

Visitor Guidelines

Please:

- Follow all signs, notices, instructions and directions given by staff or volunteers.
- Look after your personal property and try not to obstruct doorways, staircases or pathways.
- Be considerate and behave in a manner that does not cause offence to others. The Centre can become very crowded at times.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke (or use e cigarettes) in the Museum.
- Do not touch objects within open displays.

Please be aware:

- Unaccompanied children aged 14 or over are welcome if they are behaving appropriately and are in small groups (fewer than 6). Anyone under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Parents, guardians and carers remain responsible for their children whilst in the Museum even if they are unaccompanied.
- The Museum retains the right to refuse admission or remove any person who behaves in a manner likely to affect the enjoyment or safety of others
- Photography in the Museum is allowed for personal, non-commercial purposes only.
- All our staff and volunteers are identifiable from their lanyards.
- For security and safety reasons closed circuit television is in use throughout the building.
- New Forest Centre makes every effort to ensure the museum exhibits and gallery are open to the public. However, the Centre reserves the right to close areas on occasion.

A short guide to the New Forest Museum and Christopher Tower New Forest Reference Library



General Information

- There are toilets, including disabled access toilets, on both floors of the Museum. Baby change facilities upstairs.
- The entrance to the accessible lift for the Museum upper gallery is in the shop.
- There is no set route around the Museum. Feel free to use the map inside to guide your tour.
- The guest Wi-Fi password is displayed on both floors of the Museum.

For a large print version of this sheet or for more information about access throughout the Centre, please ask at Reception.

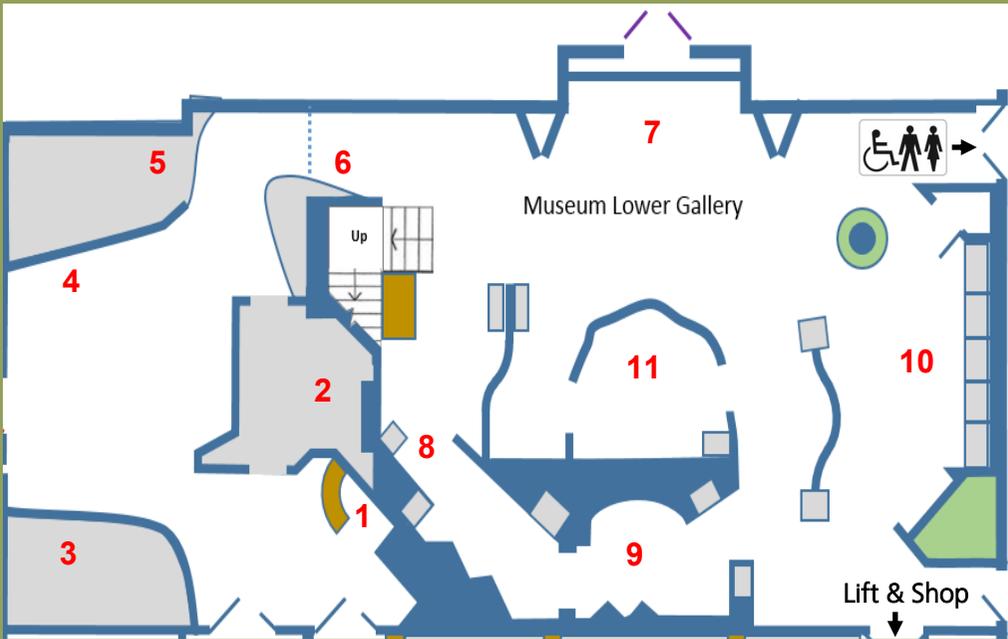
Museum Lower Gallery

- 1 **Volunteer Desk:** Please ask our helpful volunteers for any assistance or additional information.
- 2 **Cob Cottage:** An example of a cob building.
- 3 **Pony Sales Yard:** A model of the sales yard at Beaulieu Road Station.
- 4 **Introductory Video:** A 9 minute introductory video with commentary and subtitles and a 6 minute break between showings.
- 5 **Forestry Old and New:** Models showing different forestry workers and their tools along with additional information.
- 6 **Leaflets and Quiz Sheets:** Free information leaflets along with quiz and colouring sheets. Clipboards and pencils are provided. A small donation towards costs for these is always appreciated.
- 7 **Children’s Play Area:** Various activities for children including dressing up and story books.
- 8 **World War II Area:** Maps, artefacts and information showing the role the New Forest played in World War II.
- 9 **Time Tunnel:** Take a walk back in time into the New Forest’s history.
- 10 **Natural History Exhibits:** A chance to see what animals, insects and plants appear in five different New Forest habitats.
- 11 **Family Tree:** Interactive activities for all the family exploring New Forest people and nature.

Museum Upper Gallery

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- 2 **New Forest Embroidery:** Created in 1979, this embroidery depicts many aspects of the New Forest and its history.
- 3 **Alice in Wonderland’s Mirror:** A large mirror that came from the house of Alice Hargreaves, the inspiration for Alice in Wonderland.
- 4 **Temporary Exhibition Space:** This display area changes annually.
- 5 **Entrance to the New Forest Christopher Tower Reference Library:** Open Wednesday 10am – 4pm and Friday 10am – 12.30pm.

Museum Lower Gallery Map



Museum Upper Gallery Map

