

Learning Visits Information Pack



Introduction

This pack provides all the information you may need to plan a learning visit to New Lanark World Heritage Site, including the sessions we offer, links to the curriculum, costs and booking information.

New Lanark is a former 18th century cotton spinning mill village located on the banks of the Falls of Clyde. We are recognised as one of Scotland's 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and welcome over 40,000 visitors annually to our site. New Lanark has a resident village community of 65 households, set within a National Nature Reserve. In the village we have an award-winning Visitor Centre, as well as the New Lanark Mill Hotel, Mill Shop and Café.

Our learning programme aims to provide an exciting and engaging experience for learners outside the classroom. Our sessions are designed to support the Curriculum for Excellence and are delivered by our excellent team of guides and facilitators.

We look forward to seeing you at New Lanark soon!

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Why learn at New Lanark?

Learning on a historical site provides a unique environment in which to consolidate knowledge from the classroom by gaining direct experience of what life was like in the past and exploring the places where history happened.

Cross-Curricular Learning

The unique nature of our site combines social and political history, STEM topics, and expressive arts. Our programme aims to provide an in-depth cross curricular approach which can be tailored to the needs of visiting groups.

Active Learning

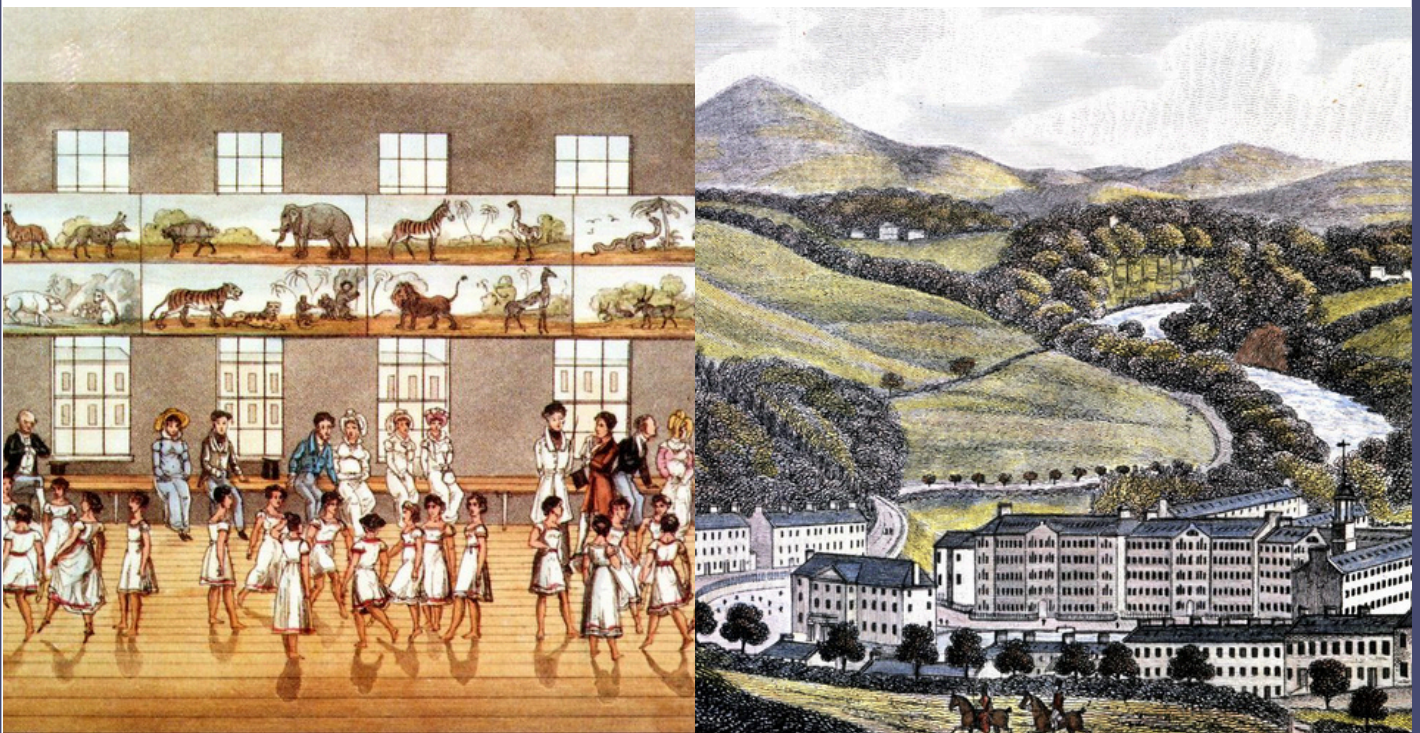
All our sessions are designed to be interactive and engaging for pupils, allowing them to gain hands-on experience of history, which allows pupils of every level the opportunities to engage and be inspired.

