

Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire

Excursion: 24th August 2021. Creswell Crags:

Excursions in the post-pandemic period have been planned to allow members to travel safely by private car or public transport (where applicable) and to follow Covid-19 protocols which may be in place at the time of the visit.



Photo: R. Strong

Creswell Crags is a limestone gorge lined with caves which was home to animals, Neanderthals and humans as the ice sheets retreated. It is probably the most northern limit suitable for life during the Upper Palaeolithic. The only examples of cave art in Britain have been found in the caves. Creswell Crags is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and a SSSI for its geology in addition to being a very beautiful location.

The visit to Creswell Crags will include a talk and a tour of the caves. To keep to Covid-19 Secure conditions, despite any relaxing of regulations, the day will start with a talk and then cave tours will commence in "bubbles" of six. This system will ensure social distancing for both the group and the guides. It is advisable to wear suitable walking footwear.

To book a place for this excursion, please return cut off and return the form below ASAP to Ruth Strong, 8, Ousebridge Drive, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 3BJ or scan and email to ruthstrong4@gmail.com followed by a postal booking with payment. Cheques should be made out to The Thoroton society but will not be cashed until after the excursion. Apologies for the short notice but Creswell Crags management have had to delay releasing details until they know what is allowed. The visit will start in the morning (time to be confirmed) followed by the caves tours. Several tours will be planned depending on the number in the group and advance notice is needed so that a schedule can be planned. Some "bubbles" may have to wait for their tour but there is a café which will serve lunch. A menu will be sent to members so that meals can be pre-ordered. There is a picnic area.



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NB. Arrangements may vary depending on any changes to government guidelines or Regulation.

Cost: £13.70 (based on a party of 30)

Time: to be confirmed. Probably from mid to late morning.

Address: Crags Road, Welbeck, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, UK, S80 3LH

Directions: By road. Creswell Crags is on the border of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and close to South Yorkshire, 5 miles from the M1 motorway (exit 30). Follow brown tourist signs on the A60 Mansfield to Worksop road or the A616 Sheffield to Newark Road

By train: catch the Robin Hood Line from Nottingham station, alight at Creswell On exiting the station, turn left onto Elmton Road. At the junction turn right and at the mini-roundabout turn left. Then bear right towards Crags Cottages to walk up through the beautiful gorge and avoid the main road. Distance approximately 1 mile

Excursion: Creswell Crags Museum and Heritage Centre

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Please reserve _____ places for this excursion. I enclose a cheque for £ _____

Name and Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone number _____ email: _____