



ENGLISH HERITAGE
EDUCATION

DISCOVERY VISIT GUIDE

Stonehenge

KS1-2

KS3

KS4+

This guide has been designed to give teachers everything they need to know about our expert-led Discovery Visits at Stonehenge. During these hands-on sessions, your students will uncover the fascinating story of Stonehenge.



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Step into England's story

WELCOME

This guide for Stonehenge has been designed to support teachers and group leaders on a Discovery Visit at the site. We know that each class and study group is different, so we have collated all the information into one guide so you can prepare for your upcoming Discovery Visit.

For practical information and activity ideas to support a free self-led visit, download the Teachers' Kit on our **Schools page**. Here you can also find ready-made Risk Assessments for your Discovery Visit and general Hazard Information for the place you are visiting.

We hope you enjoy your visit and that you find this Discovery Visit Guide useful. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of our team either via bookeducation@english-heritage.org.uk or on 0370 333 0606.

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ICON KEY

The icons below will help you quickly identify which key stage each Discovery Visit is for.



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EXPERT-LED DISCOVERY VISIT

STONES AND BONES

KS1-2

KS3

Recommended for

KS1-3 (History)

Learning objectives

- **WHAT:** understand when, how and why Stonehenge was built and consider different theories.
- **HOW:** tour the stones and investigate replica objects to discover what they tell us about the past.
- **OUTCOME:** students will appreciate the significance of Stonehenge and develop their own ideas based on evidence.

Duration

2 hours

DISCOVERY VISITS

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STONES AND BONES DISCOVERY VISIT

We can help to inspire your students with the Stones and Bones Discovery Visit, an interactive guided tour of the stones, recreating a burial and investigating replica artefacts to uncover the fascinating history of the site.

PRIOR LEARNING

We recommend you do the following before the Discovery Visit:

- Use the Glossary in the **Teachers' Kit** (on our Schools page) to familiarise students with key terms such as: prehistory, archaeology, replica, Stone Age, Bronze Age.
- Check students know where the Neolithic period features on a timeline.



Students taking part in the Stones and Bones Discovery Visit at Stonehenge.

EXPERT-LED DISCOVERY VISIT

MYTHS AND LEGENDS

KS2

Recommended for

KS2 (English, History)

Learning objectives

- **WHAT:** discover the stories, theories, myths and legends associated with Stonehenge and develop literacy skills.
- **HOW:** use the stone circle and LEGO® StoryStarter kits to create their own myth or legend, working in small groups.
- **OUTCOME:** students will uncover the story of Stonehenge and develop a narrative inspired by Stonehenge.

Duration

2 hours

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MYTHS AND LEGENDS DISCOVERY VISIT

Discover a world of myths and legends at the stone circle. In groups, the class will create their own myths using LEGO® StoryStarter kits.

PRIOR LEARNING

We recommend you do the following before the Discovery Visit:

- Complete the Video Research classroom activity to introduce students to some key facts about Stonehenge.
- Share some well-known myths and legends with students to familiarise them with these types of stories, e.g. the legend of King Arthur.



Students creating their own myths and legends using LEGO® StoryStarter kits.

EXPERT-LED DISCOVERY VISIT

NEOLITHIC LIFE

KS2

KS3

Recommended for

KS2 & KS3 (History, Design and Technology)

Learning objectives

- **WHAT:** understand when, how and why Stonehenge was built and discover what life was like in Neolithic times.
- **HOW:** handle replica objects and interpret archaeological remains.
- **OUTCOME:** students will develop confidence in using evidence to draw conclusions about how Neolithic people lived.

Duration

2 hours

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NEOLITHIC LIFE DISCOVERY VISIT

During this Discovery Visit, students will become archaeologists, discovering Stonehenge through a variety of models and artefacts to answer key questions. This will be followed by hands-on activities at the Neolithic houses, including fence building and rope making.

PRIOR LEARNING

We recommend you do the following before the Discovery Visit:

- Use the Glossary in the **Teachers' Kit** (on our Schools page) to make sure students are familiar with the definitions of 'Neolithic' and 'prehistory'.
- Complete the Video Research pre-visit activity in the **Teachers' Kit** to introduce pupils to some key facts about Stonehenge.



Students practising Neolithic fence-building techniques.



Students getting hands-on in one of the reconstructed Neolithic houses.

EXPERT-LED DISCOVERY VISIT

THE BUSINESS OF HERITAGE AND TOURISM

KS4+

Recommended for

KS4+ (Business and Enterprise, Heritage Management, History)

Learning objectives

- **WHAT:** understand the role of Stonehenge as a popular heritage tourism destination and learn how it is managed.
- **HOW:** watch a presentation and explore the visitor centre, led by a member of the management team.
- **OUTCOME:** students will gain experience in how each area of the site operates and identify how to provide excellent customer service.

Duration

1 hour

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THE BUSINESS OF HERITAGE & TOURISM DISCOVERY VISIT

Find out what it takes to manage a busy heritage site. Led by a member of the Stonehenge management team, this presentation and interactive tour will guide you through all aspects of running a heritage site as a tourist attraction and a business.



Stonehenge welcomes over a million visitors every year.



The membership area at Stonehenge.