Critical Thinking Skills

Our learning environment encourages children to be curious and ask questions, prompting them to think critically about life in the past and how history relates to our lives today.

Culture and Heritage

Visiting a historic site is hugely valuable for school age children, it helps encourage a sense of ownership and pride in their area or country's history and raises awareness of issues such as conservation and preservation of historical sites.



Sessions

Multi-sensory Storytelling Sessions

A versatile and adaptable storytelling workshop for a wide range of ages, learning styles and needs. These sessions explore New Lanark's history through rhyming stories, play and multi-sensory objects. Suitable for learners with complex additional support needs (CASN) and early years ages (1-6).

Choose from the following sensory story topics:

- Annie McLeod and the Cotton Mill (a story based on New Lanark Mill and Village general history)
- Hamish from the Highlands (a story based on New Lanark's Gaelic History - includes some simple Gaelic words)
- Sir Rupert Froghart (a story based on New Lanark's hydropower history)
- Corra the Clearburn Fairy (a story based on David Dale's Pauper Apprentices)
- Seasonal stories - Spooky Spindles (Halloween) or Christmas at the Cotton Mill (Christmas)

Length: 30 minutes - 45 minutes

Milestone Curriculum Links: LIT 0-01a/LIT 0-11a/LIT 0-20a, LIT 0-01b/LIT 0-11b, LIT 0-01c, LIT 0-04a

Curriculum for Excellence: LIT 0-09b / LIT 0-31a, LIT 0-10a, ENG 0-12a / LIT 0-13a / LIT 0-21a, LIT 0-19a, EXA 0-08a, EXA 0-17a



Early Years and Lower Primary

Mini Mills Tour

This abridged version of our guided tours is designed to provide maximum engagement for our youngest visitors. Groups will visit New Lanark's waterwheel, experience the Annie McLeod ride, immerse themselves in sounds and sights of the textile floor, and explore the beautiful roof garden.

Level: Early Years - P2

Length: 45 mins

Curriculum Links: SOC 0-02a, SOC 1-02a

Toys from the Past

This hands-on session explores how children played in the past. Children will get the chance to play with our replica toys and explore how they work, the materials they're made of, and how they compare to their own modern day toys.

Level: P1-3.

Length: 1 hour

Curriculum Links: SOC 0-04a, SOC 1-04a, HWB 0-25a, HWB 1-25a



Early Years and Lower Primary

Discovery Tours

Our Discovery Tours explore key areas of New Lanark and provide an engaging and thought-provoking experience for learners. Discovery Tours can be adjusted to suit your relevant area of study on request.

Topics include:

- The Story of New Lanark
- Power Trail (Hydropower)

Themes explored in tours include the Victorians, the Industrial Revolution and Renewable energy

Level: P3-7.

Length: 1 hour

Curriculum Links: SOC 1-03a SOC, 1-04a, SOC 1-06a, SOC 2-03a, SOC 2-04a, SOC 2-06a

Historic Classroom

Our historic classroom session, led by an “19th century” facilitator, allows learners to experience what the school day was like in the 1820s. During the lesson, learners write with authentic slates, try out a marching drill, and compare their experience to modern day schooling.

