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# The Dorman Museum FLOOR PLAN & Gallery Guide

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## HISTORY of the museum



The Dorman Museum is operated by Middlesbrough Council. It was built by Sir Arthur Dorman and opened in 1904 in memory of his son George Lockwood Dorman and his colleagues in the Princess of Wales' Own Yorkshire Regiment who died during the Boer War. Sir Arthur, a prominent local iron & steel and bridge building industrialist, gave the museum to the people of Middlesbrough.



The original exhibits, based largely on the collections of the Cleveland Naturalists Field Club and the personal collections of George Dorman, Alfred Edward Pease and the Rev. John Hawell, were mostly natural history and ethnography. In later years this expanded into the fields of archaeology and social & industrial history. The extraordinary bird collection of Thomas Hudson Nelson was presented to the museum in 1914 and is still on display in its Edwardian setting.

Today the museum cares for about half a million objects many of which are unique items such as the 17th century plan of the Acklam Estates; St. Hilda's priory stones and font; Bronze Age tree canoe & a Sydney Harbour Bridge silver ceremonial trowel - find out how all these items relate to the story of Middlesbrough and its people. Don't miss the world's largest collection of local Linthorpe Art Pottery on the first floor - including numerous pieces by the famous Victorian designer Christopher Dresser.

More information on the museum and its collections can be found on our website [www.dormanmuseum.co.uk](http://www.dormanmuseum.co.uk).

## Educational Services

The museum has a large education suite that can be used by schools and colleges as well as private groups. It is available for specialist group and corporate hire. The museum provides a regular programme of activities, school workshops and adult events to suit all interests (see website above for details). The museum is continually developing special education packs and has supporting object loan boxes.

Contact 01642 358114/ 3548108  
or email [dmeducation@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:dmeducation@middlesbrough.gov.uk) to book in school groups or loan boxes.

Please phone museum number for all other bookings.



If you don't want to keep this plan after your visit please hand in to the Reception Desk.

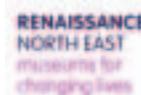
We hope you have a great time and welcome your feedback - comments can be made in the visitors' book at Reception!

*The background peacock design is taken from a hand block printed wallpaper by E.W. Godwin a famous Victorian designer and contemporary of Christopher Dresser, the innovative designer of Linthorpe Art Pottery. Godwin created the wallpaper in the 1870s for Grey Towers, Nunthorpe which was then purchased by Arthur Dorman in 1895. This is one of several unique wallpapers found behind wood panelling during recent renovation of the house that are now in the museum collections.*



