

For the safety and enjoyment of all visitors, please keep to the main paths and roadways and ensure that all children are well supervised.

- 1 - Visitor Centre
- 2 - Bank
- 3 - Cycle Showroom
- 4 - Grocers
- 5 - Chemist
- 6 - Goods Shed
- 7 - Iron Merchants
- 8 - General Drapers & Outfitters
- 9 - Post Office & Stationers
& Museum of the Post Office
in the Community
- 10 - Photographer
- 11 - Sweetshop
- 12 - Victorian Terrace
& Wash House
- 13 - Fried Fish Dealers
- 14 - Cobbler's Shop
- 15 - New Inn Public House
- 16 - Boy's Brigade Hut
- 17 - Butchers
- 18 - The Iron Foundry
- 19 - Stables
- 20 - Printing Shop
- 21 - Plumbers
- 22 - Decorative Plasterers
- 23 - Tinsmiths
- 24 - Machine Shop
- 25 - Masons Yard
- 26 - Lee Dingle Plateway Bridge
- 27 - Pleasure Gardens
- 28 - Locksmiths
- 29 - Winding Engine
- 30 - The Trevithick Shed (seasonal)

- 31 - Brick & Tile Works
- 32 - Mine Shaft
- 33 - Candle Factory
- 34 - Saw Mill & Undertakers
- 35 - Harnessmakers
- 36 - Bakery (Bread products sold here)
- 37 - Estate Office
- 38 - Gospel Car
- 39 - Cottage & Doctor's Surgery
- 40 - G R Morton Ironworks
- 41 - Blast Furnaces
- 42 - Ironworks' Office
- 43 - Victorian Fairground (seasonal)
- 44 - Blacksmiths
- 45 - Forest Glen Refreshment Pavilion
- 46 - Stirchley Board School
- 47 - David & Sampson Blowing Engines
- 48 - Spry, Lower Severn Trow
- 49 - The Green
- 50 - Inclined Lift

- 51 - Mine Railway & Mine Experience (seasonal)
- 52 - Squatter Cottage
- 53 - Shelton Tollhouse
- 54 - Mission Church
- 55 - The Hay Inclined Plane
- 56 - Car park for wheelchair users

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Visitor Centre
Exit & Entrance

Access Guides available from Visitor Centre Reception or in the Bank.
The Inclined Lift (No.50) connects the canal towpath with the lower site.
An Accessible Car Park is available behind the Forest Glen Refreshment Pavilion on request.

Colour Key

- Exhibit manned on certain days
- Static display
- Original feature of site

Refreshments & Toilets

- 1 - Visitor Centre
- 13 - Fried Fish Dealer *Take Away Fish & Chips*
- 15 - New Inn Club Room
- 17 - Butchers *Take Away Pasties & Pies*
- 36 - Bakery *Freshly Baked Bread*
- 45 - Forest Glen



Blists Hill VICTORIAN TOWN Site Map

Working factories, shops and cottages set in 50 acres of beautiful woodland where life is lived, and demonstrated as it was in Victorian times.

Welcome to Blists Hill Victorian Town

You are about to enter a small industrial town set in the year 1900; Queen Victoria has been on the throne for 63 years and the national average wage is around £42 a year.

In 1900 the Ironbridge Gorge was still known as an industrial area, but it no longer dominated the industrial world as it once had. Whilst a town never existed on this site, the area was once a deeply industrial landscape dominated by blasts furnaces, foundries, mines, factories and canals. Having fallen into disuse by the 1950s, the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust subsequently re-created a small industrial town here, typical of the many that were once found on the East Shropshire Coalfield.

Some of the monuments are original to the site, such as the Canal and Blast Furnaces, others have been re-located here brick by brick from the local area. In more recent times local buildings have been copied and erected here using traditional building materials.

Exhibits & Demonstrations

There are many fascinating things to see and people to talk to at Blists Hill Victorian Town. As it is such a large site you will find that different exhibits are open on different days of the week and at different times of the year.

Whichever day you visit you are sure to see an excellent cross section of exhibits and demonstrations. Some exhibits are static displays where you can admire and enjoy them from outside - or perhaps peep through the door, others are staffed by knowledgeable demonstrators who will be delighted to explain the role their exhibit played in a Victorian community.

First Aid Help

There are qualified first aiders on site at all times, please ask ANY MEMBER OF STAFF if you need help.

The Bank

Call in at the Bank to change your modern money for token Victorian coins to spend in the shops in the Town. As you leave you can exchange any remaining coins at the Bank or keep them as souvenirs. Please note that the token coins cannot be used in the entrance shop, cafés or restaurants.

Access Guide & Incline Lift

For a detailed Access Guide to the Town ask at reception or the Bank. Toilets with access are situated at the entrance building and also at the Forest Glen Refreshment Pavilion in the lower part of the Town. The Incline Lift (No.50 on the map) links the Canal towpath at the top of the Town with The Green on the lower level.

Animals on Site

There is livestock on the site. PLEASE DO NOT FEED ANY OF THE ANIMALS. Please keep your dog on a lead at all times.

Taking Photographs

You are welcome to use a camera, but where staff are working with machinery and metals please ask if you wish to use flash photography.

We are a charity. By visiting you are helping to support our work.

The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust is a registered charity with the twin aims of education and heritage conservation. We do not receive any regular statutory funding and we rely on income from our visitors to help maintain the 36 historic buildings and monuments in our care and to support our award-winning education programmes. By visiting the museums, enjoying refreshments in our cafés and buying souvenirs in our shops, you are helping us to continue our work.

Thank you for your support

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