Level: P3-7

Length: 1 hour

Curriculum Links: SOC 1-04a, SOC 2-04a



Secondary Level

Guided Tours

Secondary level guided tours can be provided on a selection of topics. Learners will visit the key areas of the site and be encouraged to think critically about the interpretation of history and how social issues impacted those in the past.

Discovery Tours can be adjusted to suit your relevant area of study on request.

Topics:

- The Story of New Lanark
- Power Trail (Hydropower)

Themes explored in tours include the Victorians, the Industrial Revolution and Renewable energy

Level: S1-5

Length: 60-90 minutes (depending on content).

Curriculum Links: SOC 3-05a, SOC 3-06a, SOC 4-05a ,SOC 4-05b



Higher Education and General Interest Groups

Guided Tours

Tours can be adapted to suit the area of study or interest and are led by our expert guides. Please refer to the topic list below for an idea of available subjects.

We are able to accommodate special subjects on request but require a 6-week lead in time.

Length: 60-90 minutes

Topics:

- Story of New Lanark
- Hydropower and Power Trail
- The People of New Lanark
- Hidden Histories
- The War and Soldiers of New Lanark

Themes explored in tours include the Victorians, the Industrial Revolution, Changing Britain and Renewable energy.



Costs and Booking

Prices for UK Schools only (wider pricing available on request)

Activity	Price per child
Self-Led Activity (including Visitor Centre Admission)	£7.00
*Single Activity (including Visitor Attraction Admission)	£7.50
*Double Activity (including Visitor Attraction Admission)	£9.50
Multi-Sensory Storytelling Session (excluding Visitor Attraction Admission)	£7.50

Adults will only be charged if standard adult to child ratios are exceeded. Please see the table on Page 7 for our recommended numbers.

*Single and/or Double Activities include:

- Discovery Tours
- Mini Mills Tour
- Toys from the Past
- Historic Classroom
- Multi-Sensory Storytelling Session

How to book:

Please visit the Learning section of our website and submit an [enquiry form](#).

A member of staff will get back in touch to help you complete your booking. You can also contact the team if you have additional questions at trust@newlanark.org



Our team are on hand to help you plan and book your visit!

You can view prices for learning visits as well as other useful information below.

If you have any questions, please contact trust@newlanark.org, or to book please fill out our online school group booking form below. A member of the team will then get back to you. If you are an educational group, but you are not a UK School please [visit this page](#).

Pricing

[School Groups \(UK only\)](#)

Self-led

Child | £7.00

[BOOK NOW](#)

Single Activity

Child | £7.50

Double Activity

Child | £9.50

Group Sizes and Ratios

We aim to provide the best possible experience for our visiting groups. Appropriate group sizes ensure all learners have the best experience possible.

We recommend the following group sizes for facilitated sessions:

Early Years	20 learners per session
Primary Level	30 learners per session
Secondary Level	30 learners per session
Higher Education and Other	40 learners per session

Many groups will have their own required adult to child ratios. Please note it is the responsibility of the group leader to ensure they have the appropriate number of adults. New Lanark Trust will not enforce ratios but recommend the below for all visiting learning groups (as per NSPCC Guidance) :

Under 2 years	1 adult : 3 children
2 - 3 years	1 adult : 4 children
4 - 8 years	1 adult : 6 children
9 - 12 years	1 adult : 8 children
13 - 18 years	1 adult : 10 children

*Learning Visit Risk Assessment can be provided after booking if required.

Preparing for your visit

Accessibility

The majority of the site is accessible but some areas can be uneven underfoot e.g. cobblestones and. For further information on Accessibility please see the Accessibility and Storyboard Site Map on our website . If you require accessibility assistance on the day of your visit, please let a member of staff know. We request all access requirements from school groups in advance.

