For further information, to check availability & booking, please call our Business Support team on 01625 445852

Quarry Bank, Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 4LA
Registered charity no. 205846
Introduction...

Your visit

The Industrial Revolution changed our world forever. At Quarry Bank you can discover the lives of a complete industrial community at one of Britain’s greatest industrial heritage sites.

Quarry Bank is currently in the fourth year of a £9.4million project that is transforming this special place. As part of the Quarry Bank Project, we’re installing a passenger lift into the historic cotton mill, and while this work takes place the mill is closed.

There’s still lots to see and do while the mill is closed. You can discover the domestic lives of the mill owners in Quarry Bank House, or visit Styal village and the Apprentice House for a flavour of how the workers lived. A stroll through the gardens and estate places you in this picturesque landscape which was the backdrop to an industrial revolution.

The mill is scheduled to fully re-open in summer 2018; please plan the timing of your visit accordingly. We’re very happy to cater to specialist interests and arrange bespoke elements for your visit—please speak to a member of our team for further information.

Over the following pages we have outlined the places that you can visit and things that you can do at Quarry Bank...
The mill

Built in 1784, the cotton mill was the beating heart of the Greg family’s enterprise. Workers spent 10 hours a day, six days a week with the machines in the mill, working to produce cotton cloth. Today, you can find out just what it was like to work here. Feel the rumble and roar of the machinery as our technical demonstration team shows you the spinning and weaving process. Find out how the mill was powered in the Power Gallery, and watch a hand-spinning and weaving demonstration to discover how it was done before the first factories.

Your visit to the mill is at your own pace, and the technical demonstrators are able to answer any questions that you may have.

Although not essential, we are able to arrange for a mill guide for an additional £25 (for up to 20 people), to explore further the stories of Quarry Bank’s founder Samuel Greg and the mill workers.

Please note the mill is closed until summer 2018.

Allow at least 90 minutes to visit the mill
All floors are fully accessible via the passenger lift

The Apprentice House

The Industrial Revolution wasn’t just powered by water and steam. It was powered by children. In the early nineteenth century, young children came to Quarry Bank to work as apprentices in the mill. They received food, board and clothing and were housed in the Apprentice House.

On a guided tour of the Apprentice House you can find out more about the lives of these children. Discover what they ate, where they slept and what we have discovered about them from our archive.
Things to see and do...

**Quarry Bank House**

Home to the mill-owning Greg family, Quarry Bank House was built right next to the mill. Step inside to walk into a different world. Discover the elegant pursuits of Hannah Greg, wife of the first mill owner Samuel, and her passion for education, debate and self-improvement. You can also admire the stunning views across the garden and the river Bollin, and find out about the Greg family’s guests.

Entry to Quarry Bank House is at your own pace, and interpreters and volunteers can answer your questions.

**The gardens**

The gardens were a world away from the toil of the workers in the mill. They were the domain of the Greg family, where they indulged their passion for plant collecting and created a picturesque garden of stunning beauty.

Visit the restored nineteenth century glasshouse to see the range of exotic fruits and plants grown by the Gregs, and step into the back sheds behind the glasshouse for a window into the world of the historic gardeners.

*The garden has many steep slopes and steps and some parts may not be suitable for less able visitors. A buggy service can be requested to assist those with low mobility in getting between the upper and lower gardens.*
Styal village

Before the mill, the village of Styal was a small agricultural community. As the business expanded that began to change, and in the 1820s Samuel Greg built rows of terraced cottages to house his workers.

Visit Styal to discover the stories of the mill workers and walk in the footsteps of the past. In the Styal village hub, you’ll find a permanent exhibition about life in the village, which includes a video about how we restored one of the worker’s cottages.

Styal remains a thriving community, and we ask that you respect our tenants’ privacy on your visit.

The estate

Discover the pleasure grounds of the Greg family with a walk through the estate. Stroll along the river, where you will see wildlife and in abundance throughout the seasons.

There is an accessible path which takes you on a short circular walk through Chapel Woods which is suitable for walkers of all abilities and wheelchairs.

Where to shop...

The mill shop
Located in the mill yard, the mill shop sells a fabulous selection of 100% cotton fabric, which is all woven in the mill on heritage looms.

The shop also has a range of National Trust goodies which are perfect for gifts or souvenirs, including scarves, homeware, garden products and books.

The garden shop
Behind the glasshouse is the garden shop, where you can find an array of goodies for green-fingered friends. You can take home a plant for the garden, or some Quarry Bank cotton cloth with a special garden print.
The mill café
Situated just off the mill yard, is the licenced mill café. The café serves breakfast baps between 10.30-11.30am, and a selection of hot meals between 12noon and 2.30pm. Sandwiches, hot and cold drinks, and a selection of cakes are also available.

