

~ To make a booking ~

Please call Lydiard Park on 01793 770401 or email us on lydiardpark@swindon.gov.uk to book your school visit.

Booking Information

All session prices include admission, materials, use of the Education Room in the Coach House, and free parking for coaches.

Teachers are requested to pay by cash or cheque at the start of their visit at the till in reception. Teachers and accompanying adults are free.

Please note that there is a minimum charge for groups of less than 20 pupils.

Our suggested ratios of adults to pupils are: 1:5 (up to and including KS1), 1:10 (KS2). Copies of risk assessments are available on request at the time of booking. There is wheelchair access to the House, Church and Education Room, and an accessible toilet available in the Coach House.

The cost of the visit includes use of our Education Room for lunches and many of our school parties make a day of it and stay on after their taught sessions to enjoy our other facilities.

Teacher-led Visits

Lydiard Park can also be used for teacher-led activities. The standard group admission charge to Lydiard House and Walled Garden will apply, please check our website for current charges (www.lydiardpark.org.uk).

Our Education Room in the Coach House is also available for hire for £20 per hour (please note that this is subject to availability and that taught sessions take priority). The Coach House seats 36 at tables.

Shop*

Our small shop offers a great selection of fun, pocket-money items for sale, starting at just 25p. In an unhurried friendly environment children are encouraged to make their choices, add up the costs, pay for their items and check their change: A good way of introducing financial education to your pupils!

*Please note that pre-ordered goody bags are also available on request

Adventure Playground

Let your pupils let off steam in our adventure playground furnished with modern swinging and climbing equipment.



~ About Lydiard Park ~

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Lydiard Park is a beautiful historic park on the western edge of Swindon. The Palladian house, beautiful church, walled garden and formal parkland are the striking remains of great country estate. Lydiard Park is owned and managed by Swindon Borough Council.

St Mary's Church

The church, immediately adjacent to the house, is packed with intriguing monuments to the St John family including the Golden Cavalier statue, as well as medieval tombs, gargoyles and grotesques, and the night sky painted on the roof of the chapel (the key can be requested prior to your visit and picked up from the reception desk).

The Ice House

The Ice House would have been packed with snow and ice during the winter months to provide a way of preserving food as well as cooling the house in the hot summer months (the key can be requested during your visit from the reception desk).

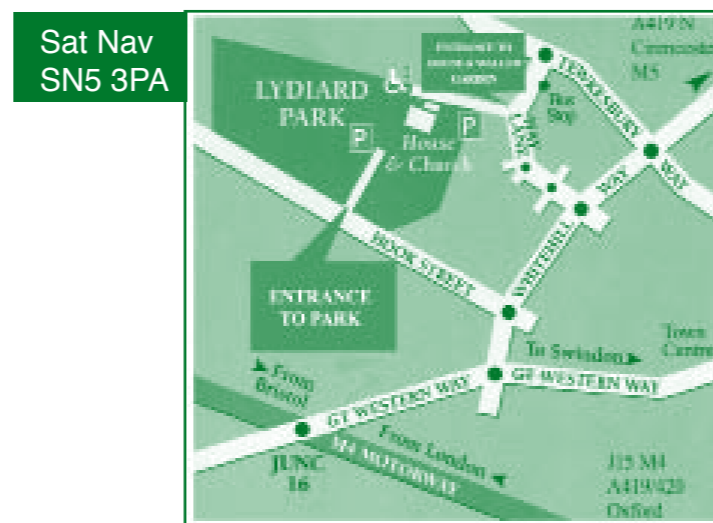
The Walled Garden

The ornamental fruit and flower Walled Garden was built in the 1740s to provide the St John family with a peaceful, sheltered garden in which to stroll. It has been faithfully restored with stunning displays of flowers, fruit trees and topiary all of which have medicinal properties!

*"We've had a lovely day.
It's a shame we couldn't stay for longer."*

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How To Find Us



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Sessions for Schools 2011 / 12



Lydiard Park is an ideal location to enjoy learning outside the classroom. Join our team of fully trained Teachers and Wardens for a fun and inspiring day out.

We offer a wide range of indoor and outdoor curriculum-related sessions designed to encourage pupils to explore, investigate and reflect upon the discoveries that they make.

*"Lovely day,
beautiful grounds,
great facilities"*

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Little People in a Big House

Key Stages 1 & 2

90 minutes £4.50 per pupil

Available Tuesday to Friday (throughout the whole year)

Pupils take on the roles of family members and servants of the Bolingbroke family to learn what it would have been like for a child living at Lydiard House in the Victorian period.

