



LEARNING FOR SCHOOLS

# DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE



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## Welcome



Welcome to the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site; a place to inspire you to explore, create, think, learn, experience and do!

The mills built here were the world's first factories using cotton or silk to make thread. Water wheels and water-power were used to drive new machinery on a large scale for the first time anywhere

in the world. The mills needed many workers, so the mill owners built houses then schools, shops and churches to attract a workforce to the area. At first goods were moved about by road using packhorses and carts; later, canals and railways moved goods faster. All of this remains for you to explore today.

We want to share with you the wide range of options available to schools along this important 15 mile site. Our key attractions are featured inside this booklet and on the back you'll find a map and contact details to help you plan your visit.

## Why not travel by train?



It's really easy to visit the sites by train including activities to do on the journey. School and College groups of 10 or more, travelling on the train service between Derby and Matlock can benefit from a 26% discount on standard rail fares. For group fares, child rate is 5 to 17 years old on local journeys.

For details visit:  
[www.derwentvalleyline.org.uk/school-trips](http://www.derwentvalleyline.org.uk/school-trips)

## Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Teaching Resources



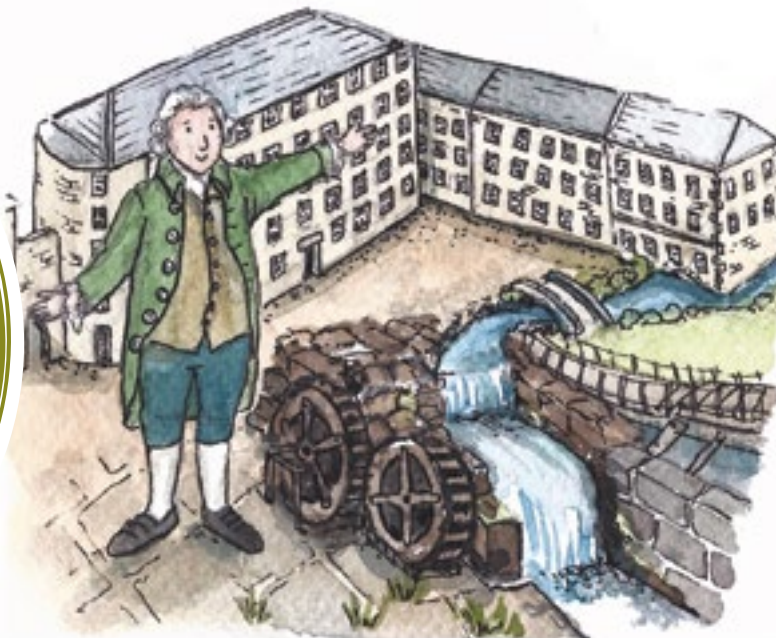
We have a wide range of teaching resources, videos, a children's guide, activities and free to loan activity boxes for you to prepare for your visit with lots of engaging and creative learning.

For details visit:  
[www.derwentvalleymills.org/discover/learning-for-all/learning-schools/teaching-resources](http://www.derwentvalleymills.org/discover/learning-for-all/learning-schools/teaching-resources)

## Cromford Mills

Cromford Mills was the birthplace of the modern factory system and the world's first successful water-powered cotton spinning mill. Today it is a site of history and innovation where young people can learn about Georgian history as well as green energy and geography.

Our on-site education sessions are curriculum focused and targeted for Key Stages 1, 2 or 3. Get hands-on and learn about life as a mill worker, discover how Sir Richard Arkwright changed the world, explore green energy building Lego waterwheels, and explore the geography of the local area.