Our school lunch room is adjacent to an accessible bathroom with baby-changing facilities. This is located on the basement floor of Robert Owen's School for Children.

What to bring with you

New Lanark is a large site which involves going outside to access different areas of the Visitor Attraction. Please ensure you come prepared with sensible footwear and a rain jacket if needed.

If you are joining us for a Guided Tour, please note that all tours have outdoor sections.



Travelling to New Lanark

Travelling

For directions to New Lanark, please see our website: [Getting to New Lanark](#).

Parking

The main car park is located at the top of the hill, above New Lanark Sit and Village. There is a £3 parking charge per car and a £5 parking charge per coach for a 24 hour period.

Blue Badge parking is available outside the Visitor Attraction Reception. Minibuses can park in these spaces but the car park is not able to accommodate vehicles any larger than this.

Coaches are welcome to drop off and pick up groups/schools in the village but all coaches must park in the main car park after pick up/drop off. As New Lanark is a place of residence, our residents must have access to their properties/parking spaces on site.

Coach drivers are very welcome to make use of the café and other facilities on site.



Schools Travel Subsidy

As New Lanark is a site of international significance, Scottish schools are able to apply for the Scottish Government Travel Subsidy to help support travel costs.

The Scottish Government Heritage Travel Subsidy for Schools covers 75% of transport costs (up to a maximum of £300) to visit the chosen site. Scotland's special schools and units can apply for 100% of travel costs (up to a maximum of £300).

For further information and details about how to apply, [please see the Historic Environment Scotland website.](#)



Site Facilities

Packed Lunch Facilities

Lunch rooms are available for groups to eat packed lunches (subject to availability). Please inform us at the stage of booking if you would like to use a lunch room. Ready-made packed lunches are also available.

Café & Sweet Shop

The café can cater for pre-booked group lunches. Dietary requirements are required in advance. Please see page 11 for the full menu offer and booking details.

Gift Shop

Groups are encouraged to visit the gift shop during their time at New Lanark. We stock a range of high quality and unique gifts and souvenirs for all ages. Children must be supervised while inside the gift shop.



School Catering

Explorer's Lunch Box

Fuel your pupils' adventure at New Lanark with our Explorer's Lunch Box —perfect for school trips.

Only £6.50 each.

Each Explorer's Lunch Box includes:

- Fresh sandwich (Tuna, Ham, or Cheese)
- Simply Fruity juice
- Crisps
- Old school cake
- A Piece of Fruit

Vegetarian and allergen-friendly options available.