The garden café
Located in the beautiful upper garden, this café serves hot and cold drinks, and a selection of cakes, sandwiches and snacks.

The Pantry
The Pantry offers a selection of take-away hot & cold drinks, sandwiches and snacks.

Private catering options

Discounted group lunches
Escape from the hustle and bustle of our busy catering outlets. Quarry Bank offers a selection of private lunch packages, for groups of 20 people or more in the function rooms during selected opening hours. This is ideal for large groups, tours or coach parties. Your group can enjoy a delicious homemade lunch served in one of our private functions rooms overlooking the river Bollin.

In order to secure this service, we require a deposit of 20 x selected menu option, within 4 weeks of the booking being made. The remaining balance is due one week before the visit date.

Our group menus offer a 25% saving per head, based on our standard restaurant prices.
Terms and Conditions apply.

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Bespoke menus
Our Food and Beverage team are happy to work with your group and put together a bespoke lunch menu package for you, priced per head. Minimum group numbers apply. Please speak to one of our team on 01625 525836 to discuss your group’s requirements.
Accessibility

The wider site & gardens
- From the coach parking, there is a sloped path down to the mill yard, or 61 stone steps. If going to the upper garden or Apprentice House the paths are flat.
- There is a sloped tarmac drive between the mill yard and the Apprentice House and upper garden. To walk between them takes around 15 minutes. A buggy service is available.
- The mill yard is cobbled.
- It is a 5 minute walk to the lower garden from the mill yard.
- From the lower garden you can walk to the upper garden, although the paths are steep, and are not suitable for wheelchair users.
- The upper garden can be accessed via a flat path from the top of the drive.
- We offer a buggy service for less able visitors

The mill
The mill has five floors, descending down staircases which have handrails.

The mill has a passenger lift which means that there is wheelchair access to every floor. Motorized wheelchairs are not permitted due to their large size and the narrowness of the internal doors. Alternative wheelchairs are provided on request from Visitor Reception. Our Fire Risk Assessment allows a maximum of two wheelchairs per floor, at any time.

The Apprentice House
The ground floor of the Apprentice House is accessible to all. The first floor is accessed by a narrow staircase. We have books of photographs of the first floor of the Apprentice House, if visitors would prefer to remain on the ground floor.

The mill and garden cafés
The cafés are accessible for wheelchair users. Our staff are happy to help with the self-service aspect of the cafés if required.

Toilets
Male, female and disabled toilets are located in the mill yard, opposite the mill café. Additional toilets are located in the upper garden, accessible during garden opening times. You may wish to consider this when planning your day.

The function rooms
The function rooms are accessible from the mill yard, by the entrance to the mill café. There is a lift and toilets, including a disabled toilet.

Estate
There is an accessible path which takes you on a short circular walk through Chapel Woods and which is suitable for walkers of all abilities and wheelchairs. Throughout the rest of the estate paths can be uneven, steep and become muddy.

For any further details, please don’t hesitate to get in touch on 01625 445852
Group prices 2018

From 10 February 2018

Whole site £10 (until re-opening of the mill in summer 2018)
From mill re-opening, whole site entry £17.10

The above prices are a discounted admission rate for groups of 15 or more. If your group numbers drop below 15, standard admission charges will apply.

- National Trust Members are admitted free of charge.
- For group reductions to apply, all admission fees must be paid on the day of your visit, either by cash, cheque or credit/debit card. For groups visiting 5 times or more, if you would prefer to pay by invoice please speak to a member of our team when booking.
- Groups who arrive and are not booked in, and will pay standard entry rates.
- To visit the Apprentice House groups will be allocated a specific time tour—this will be advised prior to the visit, or on arrival.
- Please let us know if you need to cancel your booking at least 30 days before the date of the visit.

Opening hours 2018

24 January to 9 February: Wednesday to Sunday 10:30am to 4:00pm*
10 February to 4 November: Monday to Sunday 10:30am to 5:00pm*
7 November to 31 December: Wednesday to Sunday 10:30am to 4:00pm*

*Last admission is 30 minutes before closing time.
Please phone 01625 445852 to book your visit.

- Quarry Bank is a popular place to bring a group so we recommend booking early.

- We are happy to welcome groups on most days but there are some occasions, e.g. Bank Holidays and event weekends, when unfortunately we are unable to take bookings. Please call us to check availability before making arrangements.

- Please let us know at least 30 days before your visit if you need to cancel your trip for any reason.

Confirmation of Numbers

We appreciate that at the time of booking it may only be possible to give us estimated numbers, if this is the case please confirm your exact numbers two weeks prior to your visit.

On the day

On arrival, please park in the coach bays. These are located in the area of the car park nearest the mill.

Please remain on your coach. One of our visitor welcome team will come to you with your tickets to deliver your welcome and information talk.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Quarry Bank