



EDUCATION BROCHURE 2025/26





WELCOME

A visit to awe-inspiring Cheddar Gorge & Caves can support and develop a range of curriculum areas.

We present opportunities that will engage students and immerse them in the real landscape, past and present. To support understanding further, we offer specialist talks and tours that will contextualise a range of topics.

We pride ourselves on providing both enjoyable and memorable educational experiences for all.

We provide unique, immersive and authentic experiences whilst protecting and preserving our natural and built heritage.



ATTRACTIONS

Gough's Cave

The largest of our show caves, with numerous chambers and a range of incredible rock formations.

'Yeo's Journey: The Power of Water' at Cox's Cave

A spectacular multimedia experience that tells the captivating story of how our iconic caves were formed.

Museum of Prehistory

Our museum gives you the chance to learn about the lives of our ancestors.

Beyond the View

A cinematic journey through the gorge in the form of a virtual tour with a 270° screen bringing the landscape and its history to life.

Jacob's Ladder and the Lookout Tower

The 274 steps of Jacob's Ladder lead to the top of the cliffs and the Lookout Tower. The panoramic views allow appreciation of the natural landscape and geological features.

Cliff-top Walk

This three mile walk leads you through an area that is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) because of its karst limestone geology and remnant calcareous grasslands. The full walk is quite challenging and evolved but shorter routes are available.





PREHISTORY

People have used the caves in Cheddar Gorge for shelter for 40,000 years. A visit to Cheddar can help students increase their understanding of Britain's past, by focusing on how our ancestors lived. You can also learn about Britain's oldest, near complete skeleton, known as Cheddar Man, which dates back over 10,000 years and was found buried in Gough's Cave in 1903.

KS1

KS2

Stone Age Activity Package

As part of our interactive Stone Age Package, your children will spend time with one of our knowledgeable demonstrators.

The session includes live demonstrations, the opportunity to dress in prehistoric style clothing and a focused talk in the Daylight Zone in Gough's Cave. We also provide a specially developed quiz trail to encourage them to look more closely in the museum.





ROCKS AND GEOGRAPHY

The dramatic landscape of Cheddar Gorge makes for a great case study. Students can consider the effect of water on the landscape by learning about the formation of the gorge, the caves and the calcite structures within them. It is not just the physical processes that can be studied but also land use in the area.



Gough's Cave Guided Tour

Take a closer look at Gough's Cave with a guided tour (general or geologically focused).



Fieldwork Rucksack

Engage your students with our fieldwork rucksacks, designed to be used in groups with guidance from teachers. They provide equipment and resources that can be used in multiple ways. You can plan a range of activities including use of an OS map and GPS navigation to specific locations.





ROCKSPORT

As well as educational visits, we can also provide school groups with an introduction to caving or rock climbing led by experienced and qualified Rocksport Instructors.

Adventure Caving

Let your students experience the excitement of real caving deep inside the Mendip Hills, through the system of tunnels and chambers of Gough's Cave.

Suitable for children aged 11 years+ for up to 9 students and 1 adult per session.

Rock Climbing

For students keen to test their limits, they can take part in rock climbing on the gorge's 15 metre rock face.

Suitable for children aged 8 and over for up to 9 students and 1 adult per session.

Junior Caving

Your students can have a taster of caving in Gough's Cave with this introductory experience consisting of a short route through Gough's Cave's off-show chambers, including mostly optional elements.

Suitable for children aged 8 to 10 for up to 8 students and 2 adults per session.

Sessions can be tailored to your groups ability and complete beginners are welcome. Exclusive sessions are available.

For more information visit
cheddargorge.co.uk/rocksport





BOOKING DETAILS AND 2025/26 PRICES

We offer our education rates for UK students on weekdays only during school term time (subject to availability). UK education groups wishing to attend on weekends and during school or public holidays will be charged at the group rate price which starts from £14.95 per student and £19.95 per adult.

Prices

UK student day ticket: **£9.95**

International student day ticket: **£16.80**

Day ticket includes entry to Gough's Cave (with guided tour or audio guide), 'Yeo's Journey: The Power of Water' at Cox's Cave, Museum of Prehistory, Jacob's Ladder, the Lookout Tower, Cliff-top Walk and Beyond the View.

Student Prehistory Package (KS2): **£40 per session in addition to Student Day Ticket**

Teacher/adult: **One free for every six students**

Additional teacher/adult: **£20.15**

Caving and Rock Climbing

Exclusive Rocksport Session: **£241 up to 10 people to include at least one teacher or adult**

Rocksport per student: **£25.90**

Rocksport per additional adult or teacher: **£34.50**

For more information relating to educational visits to Cheddar Gorge & Caves, please visit the education pages of our website or contact our Education Team:

For Home School group packages – please contact us for details on education@cheddargorge.co.uk or call 01934 742343.

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The Pinnacles



- 1 Gough's Cave 
- 2 Beyond the View   
- 3 Museum of Prehistory   
- 4 Cox's Cave
- 5 Jacob's Ladder
- 6 Lookout Tower
- 7 Cliff-top Walk

Facilities

-  Tickets & Information
-   Toilets
-  Café
-  Parking
-  Baby Changing
-  Gift Shop
-  Coach Park
-  Visitor Information Centre

Activities

-  Cliff-top Walk
-  Caving and Black Cat Freefall
-  Rock Climbing

Accessibility

-  Braille guide
-  Accessible Parking
-  Accessible to those with mobility difficulties that can walk up to a maximum of 3 steps
-  Accessible to pushchairs
-  Accessible to a wheelchair user with assistance



Bring your students to the highest, inland limestone cliff formation, two of the oldest show caves in Britain and walk through nearly 350 million years of history.

Discover the mosaic of habitats and learn about the flora and fauna that thrive here as you explore the gorge.



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