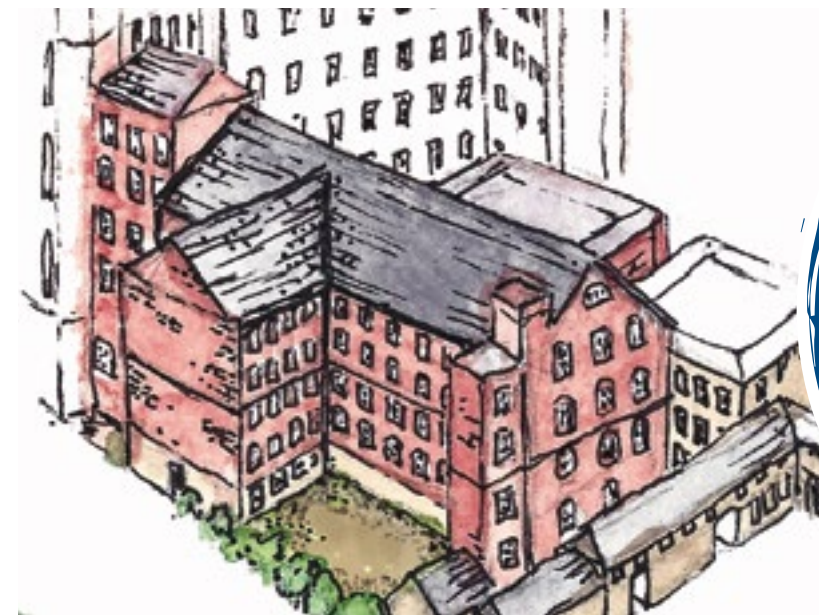


## Masson Mills, Matlock Bath

Clock in to a shift at Masson Mills and step back in time as you enter Sir Richard Arkwright's 1783 water powered cotton spinning mill. Explore a huge collection of historic textile machinery and experience the sights, sounds and smells of what it was like to work in a textile mill during the Industrial Revolution. Discover how fabric is woven, string is made and experience our magnificent steam engine in operation. Our school tours can be tailored to your curriculum topic, include activities along the way and rooms are available for self guided activities and lunch.



## Strutt's North Mill, Belper



Join the Strutt's North Mill team for a tailor made fun and interactive experience! Based in the heart of Belper, learners can visit the internationally important cotton spinning mill site, explore the streets and cottages of the mill workers, and learn what life was like in an industrial town. Alternatively, we can bring all this to you with a hands-on bespoke outreach programme. Whether you want to spend a full day or a couple of hours with us, we can offer sessions for all ages and abilities in an engaging and informative way that brings history to life.

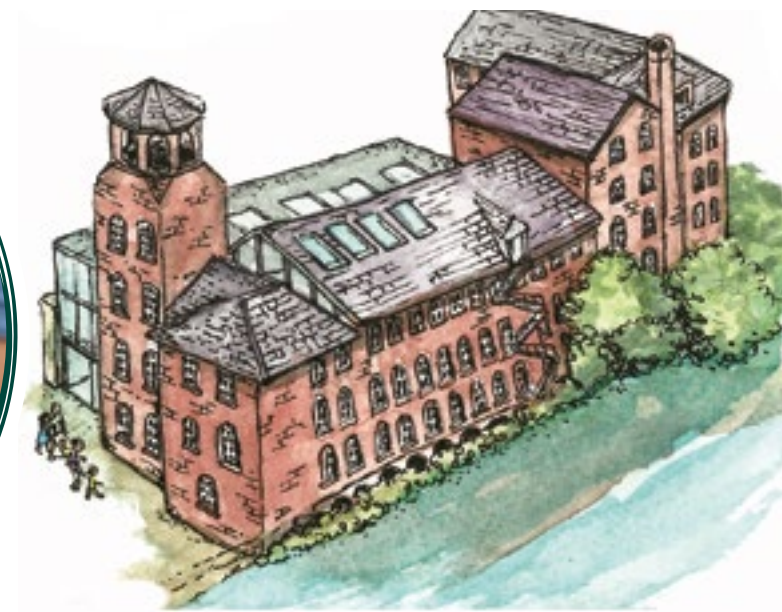
## High Peak Junction & Leawood Pumphouse



High Peak Junction was a transport hub on the Cromford Canal from around 1830. They are some of the world's oldest railway workshops and a haven of heritage and wildlife. Leawood Pumphouse was built in 1849 to top up the canal with water from the River Derwent. The restored steam engine can lift about 10 tonnes of water each minute up to a height of 10 metres and you can book to see it in action for your group. Our 'Fantastic Transport' or 'Wonders of STEAM' self-led visits for Primary Schools include free to download activity guides with resources available to pick up on site: engineering kits, historical photo packs and other activities. Explore the workshops, canal, railways, rivers, aqueducts and bridges and even book for pupils to have-a-go at blacksmithing on the forge and make a poker to keep. Audio guides are also available. We're happy to discuss your requirements.

## Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill

The Museum of Making's galleries, workshops, studios, and Institute of STEAM learning programmes - in partnership with Rolls-Royce - inspire learners to be curious, empathise and innovate - to think, feel and do. Facilitated school sessions for KS1-3 are curriculum-linked, interdisciplinary and hands-on. Delve into the story and collections of the Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill - widely regarded as the site of the world's first modern factory. Explore Derby, its amazing people and global connections. Discover wonderful innovations of makers past and present and become makers of the future with hands on STEAM based sessions and workshops. Free, pre-booked self-guided visits also available.



## Birdswood

Birdswood cruises on a section of Cromford Canal opened in 1794 to support industries in the Derwent Valley. Your group will travel on board the canal boat from Cromford Wharf to High Peak Junction. We can tailor your cruise and activities to suit your group and focus including the surrounding landscapes, habitats and wildlife and the engineering of the canal. Discover what life was like in the past working on the canal with a visit to the boat man's cabin. You can combine your journey with a visit to High Peak Junction, Leawood Pumphouse, Aqueduct Cottage or Cromford Mills.