Book Now

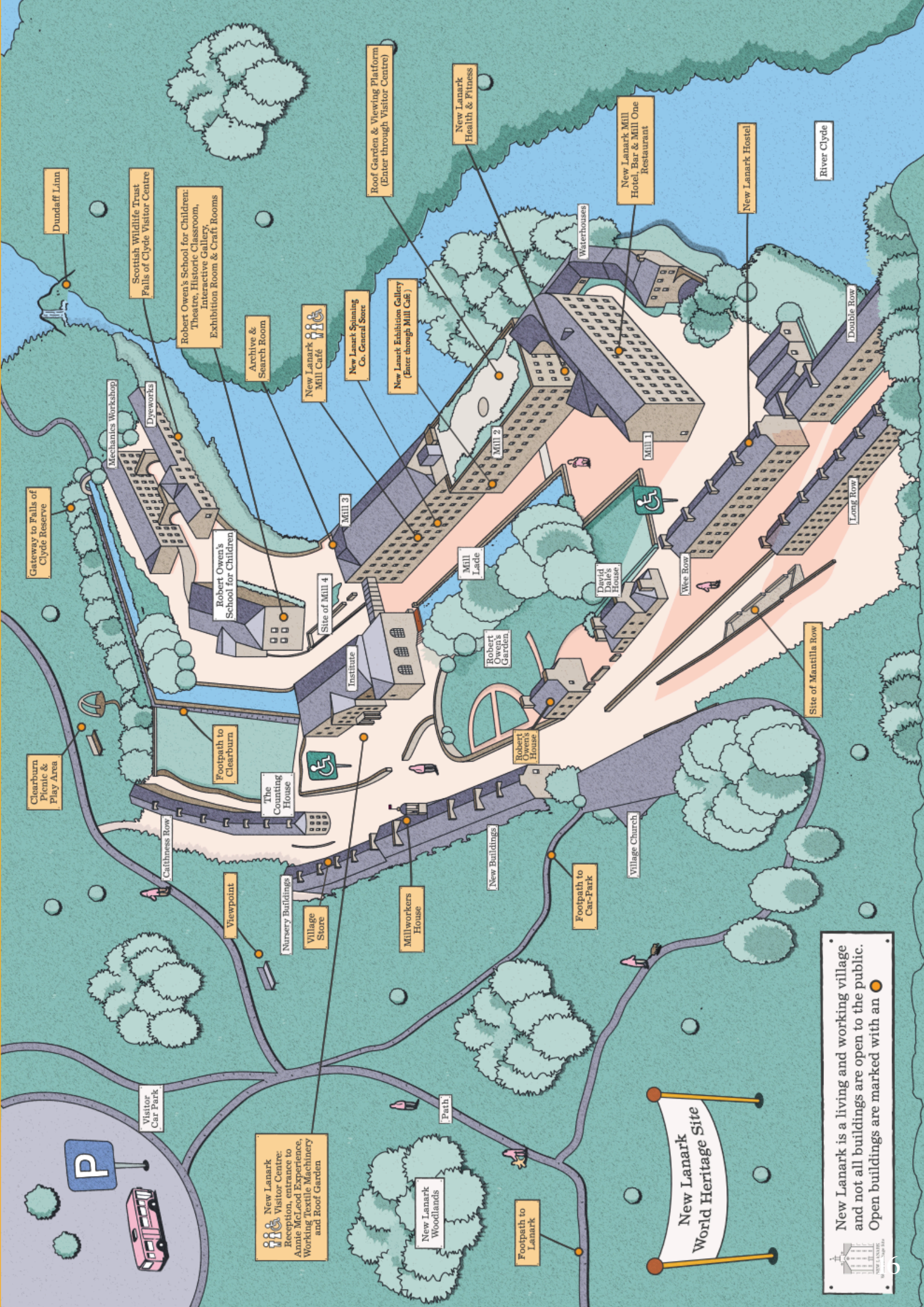


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Scottish Wildlife Trust
Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre

Robert Owen's School for Children:
Theatre, Historic Classroom,
Interactive Gallery,
Exhibition Room & Craft Rooms

Archive &
Search Room

New Lanark
Mill Café

New Lanark Spinning
Co. General Store

New Lanark Exhibition Gallery
(Enter through Mill Café)

New Lanark
Health & Fitness

New Lanark Mill
Hotel, Bar & Mill One
Restaurant

New Lanark Hostel

River Clyde

Gateway to Falls of
Clyde Reserve

Mechanics Workshop

Dyeworks

Robert Owen's
School for Children

Mill 3

Site of Mill 4

Institute

Mill Lade

Robert Owen's
Garden

David Dale's
House

Wee Row

Long Row

Double Row

Site of Mantilla Row

Clearburn
Picnic &
Play Area

Caithness Row

Footpath to
Clearburn

The Counting
House

Nursery Buildings

Village Store

Millworkers
House

New Buildings

Footpath to
Car-Park

Village Church

Footpath to
Lanark

New Lanark
Woodlands

Path

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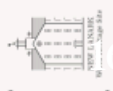
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New Lanark
Visitor Centre:
Reception, entrance to
Annie McLeod Experience,
Working Textile Machinery
and Roof Garden

New Lanark
World Heritage Site

New Lanark is a living and working village
and not all buildings are open to the public.
Open buildings are marked with an ●



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