

Explore The Museum of English Rural Life

The Museum of English Life explores the history of life and work in the countryside, past and present, through modern, immersive galleries, hands-on activities, digital interactives, games and trails. With plenty to interest visitors of all ages, you can explore the displays and then relax in the café, shop and garden. Find out more about our collections and events programme on our website or follow us on social media.

Opening Hours

MUSEUM AND GARDEN
Tues – Fri, 9am–5pm*
Sat and Sun, 10am–5pm
Closed Mon

CAFÉ AND SHOP
Mon – Fri, 9am–5pm*
Sat and Sun, 10am–5pm

READING ROOM
Mon – Fri, 9am–5pm*

Please check our website for Christmas and Easter opening hours
*Open until 9pm on the last Thursday of the month

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Explore Reading Museum and the Abbey Quarter

Drop in to explore our galleries and the surrounding Abbey Quarter and discover highlights such as our magnificent replica of the Bayeux Tapestry, the Story of Reading Gallery, our collection of Huntley & Palmers biscuit tins and the restored Abbey Ruins. Don't miss our shop, café and regular programme of events!

Opening Hours

READING MUSEUM
Tue – Sat, 10am–4pm
Closed Sun, Mon and Bank Holidays

ABBAY RUINS
Daily, dawn till dusk

RIVERSIDE MUSEUM
Daily from April – September,
10am–6pm

Please check our website for Christmas and Easter opening hours

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Reading Museum and The MERL Walking Trail

Explore Reading! A self-guided walking tour between two Museums



← Reading Railway Station

Maiwand Lion



Abbey Ruins



Reading Museum



Riverside Museum



Kenet & Avon Canal

Black History Mural



London Road Campus



Market Place



The MERL



Royal Berkshire Hospital



- Route 1
- Route 2
- Steps
- Crossing
- Abbey Quarter

Dotted line shows weekend route

