

# The DIG Visual Story



## What you might see

When you arrive at DIG you should see one of our helpful staff at the admissions desk. They may look like the one in the photo below dressed in their uniform. They will be happy to let you know what time the next available tour is and book you on to it.



The tour is an hour long so we advise you to use the toilets before you start. A member of staff will be happy to direct you to them.



The first area on your tour is called the Site hut. Your tour guide will introduce themselves and they will be with you for the whole hour long tour to teach you some fun facts about archaeology. To start off with they will tell you a little bit about what you will be doing during your tour. This should take around 10 minutes.



The next area is what we call our DIG pits. These are shallow holes full of replica items that we dug up from the past on some of our real digs. We have filled the pits with rubber “soil” so you don’t get as dirty as some of our archaeologists. You get to do some digging at this point and uncover some fun things. Our member of staff will help you understand what you have found. Sometimes things from the past did not always look the same as the way we see them today. You should be here for around 25 minutes.



The next area you will move on to is what we call the “Ask the Archaeologist” This is where you get to handle some real things that our Archaeologists have found on a dig. These objects can tell us about how people in the past lived. This will be the end of your guided tour but there is lots to see in the rest of the museum.



You could move on to our activity tables. We have 4 from different periods in history. Viking, Roman, Medieval and Victorian.

On the Roman table you can make a mosaic floor, reconstruct a mosaic like a puzzle, and look at x rays of bones.



On the Viking table you can find out if you are a Viking using our computer game, decide which food the Vikings would have eaten using our wooden bowls and food, and sort through Viking rubbish to work out what job our Viking would have done in the past.



On the Medieval table you can make a stained glass window using our colourful shapes, become a bone detective using our computer game, and write your own will.



On the Victorian table you can Colour in some characters from one of our digs, you can map out your own Victorian street using our wooden buildings and use a microscope to look at samples from the soil.



There is also a film that uses models that we call York revealed. At the far end of the museum. This lasts about 12 minutes.



You could also move on to the Looking Back at Hungate exhibition. This shows you some of the things they found from the past on one of our most recent Digs.

One of the rooms has a real skeleton in a case and a replica skeleton in the floor which you can draw on one of our boards. There is also a pottery sorting activity.



The middle room has lots of pots that were found on one of our digs. You can also see a real Viking ice skate and some Viking age boat timbers.



In the final room you can find out more about the people who lived at Hungate in the past using our computers.



We also have a garden at DIG which you can have a look around if you like. It has herbs which you can smell and our habitat corner where you might see some bugs living.



Upstairs you can find our Little Diggers under 5's area. It is full of toys, dressing up clothes, a tent, books and other activities. It is a quieter area which you can enjoy away from the tours.



# What you might smell

Herbs in the Garden

# What you might hear

Children laughing and answering questions.

The staff talking to groups of people.

The church bell every hour.

The videos playing in the galleries.

Birthday parties.

# What you might touch

Rubber soil in our Dig pits

Real bones

Fossilised Viking poo

Pottery

Wood

Brick

Metal waste

Leather

Antler

Shells



