

Loughborough
Bellfoundry
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Welcome!

Thank you for booking a visit to Taylor's Bellfoundry! We hope this guide helps you make the most of your visit. If you have any further questions after reading this document, feel free to contact us.





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We hope this information will help you make the most of your experience on the day.

After reading the whole document (including our FAQ's), should you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team using the contact details below.

Note that by using this ticket you are agreeing to follow the health and safety instructions outlined in this document and by our staff and volunteers on the day. Parents or guardians should supervise their children at all times and ensure that children follow health and safety instructions.

We kindly ask all visitors to pay particular attention to the guidance on appropriate footwear included below!

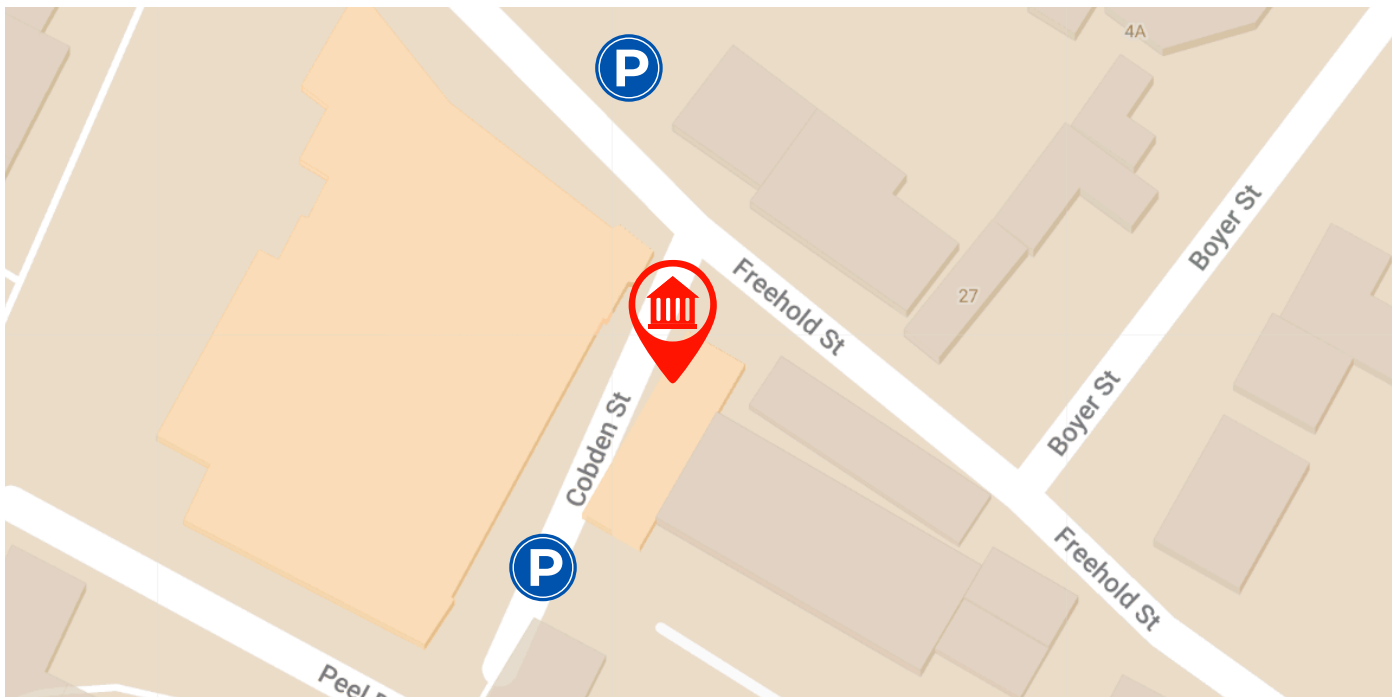
FIND US

We are located within the historic John Taylor and Company Bellfoundry site at the following postal address:

Freehold Street, Loughborough, LE11 1AR

When programming your GPS, please be aware that there is a public house named "The Bell Foundry" on Swan Street in the centre of Loughborough. This is not us!

When you arrive, please go to the Taylor's Bellfoundry Museum (as indicated below) to sign in and wait for the start of the tour.



