club

Tel. 01793 414833

Please call for details of disabled access to sites and events.

N.B. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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Heritage Open Weekend

11 and 12 September 2004

FREE
ACTIVITIES



Join in the nationwide Heritage Open Days event in September 2004, with a celebration of some of Swindon's history.

FREE activities for adults and children at museums and heritage sites around Swindon.

Swindon Museum & Art Gallery

Medieval mysteries Saturday 11 September

Get a flavour of medieval times with the opening of two special displays, storytelling for children and strolling Elizabethan musicians.

- What was life like in medieval 'Swindon'? **Re:Evolution**, a new exhibition created by the young people of Swindon Foyer, compares life over 600 years ago with modern times. *The exhibition runs from 11 September to 10 October, and is part of the 'Re:Evolution' project, supported by the Campaign for Learning and the Heritage Lottery Fund, in association with Museums and Foyers in the South West area.*
- See a display of local **medieval finds** by metal detector enthusiasts. *The display runs from 11 September to 31 October. In collaboration with members of the Wyvern Historical and Detector Society.*
- Be entertained by musicians in period dress from **Diabolus in Musica**, performing popular music from Elizabethan England. Between 10 am and 4 pm.
- Enjoy tales of medieval life with Michael O'Leary, Hagstone Story Teller. Regular sessions between 10.30 am and 4 pm. *Drop in activity.*

Holy Rood Church and The Lawn

What lies beneath? Saturday 11 September. 10 am - 4 pm

The medieval theme continues at The Lawn in Old Town, with a survey of the site of Swindon's original parish church, which dates back to the 12th Century, and possibly earlier.

- One of Britain's leading survey companies, Stratascan Ltd, will be giving demonstrations of how state-of-the art geophysics techniques can be used to 'see below ground' and investigate buried archaeological remains, without disturbing the site. *Drop in activity.*
- Go back in time with members of the North Wiltshire Branch of the Young Archaeologists Club as they plot the original plan of the Church and 18th Century manor house 'The Lawn' on the grass, using old photographs and records. *Drop in activity.*

The remains of Holy Rood Church will also be open on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 September, providing a unique opportunity to visit this little known historical site. There will also be exhibitions and displays about this 'secret' area of Swindon, throughout the weekend.

Lydiard House and Park

Open doors Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 September

Free admission to Swindon's only stately home, Lydiard House, during Heritage Open Weekend. The adjacent St Mary's Parish Church and St John Triptych will also be open.

Lost Lake Tours Saturday 11 September. 11 am and 2 pm

Find out how project engineers plan to reinstate Lydiard Park's great lost lake on a special tour with Lake Engineer, Jonathan Hinks, and Historic Landscape Architect, Simon Bonvoisin. *Limited numbers.*

Booking required.

Grand Family Treasure Hunt Sunday 12 September

11 am - 4 pm

Take part in a spectacular treasure hunt around Lydiard House and Park using plans, pictures and riddles, with horsemen and historic characters to guide you. **Booking required.**

These events are presented as part of the Lydiard Park Project. The Project, to restore the historic grounds of Lydiard Park, is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Richard Jefferies Museum

Sunday 12 September

The birthplace of Victorian writer Richard Jefferies will be open for an extra summer Sunday. The Victorian cottage is situated within the lovely surroundings of Coate Water, and features some of the mementoes of Richard Jefferies' life.

Groundwell Ridge Roman Site

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 September

An opportunity to learn more about the site and get an update on the findings of this summer's excavations by English Heritage. There will be guided tours for adults, children and people with limited mobility.

Meeting point: North Swindon Library, Orbital Centre. Booking required.