Choose the focus of your session from Toys and / or Everyday Life and investigate traditional toys and everyday objects in an authentic location.

"We all had a wonderful visit: The Victorian era was really brought to life by all the experiences!" School Feedback Summer 2010

The Victorian Country House and Garden

Key Stage 2

120 minutes £5.50 per pupil

Available Tuesday to Friday (April to September)

Pupils discover Lydiard House, the Walled Garden, and the Ice House, and use them to reveal clues to what life was like on a busy working estate in the Victorian period.

Please note that this session now involves an extra trail around the walled garden.

"A really fabulous location, facilities and charming staff. A superb assortment of interesting historical opportunities."

The Victorian Country House Christmas

Key Stages 1 and 2

All day event (10.30am - 2pm) £6.50 per pupil

Available: Tuesday to Friday, from 29th November - 16th December*

*Early booking is advisable

Join Lady Bolingbroke as she prepares for the festive season!

Pupils will discover the stories behind the traditions of Christmas, and find out how and why the Victorians invented Christmas as we know it! The day includes role play, music and dancing, as well as time to make that all important Christmas decoration!

"This day is getting better and better every year. We are amazed that you keep managing to do this!" School Feedback Winter 2010

Curriculum Links

History Unit 1 - How are our toys different from those in the past?

History Unit 2 - What homes were like a long time ago?

History Unit 11 - What was it like for children living in Victorian Britain?

History Unit 12 - How did life change in our locality in Victorian times?

History Unit 18 - What was it like to live here in the past?

Supports

Knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past

Historical interpretation

Historical enquiry

Seasonal Exploration

Key Stage 1

90 minutes £4.50 per pupil

Available: Monday to Friday (February - October)

Join us for a seasonal nature study of Lydiard Park looking for signs of spring, summer and autumn. From catkins in spring to bees and butterflies in summer, and conkers and squirrels in the autumn, these seasonal walks will investigate nature's evidence for the changing seasons. As they go pupils will collect materials to create collages of the natural landscape to reflect the time of year that they are visiting.

Curriculum Links

Science Unit 2B: Plants and animals in the local environment

Art Unit 2B: Mother Nature, designer

Supports

Scientific Enquiry, Life Processes and Living Things

A Study of Habitats at Lydiard Park

Key Stage 2

90 minutes £4.50 per pupil

120 minutes £5.50 per pupil

Available: Monday to Friday (April - September)

These sessions are designed to develop scientific enquiry and will explore the varied habitats of the natural environment around Lydiard Park. Learn about the importance of insects and mini-beasts and find out what can be done to maintain and enhance different habitats to encourage greater biodiversity.

Create your own session to fit with your specific teaching needs by choosing **one** of the following for a **90**-minute session or **two** for a **120**-minute session:

Pond Life – learn about wet and watery habitats and their residents through pond-dipping and an I-spy style trail, you may even spot a dragonfly!

Bugs Life – go bug hunting and mini-beasting in a variety of different habitats to see what lives out of sight.

Birds, Bees and Butterflies – explore our meadows and grasslands in search of butterflies, bees and other important pollinators.

Curriculum Links

Science Unit 4B: Habitats

Science Unit 5B: Life cycles

Geography Unit 8: Improving the environment

Citizenship Unit 3: Animals and us

Story Walks

Early Years, Reception and Key Stage 1

60 minutes £4.00 per pupil

Available: Monday to Friday (throughout the whole year)

The history and nature of the beautiful landscape at Lydiard Park provides an inspirational setting for a range of tales, rhymes and activities that will help to sow the seeds of story writing in the young.

A rhyme through time.....

Available: Monday to Friday (March - October)

Traditional tales and rhymes are used as a vehicle to the past when girls were made of sugar and spice and all things nice and boys were very naughty!

If you go down to the woods today.....

Available: Monday to Friday (March - October)

Seasonal stories, rhymes and activities are used to explore the changing landscape of Lydiard from the busy bees and butterflies of summer to the hibernating bears of autumn!

Once upon a time.....

Available: Tuesday to Friday (November - March)

Join Vernon, the last child to live in Lydiard House, on a treasure hunt through the State Rooms with rhymes, mystery objects, and a bedtime story.



"The children were captivated by the different stories"
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