

Visitor Information



Opening times

Winter (Oct - Mar)

Tues, Wed, Thurs*, Sat, Sun, 11am - 3pm

Summer (Apr - Sep) Tues - Sun, 11am - 4pm

(* free pre-bookable tours available)

Access to the park is open all the time.

Admission

Entry is free.

Group bookings

Guided tours are free of charge every Thursday.

Booking essential, please call 0113 230 5492.

Learning

School groups can use our purpose built education room and arrange a half or full day trip with a member of the education team. To receive an education pack or for more information please call 0113 230 5492.

Access

Wheelchair users may require some assistance.

Disabled parking is available.

This leaflet is available in other formats.

Please telephone the museum or email ll.access@leeds.gov.uk

Abbey House

Tues - Fri 10am - 5pm, Sat 12noon - 5pm,

Sun 10am - 5pm, Monday closed

(except bank holidays)

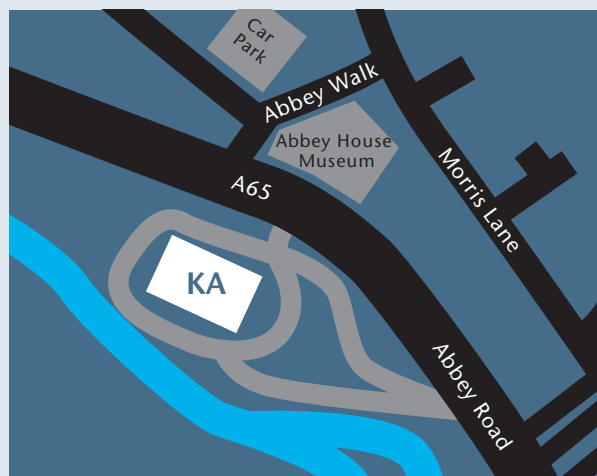
How to find us

By car

2 1/2 miles from Leeds city centre on the A65 (Kirkstall Road). Free parking.

By public transport

Kirkstall Abbey is on a well serviced bus route – buses 33, 33a and 757 stop directly outside. For more timetable information please contact Metroline on 0113 245 7676 or visit www.wymetro.com



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Welcome to Kirkstall Abbey

Kirkstall Abbey is a spectacular part of the Leeds skyline and one of the best preserved medieval Cistercian abbeys in Britain. Following a £5.5 million makeover there is now something for everyone to enjoy.

- Restored Abbey ruins
- Visitor Centre
- Beautifully landscaped grounds
- Summer terrace
- Children's playground
- Tennis courts

Discover...

Uncover the story of what life was like for a 12th century monk in the brand new Visitor Centre. Interactive displays, reconstructions and audio-visual presentations provide a wealth of information. Look up to see the reconstruction of the Laybrothers' toilet and make your own floor pattern using the medieval tiles.



Explore...

Wander from the Visitor Centre and feel a true sense of the past as you stroll around Kirkstall Abbey and its grounds. Step back in time and imagine how different life was for the monks compared to today. Find out where and when they cooked, ate their meals, prayed and slept. Admire the ancient stone work conserved to last another 850 years.



Learn...

Learn why the Laybrothers were so important to the monks. Discover how the use of the Abbey has changed over the centuries. Find out why the main road to Leeds ran straight through the church!



Relax...

Take a picnic and relax in the beautiful park or indulge in refreshments on the new terrace overlooking the River Aire.



Enjoy...

Spend some time in the beautifully landscaped grounds - perfect for dog walking, jogging and cycling. There is also a choice of outdoor activities, including tennis, rugby and football as well as spectacular events such as the Shakespeare Festival.

Abbey House

Combine your visit with the Abbey House Museum – once the gatehouse to Kirkstall Abbey. Explore the recreated Victorian streets, join in with activities in the interactive childhood gallery or relax in the Abbot's Tea Rooms.

