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What is Creswell Crags?

Creswell Crags is a picturesque limestone gorge filled with caves, located on the border between North East Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire. Find us just 10 minutes from the M1 (Junction 30).

A visitor attraction and museum today, Creswell Crags was once called home by a variety of Ice Age animals, Neanderthals and humans. With a rich archaeological record, every object housed in our museum helps to flesh out our human story.

Uniquely, our site also contains the only Ice Age rock art in the British Isles, placing us side-by-side with some of the art caves of Europe like Lascaux and Altamira.

The site holds SSSI status for its geology as well as Scheduled Ancient Monument status, as well has being on the UNESCO World Heritage Status shortlist.

Visit us and discover the fascinating story of how we lived in what was once the extreme northern frontier of the Ice Age world.
We offer themed days ideal for your students, interest group or society.

**Our Themed Days:**

- Ice Age Archaeology: Creswell Crags and Beyond
- Vertebrate Palaeontology: The Pleistocene World
- Early Humans and Creativity: The Origins of Art*
- Intro to Palaeoanthropology: Human Evolution 101

We can run weekend trip schedules run from 10am until 4pm for groups of up to 28 persons (*12 for Early Humans and Creativity), and weekday trip schedules between 12pm until 4pm. Larger groups may be possible with a bespoke timetable, at special request.

More information about the content and prices of each themed day follows on pages 3 and 4.

Please e-mail our Heritage Team on tourguides@creswell-crags.org.uk or telephone 01909 720 378 to discuss your requirements or to book your trip.
**ICE AGE ARCHAEOLOGY: CRESWELL CRAGS AND BEYOND**

Perfect for local history or archaeology groups. This day trip focuses on the Ice Age discoveries made at Creswell Crags, and brings them into context with the wider story of the Stone Age across Europe. **How did people live during this early part of our history?**  **What primitive technologies helped them to survive?**  **And just what would they do for fun?**

£60 plus £6.50 per person

**VERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY: THE PLEISTOCENE WORLD**

A trip ideal for those fascinated by natural history and zoology. See the largest cave at Creswell Crags and hear of the weird and wonderful creatures which used to roam this land over 10,000 years ago. Explore the variations in natural life in a hands-on guided session showing the differences between species, living and extinct. **How do creatures adapt to their environments?**  **What happens when they change?**  **Why did the mammoths go extinct?**

£60 plus £6.50 per person
Early Humans and Creativity: The Origins of Art

If you are intrigued by the origins of art and creativity, this day package is for you. Come to see our unique 13,000 year old engravings in Church Hole and hear the tale of their discovery. Compare what you have seen with beautiful examples of the earliest art from across the world. **How did early humans express themselves? Who were these “artists”? And why make art at all?**

£60 plus £7.50 per person

*Early Man and Creativity can only run between March to October owing to access restrictions in Church Hole Cave.*

Intro to Palaeoanthropology: Human Evolution 101

Learn about human evolution in this fascinating story of how we came to be. Explore 7 million years of humanity as it develops, meet the ancestors in a fossil cast handling session and see how anthropologists understand the fossil record. Take a tour in Robin Hood Cave, home to both our own species and the extinct Neanderthals back in the Ice Age. **Are we truly descended from apes? What makes us human? And how can we tell?**

£60 plus £6.50 per person

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**Day Package Includes:**
- Rock Art Cave Tour
- Guided Talk
- Exhibition Access

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**Day Package Includes:**
- Life In The Ice Age Cave Tour
- Guided Talk
- Hominid Fossil Cast Handling
- Exhibition Access
Do you need a speaker to come to you? We are happy to speak at your meeting or event, delivering one of the one-hour talks from our trip programme.

Speakers can travel up to 25 miles from Creswell Crags. We operate a sliding cost scale, dependent on how far you are from our centre in Creswell. Please e-mail tourguides@creswell-crags.org.uk if you want to discuss or make a booking.

We operate a sliding cost scale dependent on how far you are from our centre. Prices include VAT. Please contact us to discuss options if you fall outside of this area.
We host a variety of seasonal talks and events: here are highlights from previous years. Keep an eye on our website for our current schedule.

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Creswell Crags is run by Creswell Heritage Trust, an educational charity. Our charitable mission is to interpret and conserve the archaeology and environment of this rare and important site.

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