Thank you for your interest in planning a group visit to Dunster Castle and Gardens. Below you will find key information about the site to assist you in your planning.
Location:

Dunster Castle
Dunster
Nr Minehead
TA24 6SL

Located at the entrance to Exmoor the castle is just off the A39 and only 3 miles from Minehead.

Contact details:

Tel: 01643 821314
Email: dunstercastle@nationaltrust.org.uk
Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunster-castle

Admission prices:

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Admission is free for National Trust members, group leaders and coach drivers.

To qualify for the group rate there must be 15+ people in your group, this can include National Trust members. The group rate must be paid in a single transaction.

The Gift Aid admission price includes a voluntary donation of at least 10% which will be put towards the restoration and upkeep of this property.

Payment on the day is preferred, either by cash card or cheque; however we can arrange invoicing with prior agreement.
Opening times:

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Watermill, garden, shop, stables and tearoom

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Your visit:

Recommended minimum visit length: 2 hours

The castle

There has been a castle on this site for over 1000 years however it has transformed over the years from a fortress to a comfortable family home. With evidence of its previous use you can still walk through the 14th century Gatehouse or look through the window of Bastion Tower, the only remaining part of the curtain wall.

Don't miss:

- The intricate plasterwork ceiling in the Dining Room
- Walking up the 16th century carved staircase
- Painted leather hangings believed to be the only collection of their type in the world.
The Gardens

With over 14 acres to explore, the gardens can be steep in areas however there are also plenty of flat areas to wander.

Don't miss:
- Seasonal displays of magnolias and camellias
- The far reaching views across the Bristol Channel and Exmoor.
- The sub-tropical planting on the South terrace.

The Watermill

This rare double overshot watermill is only a 10 minute stroll from the main carpark. Nestled in the River Gardens next to the River Avill the wheels can be seen turning daily.

Don't Miss:
- Milling on the first Wednesday of every month
- Taking home some freshly ground spelt flour
Food and drink

The Watermill Tearoom: Located 10 minutes from the main carpark in the River Gardens the watermill tearoom offers light lunches and cream teas. There are 24 covers inside along with a further 60 in the tea garden.

The Camelia House: Next to the castle, the Camelia house has limited seating but offers takeout hot and cold drinks, cake and ice cream.

The village: adjoining the grounds is Dunster village which is home to a variety of teashops and pubs.

Shopping
Located in the 17th century stables next to the coach drop off point, the stables shop sells a wide range of gifts, plants, local produce and souvenirs.

The watermill shop is the perfect place to pick up some milled flour or a bag of special mix muesli.
Parking/ coach drop off

On arrival coaches must drive through Dunster village, through the traffic lights, up castle hill and drop off visitors by the ticket office and shop. We do not have coach parking facilities at the castle and request that coaches turn round after dropping off and follow signs to the free village car park at Dunster Steep visitor centre. Please tell your coach company/driver not to take the turning from the A39 into our parkland, but the turning by the traffic lights into the village. Due to limited space, we request that you turn up in good time of your booking, as there may be another coach due to turn up shortly after your slot.

Access for visitor with disabilities:

The site is steep in areas however we have a number of options available to assist visitors in getting around the site:

- A 7 seater courtesy vehicle is available, running between the main carpark, shop and castle. It is also equipped to carry a standard wheel chair.
- Trampers are available for hire free of charge. We would recommend that visitors have driven a PMV before using a tramper and that they are booked in advance.
- Steeper routes are marked on the welcome map in yellow, offering visitors the opportunity to plan their route.
- Wheelchairs can be provided in the castle to a maximum of two people at a time
- Please contact the property for access information regarding the castle as this will vary depending on mobility.

Foreign language groups:

We have translations in the following languages, French, German, Polish, Italian, Hungarian, Dutch, Spanish, Romanian and Czech. Please advise during booking how many you will need.

Photography:

Photography is allowed in the castle, but please do not use your flash.

Anything else?

We ask that mobile phones are turned off inside the house and that any heeled shoes have a broad heel as sharp heeled shoes cause damage to our historic floors. Dogs are welcome in the gardens and parkland on a lead, but not into the castle or tearoom. Assistance dogs are welcome in the castle and gardens.
Dunster Village

Key walks and features

Follow the suggested core village route shown and spend a couple of hours discovering Dunster for yourself. Wander along the ancient High Street, past the Old Yarn Market. Visit the castle, with its dramatic hilltop location overlooking Exmoor and the Bristol Channel. Explore the ancient parish church, Tithe Barn and Dovecot.

Find a host of individual shops, then take a break in one of our traditional pubs or tea rooms.

Exmoor National Park was designated in 1954. It covers 693 sq km of some of England's finest landscapes. For further information on what to do, what to see and where to go, drop in to the National Park Centre on Dunster steep, just past the Luttrell Arms.