

Kew Bridge Steam Museum

Giants of Steam Weekend

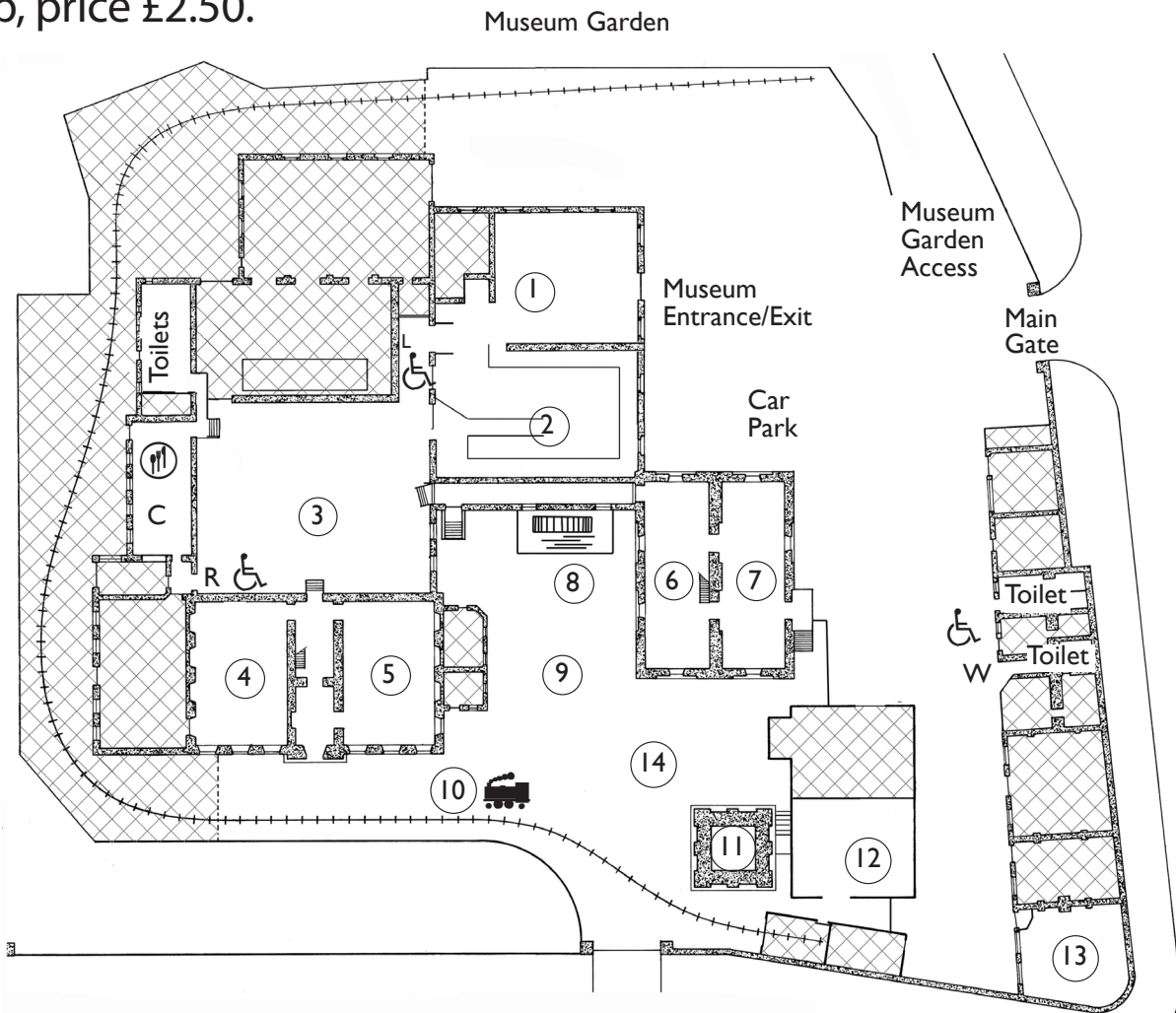
Welcome to the Museum. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Please remember that this is an historic site. We have reduced the risks to as small as possible but these are real engines in an old industrial environment. Stay behind barriers, don't touch the engines, be very careful of children.

This weekend is a Giants of Steam Weekend when we celebrate the life of the Victorian pumping station, operating all three of the magnificent restored Cornish pumping engines. Overleaf you will find a timetable of today's events.

As you move around look out for the display panels describing the history of our pumping station. Each one also has a Children's Challenge.

A full colour guide to the Museum and its collections is on sale at our shop, price £2.50.



- 2. Water for Life Gallery
- 3. Steam Hall
- 4. Maudslay and Bull Engines
- 5. Boulton & Watt Engine
- 6. 90 inch Engine
- 7. 100 inch Engine

- 8. Waterwheel
- 9. Horse Gin
- 10. Narrow Gauge Railway
(which runs every Sunday,
March - November)
- 11. Tower

- 12. Diesel House
- 13. Old Workshops
- 14. Splash Zone
- C. Babcock Café
- L. Access lift

Weekend Running Schedule for Giants of Steam

We cannot run the engines all the time, so we have a timetable which is given below, but may be subject to change. The numbers given under Location refer to the map of the Museum overleaf.

During the first ten minutes of the operation of the Boulton & Watt, Maudslay, Bull and 90 inch engines, a short talk will be given about the history of the site and engines.

Today's Demonstrations	Start	Stop	Location
Hathorn Davey Triple Expansion Engine	11:15	3:45	③
Diesels *	11:30	11:55	⑫
Maudslay or Boulton & Watt Engine	12:15	12:40	④ or ⑤
Bull Engine	1:15	1:40	④
Grand Junction 90 inch Engine	2:15	2:40	⑥
Maudslay or Boulton & Watt Engine	3:00	3:20	④ or ⑤

Starting the engines is demanding and requires the full concentration of the driver, so please do not distract their attention at this time. Once an engine is running smoothly, the driver and other Museum staff will be happy to answer your questions.

The Railway.

The railway runs on Sundays between March and November.

Tower & Old Workshop.

The Tower ⑪ was built in 1867 and is the third to be built on the site. The Cornish engines ④, ⑤, ⑥ and ⑦ pumped water up the Tower. Essential maintenance work is currently being undertaken to the tower and we regret that access cannot be permitted.

During the times listed below you can visit the Old Workshop ⑬ to see some of the machinery demonstrated and to find out more about its role in the working life of the site.

Sorry, the Tower is closed for maintenance work.

	Open	Close	Last Visit	Location
Waterwheel *	11:15	12:15		⑧
Old Workshop	11:30	Noon	11:50	⑬
Waterwheel *	1:45	2:15		⑧
Old Workshop	3:15	3:45	3:30	⑬

*When volunteer resources permit

The museum is an independent charity and most of the people you will meet today are volunteers. At the present time we are particularly keen to recruit volunteers to help in the shop, guide visitors and drive or maintain the engines. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or joining the Trust, please ask at the reception desk. You can also pick up a copy of our special events programme.

If you don't have time to volunteer, you can support the Trust by becoming an Annual member.

The Museum is happy to welcome schools and adult groups and is also available for private and corporate parties.

Thank you for visiting. If you enjoyed your day, please tell your friends.

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