### The Dorman Museum

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• FREE Admission

- Wheelchair access
- Changing exhibitions
- Holiday activities

## GROUND FLOOR

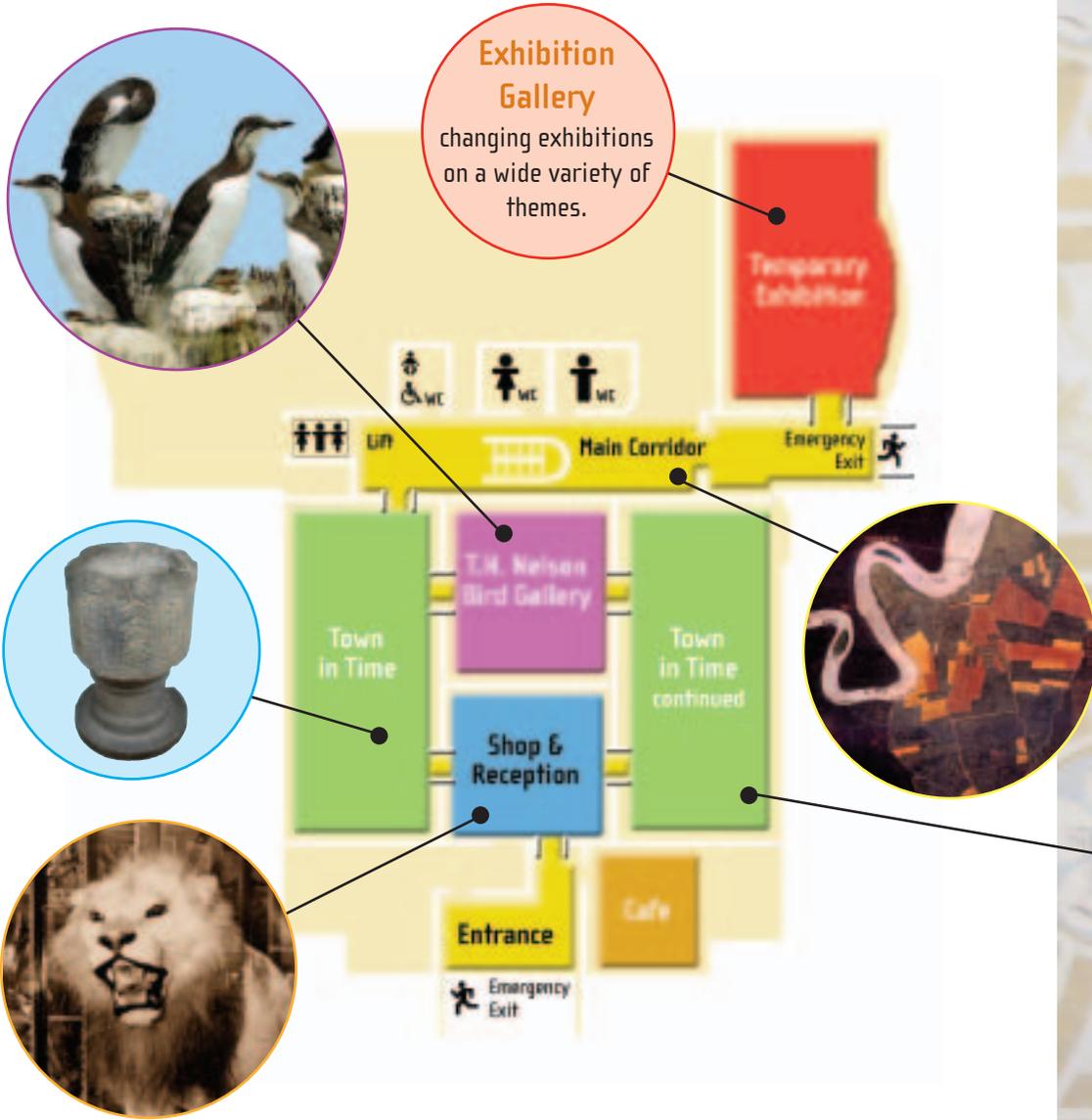
**Town in Time** – two galleries celebrating the history of Middlesbrough and its people.

**Nelson Bird Gallery** – birds, eggs and nests displayed in their original Edwardian setting.

**Main corridor** – historic local items and temporary exhibits.

**Reception** – information point, shop and the famous Dorman Lion!

**Museum café** – hot and cold refreshments.



## WELCOME to the Dorman Museum, Middlesbrough.

The museum has 8 permanent display galleries and 2 changing exhibition spaces on two floors. Small exhibitions also take place within the ground floor corridor. Access to the upper floor is by the main staircase or lift.

There are male, female and disabled toilets with baby change facilities off the ground floor corridor to the rear of the building.

A wheelchair is available for use within the museum - please ask a member of staff for help.

If you have any queries during your visit the main Reception Desk is located on the ground floor near the main entrance. If you would like to be kept up to date with exhibition and event details please ask to join our mailing list.

### EVENTS at the Dorman Museum

Up to date information on exhibitions, events, activities, opening times and other services can be found on [www.dormanmuseum.co.uk](http://www.dormanmuseum.co.uk).



## FIRST FLOOR

**Earth in Space** – how cosmic and geological processes effect life on Earth.

**Linthorpe Art Pottery** – the world's largest collection of Linthorpe Art Pottery.

**20th. Century Woman** – how social and political changes shaped the lives of local women.

**H2O** – discovery gallery for children, based on the theme of water.

**Education Suite** – schools, groups and activities space. Also available for hire.

**Resources Room** – library and archive research store. Access by pre-booking only.

**Four Corners** – discover objects from around the world - ancient Egypt to South American wildlife.



**Open Gallery**  
regular changing exhibitions.