

Events for all the family

Relive history in our historic rooms

Useful Information

Opening Times

Summer Opening – April to end of September 2017:
Tuesday – Sunday, 11.30am to 4.00pm
(building closes at 4.45pm)

Winter Opening – October to end of March 2018:
Saturday & Sunday, 11.30am to 3.00pm
(building closes at 3.45pm)
Open for longer periods during school holidays

Please phone to check as opening times and seasonal start dates may vary. We are open extra days for Schools and Bank Holidays. If you require any assistance with regard to access into the Castle please telephone in advance.

Admission Prices

Adults **£7.50**, Child (5-15yrs) **£5.00**,
Child 2-4 yrs **£3.00**, Child under 2 yrs **Free**,
OAP/Concessions **£6.50**
Family Ticket **£23.00** (2 Adults & 2 Children).
Admission charges for special events and Bank Holidays may vary.

Facilities

Toilet facilities available on site including easy access toilet. Gift shop available and café selling drinks and confectionery only. Visitors can exit the Castle to get food from local shops, and re-enter the Castle later. Large children's play area in the Castle Grounds with tables available for picnics.

Access

The Castle is reached via a steep slope. Interior tour includes many steps, narrow doorways and uneven floors. Ground floor access only for wheelchair users. Carer admitted free. Drop off point for people with disabilities, please telephone before visiting for assistance.

Tamworth Castle

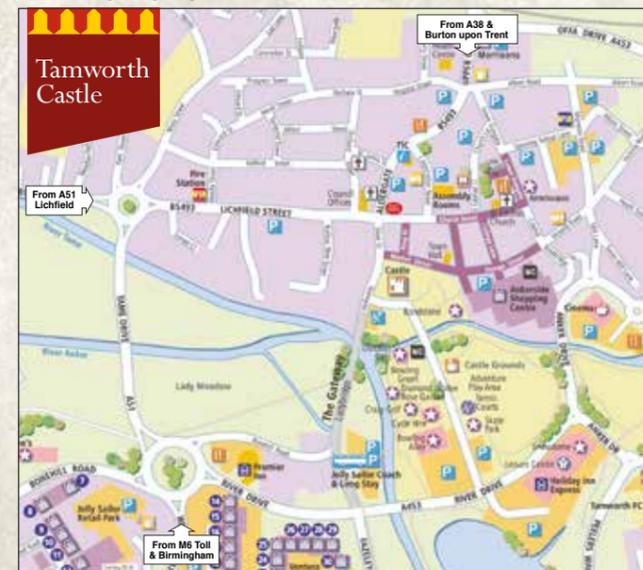
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Tel: 01827 709 626 (during opening hours)

or 01827 709 629 (24hr message board)

Email: heritage@tamworth.gov.uk

Visit: www.tamworthcastle.co.uk



By Road:

From Lichfield follow the A51 to Tamworth.

From M1/M6 Northbound take the M42 and exit at Junction 10 and approach Tamworth via A5.

From the M6 Southbound exit at junction 12 and approach Tamworth via A5.

By Rail:

The Castle is ten minutes walk from Tamworth station.

Group Visits

Why not bring a group to one of our guided tours?

Your costumed guide will bring the Castle's colourful history to life, with tales of past owners and ghostly legends.

For further details phone 01827 709 626

Workshops for Schools

The award-winning Education Team provide a varied programme of workshops for Key Stage 1 to 4 students throughout the year, Monday – Friday.

Contact the Education Team on 01827 709 632

Email: castleeducation@tamworth.gov.uk

All details are correct at time of going to print but are subject to change at any time. Please contact 01827 709 629 for up-to-date information on events, opening times and prices. Tamworth Borough Council reserve the right to close any part of the Castle or Grounds without prior notice. Map: © Arka Cartographics Ltd 15/16 Tel: 01342 823 423

Tamworth Castle

July-December 2017

Where history comes alive!

GREAT DAYS OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Intact Historic Rooms • Displays • Staffordshire Hoard • Saxon Tales • Magical Enchantment
Haunting & Halloween • Bonfire Night • Lantern-Lit Story • Christmas Events



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TAMWORTH
Explore. Play. Enjoy

Summer days and evenings, tales of knights and princesses, enchantment, magical characters and history coming alive before your eyes!

Storytelling

Tues 25th to Thu 27th July
11.30am-4.00pm

The storyteller will be in residence to tell tales of knights, dragons and princesses. Visitors are invited to come along dressed in their favourite costumes and listen to stories or have a go at telling their own. There will also be craft activities available for those who want to get creative.

Admission: Adults £7.50, OAP £6.50, Child (5-15yrs) £5.50, Child (2-4yrs) £3.50, Under 2yrs free.

Enchanted Castle

Mon 31st July to Fri 11th August
11.30am-4.00pm

Follow our marvellous trail through the Castle and see what magical adventures you encounter. Meet knights, help make the Giant's armour, discover the wishing tree and look out for the mischievous pixies! Lots to do and see, expect to be enchanted...

Admission: Adults £7.50, OAP £6.50, Child (5-15yrs) £5.00, Child (2-4yrs) £3.00, Under 2yrs free

Saxons at the Castle

Tues 15th to Thurs 17th August
11.30am-4.00pm

Come and find out what life was like for those living in Tamworth during Saxon times. Try your hand at archaeology, learn about the warrior princess Aethelflaed and Saxon battle tactics, then see if you can solve our runic puzzles!

