

Group visits



We offer guided tours and workshops for groups including object handling, a quiz and film show. We can tailor these to your needs including any disabilities your party may have. We are also used to working alongside interpreters. Please ask at the museum for details, phone [020 7535 5860](tel:02075355860) or email museum@bda.org.

Refreshments

You are welcome to a complimentary hot drink or water from the machines in the foyer. Please do not bring food or drink into the museum. Cafes and sandwich shops can be found in Marylebone High Street.

Safety

CCTV is used to ensure the safety of visitors, staff and exhibits.

If the fire alarm sounds a fire warden will direct you to the nearest exit. He/she will be wearing a luminous high visibility vest. The nearest exit from the museum is out of the main doors onto Wimpole Street. If you are looking at the display on the lower ground floor please make your way back up the stairs; do not use the lift. A fire warden will come and check that floor. If you may require assistance in an emergency please let museum staff know before visiting the lower ground floor.

Toilets

Men's, women's and a unisex accessible toilet are available on the lower ground floor. Please ask museum staff if you would like to use the lift to reach the lower ground floor.



There are baby changing facilities in the women's toilets.

Website

The museum website (www.bda.org/museum) provides remote access to the museum's collections and permanent and temporary displays.

BDA Dental Museum

Access Guide

British Dental Association
64 Wimpole Street
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Telephone: 020 7563 4549

Email: museum@bda.org

Website: www.bda.org/museum

The BDA Dental Museum traces the history of dentistry from medieval toothdrawers to today's professionals. Whether you are a dentist, social historian, teacher or are just curious about how people looked after their teeth in the past the museum is the place to visit.

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 1pm- 4pm.

Please phone for appointments at other times and to check Christmas and New Year arrangements.

Admission free.

This guide is also available in large print.



Arrival



The museum is located inside the British Dental Association (BDA) in Wimpole Street between the junctions with Queen Anne Street and New Cavendish Street. The street is level but has a lot of street furniture.

Bond Street and Oxford Circus tube stations and bus stops in Oxford Street are ½ mile or less away. The nearest tube stations with step-free access are Green Park and Euston Square. For information about accessible transport in London see: www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/transportaccessibility/1167.aspx



Taxis can be hailed in Wimpole Street.

Metered parking is available in Wimple Street. For details including parking for disabled drivers see: www.westminster.gov.uk/services/transportandstreets/parking

There is a ramp up to the entrance of the BDA which has self-opening doors. There is an intercom at the bottom of the ramp if you would like assistance. The museum is on the ground floor on the left-hand side. You are welcome to come straight in (the museum door is kept open during opening hours) or ask at the main BDA reception.



Assistance dogs

Assistance dogs are welcome. Please ask if your dog would like a bowl of water.



Displays

Most of the displays are in the museum. There are small temporary exhibition areas in the foyer (ground floor) and on the lower ground floor. Please ask museum staff if you would like to use the lift instead of the stairs to access the lower ground floor.

The main display panels have good contrast and are well lit. Large print versions of all the panels and labels (permanent and temporary displays) are available in the museum. A magnifier is also available on request.

The majority of objects on display are in glass cases for conservation reasons. However the museum has a number of objects which can be handled. Please phone the Education Officer on [020 7535 5860](tel:02075355860) in advance if possible to request this service or ask at the museum desk.

A computer programme giving a history of dentistry has an audio version of the text.

There is currently only text in English.

First aid

If you feel unwell please ask at the museum or main BDA reception.

General information about the museum

There is always a member of museum staff on duty during museum opening hours. The museum desk is next to the museum. Please feel free to ask any questions.

The museum has a number of volunteers. They sit at a desk inside the museum. Please feel free to ask them any questions.

An induction loop is fitted in the museum and at the main BDA reception.

Although the museum is small there is room for wheelchair users and prams. Please phone in advance if a number of wheelchair users and/or people with prams wish to come together.

Seating is available in the museum.

There are books and quizzes for children and during the school holidays there is a Victorian dental chair and foot drill which they can try out.

There is a small sales point in the museum with books, postcards and souvenirs. We can take cash, cheques, debit and credit cards. Please ask museum staff if you would like to buy anything.

Please turn your mobile phone to silent to allow others to enjoy their visit.