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TRAVEL & PARKING

There is limited on-street parking in front of the museum building. Visitors can also use one or two small carparks directly opposite the main John Taylor & Co buildings on Freehold Street.

- The nearest train station is Loughborough, which is 0.5 miles away (11 minute walk).
- We are just 0.5 miles (or a 10 minute walk) from the Great Central Railway Loughborough terminus.
- It is 0.7 miles (or a 13 minute walk) to Queen's Park in Loughborough Town Centre. The park is home to the Charnwood Museum, the 'Great Paul' Bell Mould, the Loughborough Carillon Tower and War Memorial and the Hope Bell Memorial.

If you require a Taxi, please see the details of two local taxi companies below:
(Taxis are also available outside the train station)

- Loughborough Taxis - 01509 590013

<https://www.taxisloughborough.co.uk/>

- ADT Taxi's - 01509 260000

<https://www.adt-taxis.co.uk/>

Coaches/Minibuses

If you are a group coming via coach, please can you pass on the following details to the coach company/driver:

- Taylor's Bellfoundry is situated in the middle of a housing estate, so we are unable to offer or accommodate coach parking.
- We ask that you drop your passengers off at the beginning of Freehold Street, as the street is very narrow you will not be able to turn around.
- We recommend parking at Tesco Extra, while you wait to pick up your passengers:

Tesco Extra, Park Rd, Loughborough LE11 2EX (5 Minute Drive). It has both toilets and a cafe.

If you are coming via minibus, please keep in mind that we cannot guarantee that you will find suitable parking for your vehicle. Please also be aware that if you park in one of the two small car parks, you may be asked to move the bus during the tour by Taylor's staff requiring access to the area.



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KEEPING SAFE

ALL visitors and clients need to be mindful that they will be walking primarily through a working industrial site. We ask everyone to follow the health and safety rules outlined below:

- Listen to & follow all instructions given by staff & volunteers.
- Stay within the yellow lines.
- Do NOT touch or move anything, including bells (unless instructed to do so). Objects around you may be: Hot, dirty, wet, harmful, sharp, unsteady or in place for your safety.
- Please respect staff workspaces, tools, equipment & materials.
- If staff are on machinery, please DO NOT approach them to ask questions or photograph them.
- PLEASE stay with the Tour group and DO NOT loiter or wander off alone.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

As this tour takes place inside a working industrial site, visitors please wear flat, closed shoes (please avoid shoes or sandals with open toes or backs)!* Dress warmly in cold weather, remember the factory is Victorian!

*PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY IF YOU ARE WEARING SANDALS OR SHOES WITH OPEN TOES OR BACKS.

ACCESSIBILITY

Wheelchair users are welcome!

- There is a lift that offers step-free access to the casting hall viewing platform for wheelchair users, pushchairs and those with limited mobility.
- Wheelchair users are welcome on foundry tours and in the museum, but you should be aware that there is limited turning space and uneven surfaces.
- Assistance dogs are welcome on site, but no other animals are permitted. Please let us know ahead of time if you will be accompanied by a service animal on your visit.
- Note that bellfoundry tours typically entail 90 minutes of walking so, this may not be suitable for those with limited mobility.
- Note that the floors around the factory (and some Museum areas) aren't flat and even. Due to the site being Grade II* listed, this is not something we can change or adapt.
- To discuss how we can accommodate your accessibility needs, call 01509 638 500



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MEMBERSHIP

If you are looking for more ways to support us, a great option is to join our Friends of the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust programme.

For £50 a year you can get:

- 15% discount in our gift shop
- Free entry to our Museum - not just for you but for your whole party every time you visit
- Exclusive access to members only casting once a year
- Joining gift, inspired by the excitement of casting bells

FAQ'S

Will I get to see a Bell Casting during my visit?

- No, unless you have been booked onto a specific Casting Tour - but you will see where bells are cast and learn about the process.

Can I take Photographs?

- Yes, but we ask that visitors/clients follow the guidelines below:
- Please ask staff before taking their photograph (DO NOT approach when they are operating machinery).

Do you have a Cafe?

- We don't have a formal cafe but we can offer tea, coffee and biscuits. Providing a cafe area is one of the Trust's long-term goals for the future
- We have a document listing places to eat in Loughborough. If you would like a copy of the document, please get in via the email address below and a member of the team will send it to you.

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