



FAST FACTS

“Purpose-built interactive dinosaur and fossil museum in the shape of a giant pterodactyl”



Half Day



Low Cost



Picnic Spaces

At museum or beach



Snack Bars

Local resort shops



Parking Nearby

FREE coach parking



66 Resources

KS1 - KS4

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Fossil Museum

This purpose-built building in the shape of a giant pterodactyl opened in 2001 to replace an older more traditional museum in the town.

Home to over 1,000 of the best fossils from the town's collection, an introductory exhibition gallery with some interactive features. This covers the geology and fossils of the Island in a “walk back through time” format from the Ice Age of the recent past back to the Cretaceous period when dinosaurs lived.

Interactive Gallery

This leads to the large dinosaur gallery which has exciting displays including real fossils, skeletal reconstructions, life-sized fleshed reconstructions and animatronic dinosaurs.

Displays use clever lighting, artwork, sounds, smells and animatronics to create an exciting experience.

A working laboratory is on view, where you can see paleontologists preparing new fossil finds for public viewing.

An education room on the first floor is ideal for an introductory talk and fossil-handling and identification session provided by one of the knowledgeable museum staff.

Beach Fossil Hunt

The culmination of the visit is a guided fossil hunt on the local beach at Yaverland, just a short walk from the museum along the seafront. This is one of the most important and productive fossil fields in Europe.

FUN

60%

LEARNING

80%

