

## **Sutton Hoo & Tranmer House**

Tramer House, Sutton Hoo, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 3DJ

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# **Information for Group Visits 2014**



## **Background information**

Sutton Hoo... Home to one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of all time. With views over the river Deben, Sutton Hoo holds mysteries and secrets dating back thousands of years. The site is of primary importance and sheds light on England's Anglo Saxon history that lies between myths and legends.

As part of your visit you can walk around the ancient burial mounds and discover the incredible story of the ship burial of an Anglo Saxon King and his treasured possessions. Explore our award-winning exhibition with full-size reconstruction of the burial chamber and replica treasures before stepping into the 1930s at Tranmer House.



### How to book a visit

We advise that group bookings are booked in advance to a visit. When you contact us to book we will need the following information:

- Name of group
- Name of group contact
- Visit date
- Arrive time (on the half hour)
- Approximate group size
- Contact details (address, phone number and email if available)

Once we have all of this information our Group Bookings Administrator will either phone or email you to arrange your group visit in detail.

Please note that due to the nature of the site, we are limited as to how many groups can visit per dat. Dates can sell out early. We require you to provisionally book your group in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

This can be done by:

Email: Lynette.Titford@nationaltrust.org.uk

**Post:** Tranmer House,

Sutton Hoo, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 3DJ

In order to confirm your booking it is advised that you complete and return the Sutton Hoo booking form. If your booking has not been confirmed then it may be altered or cancelled. We will always notify you of any changes.





### On Arrival

- Please bring a copy of your Booking Form on the day.
- Upon arrival at Sutton Hoo please park at the drop off area (by the Post-box) a staff member will meet you. A member of the reception staff will greet the group on board the coach to provide information on the site.
- To avoid congestion in the reception area we ask that the group organiser collects entry fees and membership cards from the group and proceed to reception to make one payment. Payment for the group must be in one single transaction. We cannot accept individual admission payments.
- National Trust members should note that they only gain free admission if they can produce a valid membership card.
- Should members of your group wish to join the National Trust, staff are available in the visitor reception area to assist them.
- If your group would like a guided burial mound tour this must be booked in advance. Additional costs apply.

If your group is running late or need to cancel on the day, please phone directly to the Visitor Centre on 01394 389714.





### Things to see and do

We would highly recommend that you aim to spend at least 3 hours at the site.

#### **Guided Burial Mound Tours**

All guided tours are by prior arrangement however you can walk around the burial mounds self-guided but access will be limited.

- A guided burial mound tour allows your group to step over the rope and onto the famous burial mounds.
- Your group will be in the safe and expert hands of a Sutton Hoo Society guide who'll bring to life the warrior leader laid to rest and the extraordinary excavations at a time when Britain was on the brink of a war.
- Please allow 1 and ¼ to 1 and ½ hours for the tour and dress for the outdoors.

#### **Self-guided Burial mound tours**

Explore and discover the majestic mounds your own way, at your own pace. Sutton Hoo's burial mounds are some of the most important and special archaeological monuments in Britain. Under a stunning Suffolk skyline, and overlooking the tranquil Deben estuary, this hauntingly beautiful burial ground has 91 hectares of woodland walks to stroll around.

#### **Exhibition Hall**

An atmospheric introduction to Sutton Hoo awaits your group, discover the genuine items that were discovered and experience the past by walking through our recreated Kings burial chamber.

- A short 10 minute introductory film is on a continual loop in our built in cinema. We advise visitors watch this during their visit.
- Exhibition Talks Hear tales of stories of treasure and Anglo-Saxon life with these short informative talks held in the Exhibition Hall by the Sutton Hoo Society guides. Timings and topics vary on a daily basis; information on this is displayed on a board outside the Exhibition Hall.

### **Tranmer House**

Entering through the grand front door of Tranmer House, you'll be transported back to experience the sights and sounds of the 1930s and see Sutton Hoo through the eyes of Edith Pretty, landowner at the time of the mound excavations.

- Explore and discover the Edwardian house your own way on a self-guided tour.
- At Tranmer House we have a 'hands-on' attitude, this means you can truly step back in time and immerse yourself in the 1930s.

#### **Estate Walks**

Enjoy inspirational views across the river Deben or follow a children's trail on a circular walk (as shown on site plans).



### Plan of the site





### **Opening times**

Sutton Hoo and Tranmer House								
1 January – 5 January	11am – 4pm	-	-	W	Т	F	S	S
11 January – 9 February	11 am – 4pm	-	-	-	-	-	S	S
15 February – 23 February	11am – 4pm	М	Т	W	Т	F	S	S
1 March – 9 March	11 am - 4 pm	-	-	-	-	-	S	S
15 March – 2 November	10.30am - 5pm	М	Т	W	Т	F	S	S
8 November – 28 December	11am – 4pm	-	-	-	-	-	S	S
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Open Bank Holiday Mondays. Estate walks open daily all year, 9am – 6pm (except for some Thursdays and November to end of December)

## **Admission Prices for Groups 15+people**

Sutton Hoo and Tranmer House	
Adult	£6.40
Child	£3.15

NT members and children under 5 free. Price excludes any additional tours or activities.

## **Admission Prices for Groups under 15 people**

Sutton Hoo and Tranmer House	
Adult	£7.50
Child	£3.70
Family	£18.50

# Guided tours of the mounds are at an additional price.

Burial Mound Tour	
Adult	£2.50
Child	£1.50

NT organise guided tours in partnership with the Sutton Hoo society.



### Access

It is important that the access information is read and that the information is passed on the every member of the group.

There is limited access for visitors with disabilities. Please contact us prior to your visit.

- Given the slopes, uneven paths and historic nature of the site, there is limited
  wheelchair access. Burial ground tours are not accessible for visitors in
  wheelchairs due to uneven and undulating ground. Routes are outlined on
  maps of the site for the available wheelchair routes. The house, cafe and
  exhibition hall are wheelchair friendly but if you need assistance please as a
  member of staff.
- A two single-seater Powered Motorised Vehicles (PMV's) are available; we recommend that you book the use of one for a member of your group in advance of your visit.
- Registered assistance dogs are welcome at the property.
- The short introductory film in the Exhibition Hall is played with audio visual available and hearing aid friendly. Please ask Exhibition stewards for assistance.

### Other useful information

- Photography and filming is allowed throughout Sutton Hoo except for in the Treasury room of the Exhibition Hoo.
- Baby-changing and feeding facilities are available in the visitor centre
- Pushchairs and baby back-carriers are allowed
- On site there is a café that serves local and seasonal food. Located in the visitor centre.
- Toilet facilities are located in the visitor centre and at Tranmer House