Admission: Adults £7.50, OAP £6.50, Child (5-15yrs) £5.00, Child (2-4yrs) £3.00, Under 2yrs free

Medieval Living History

Tues 22nd to Thurs 24th August
11.30am-4.00pm

Discover what life was like for our Medieval characters. Visit Lady Freville and learn about the activities that would fill her days. Encounter the laundress and help her prepare clothes for washing the Medieval way and meet the Armourer to find out how maille was made and how Medieval weapons were fashioned.

Admission: Adults £7.50, OAP £6.50, Child (5-15yrs) £5.00, Child (2-4yrs) £3.00, Under 2yrs free

Half-term haunting, spooky family fun, fireworks and searching for ghosts!

Haunted Castle

Mon 23rd to Fri 27th October
11.30am-4.00pm

A week full of ghostly goings on at Tamworth Castle's haunted spooktacular. Encounter a series of spooky characters and activities as you tour the Castle. Complete the challenges set by the horrible hags, and try not to lose your body parts as you meet Master Slaughter. Only the courageous will manage to finish their tour without being spooked.

Admission: Adults £7.50, OAP £6.50, Child (5-15yrs) £5.50, Child (2-4yrs) £3.50, Under 2yrs free

Ghost Search

Tues 31st October
7.30pm-Midnight

Join us for a night with a difference on our ghost walk around the Medieval Castle, with vigils conducted in reputedly haunted rooms. Cameras or camcorders can be used, and we advise warm clothing and rugs or cushions for use during the vigils as rooms can be chilly!

Soft drinks are available for purchase on arrival. Then during a break in the evening complimentary tea and coffee with a slice of cake are served.

Doors open 7.30pm for an 8.00 pm start-12.00 midnight
Admission: Adults £27.50, No concessions, Over 18s only

Bonfire Night

Sat 4th November
5.00pm-8.00pm

This is a chance to visit Tamworth Castle after dark, before enjoying the ever-popular breath-taking firework display in the Castle grounds. Castle Grounds activities start at 6.00 p.m. with Fireworks at 8.00 p.m.

Adult £7.50, Child (5-15 yrs) £5.00, Child 2-4 yrs £3.00, Child under 2 years Free. OAP/Concessions £6.50
Family ticket £23.00

*Pumpkin lanterns will be provided with a candle, but they cannot be lit on the Castle premises due to health and safety reasons. Visitors are welcome to light the candles once outside the Castle building.
There is no access to Castle tower or parapets to view the firework display. Visitors cannot enter the Castle after closing time at 8.00 p.m. or during the firework display.

Children's Halloween Evening

Sat 28th October
5.00pm-8.30pm

A fun evening hosted by the Friends of Tamworth Castle charity. Bring all the family, get dressed up in your spookiest costume and enjoy the ghostly goings on around the Castle. Free pumpkin lantern for all paying children*. This is a very popular event, so please book your time slot in advance.

Admission: Adults £6.00, OAP £6.00, Child 3 years and over with pumpkin lantern £5.00, Child 2 years and under free - with no pumpkin lantern

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For information regarding the Friends of Tamworth Castle charity please visit www.tamworthcastlefriends.org

New for November a spectacular lantern-light event!

Lanternory - The lantern-lit story!

Sat 18th November

Family slots every half hour from 5.00 pm-7.30pm
Adult themed slots every half hour from 8.00pm-9.30pm

Join us in a brand-new storytelling concept that follows the exploits of Raikie a young thief as he attempts to acquire treasures from the Castle. The story is revealed in parts as visitor's tour through the Castle lit by lantern light.

Early evening slots from 5.00pm - 7.30pm, will suit a family audience with content suitable for our younger audience. Later slots from 8.00pm - 9.30pm are aimed at an adult audience and provide a scarier twist on the tale!

Admission: Adults £7.50, Child (5-15yrs) £5.50



The warm glow of a traditional Christmas



Christmas Tudor Banquets

Sat 2nd December

Dine like King Henry VIII at Tamworth Castle's fun and sumptuous Tudor Banquets. Be entertained by musicians, singers and storytellers.

Complimentary glass of wine with the meal and table waiting service is available. Dress code is casual but smart and we do encourage guests to dress in period costume.

Admission: Adult £45.00, over 18's only.
Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm-11.00pm

Contact Tourist Information Centre on 01827 709 581/618 for tickets.

Children's Victorian Christmas Santa Trails

Sat 9th, Sun 10th, Sat 16th, Sun 17th,
Mon 18th, Tues 19th December

As you hunt through the Castle on your Santa trail you will meet the Victorian household readying themselves for the annual visit of our very special guest. Visitors will join in with a series of activities by helping the cook to make Christmas pudding, the mistress to decorate the Castle, the Stablehand to find the reindeers carrots, before entering Santa's grotto to receive a surprise gift.

Admission: Child 3 years and over £7.00,
Child 0-2 years £4.00, Adult £6.50

N.B. First 2 adults accompanying per child will be charged at £4.50 per adult. Any other adults thereafter will be charged at £6.00 each.
All paying children will receive a gift appropriate to their age range. Children 0-2 years will receive a soft toy.
Group size: 25 per tour (including adults and children)*

Please note that the Castle will be closed for additional hours over the Christmas period. Castle will be closed from Monday 18th Dec to Friday 5th January inclusive. Re-open weekend 6th/7th January. See website for further opening information.