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# Barry Mill

## Teacher's information



Barry Mill is a water-driven mill that is still in working order. Pupils can see and hear the water wheel and mill machines at work. The present, Grade A listed building dates from 1814 when it was rebuilt after a fire - though a charter of 1539 (on display) shows that milling has taken place here for hundreds of years. The present mill produced oatmeal up to the 1970s and then animal feed until 1982. It was the last water-powered meal mill to work commercially in Angus – and is now one of only three in Scotland where visitors can see the traditional way of milling.

Barry Mill once took in oats from most of the local farms, and played an important role in the economy of the community. For the last 56 years of its commercial operation, the mill was run by the Gunn family. The National Trust for Scotland purchased it in 1988, and conserved and repaired the building and machinery.

A guided tour explains the process of milling grain into oatmeal: storage, drying, cleaning, milling and sieving. The 4.7m-diameter overshot water-wheel is worked and a full milling demonstration given for all school groups.

All parts of the mill are protected by permanent safety barriers and there are areas large enough to accommodate groups. The orchard beside the mill is an ideal spot for pupils to picnic. There is also a well marked path beside the shallow lade to the mill pond (and beyond), showing the water system.

### **The school visit offers opportunities for cross-curricular work and engaging with the Curriculum for Excellence**

- Guided tour of the mill – see and hear the mill working, have the processes explained.
- A great way to learn about simple engineering: pulleys, levers, gears.
- Tours can be adapted to suit the requirements of your class.
- Visit the Barry Mill exhibition within the mill.
- Take the way-marked walk beside the lade to the mill pond (teacher led).

### **Resources for schools**

- Illustrated guidebook (for sale on site).
- Handling objects available on site (can be booked).
- Exhibition about Barry Mill and milling.

### **Planning your visit**

- To book: please contact the property manager for a booking form.
- Book well in advance to avoid disappointment.
- Barry Mill is open for schools from April to October. It may be possible to arrange a visit during the rest of the year - just call 0844 493 2140 to check.

For more information, visit [www.nts.org.uk/Learn](http://www.nts.org.uk/Learn)

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### Planning your visit (continued)

- Schools should visit the mill in the mornings preferably (from 9.30am onwards). They may visit in the afternoons - but there could also be public tours taking place.
- Maximum number for mill tours: up to 60 pupils, divided into 3 groups (each group with 2 teachers/adult helpers) - or a class of 30 divided into 2 groups.
- Access: the historic mill has 3 entrances – one for each floor. The lower ground and ground floors are accessible for wheelchair users, but not the top floor. Please phone to discuss your requirements – we will try hard to accommodate your pupils.
- Toilets: there are fully accessible toilets on site.
- Refreshments: Pupils are welcome to bring their lunch - there are picnic tables in the orchard - and a permanent open marquee, for wet weather, beside the reception building.
- Clothing: should be appropriate for outdoors.
- The site has been risk assessed. Teachers should prepare their own RA for the visit.
- There is more information about planning a visit to a Trust site on the NTS Learn website: [www.nts.org.uk/Learn/schools\\_plan.php](http://www.nts.org.uk/Learn/schools_plan.php)
- For more information about Barry Mill, please go to: [www.nts.org.uk/Property/Barry-Mill/](http://www.nts.org.uk/Property/Barry-Mill/)

### Charges

- There is no admission charge for schools with NTS educational membership.
- Non-members are welcome but there is an admission charge of £2 per pupil.
- Accompanying adults are admitted free.
- All class teachers are encouraged to make a free preparatory visit to the site.
- Membership: please apply to Barry Mill or go to the NTS Learn website: [www.nts.org.uk/Learn/schools\\_membership.php](http://www.nts.org.uk/Learn/schools_membership.php)

### During your class visit

- Tours of the mill are always led by NTS staff.
- A mill tour takes about 1 hour. If you wish to see the exhibition and take a teacher-led walk to the mill pond, please allow 2 hours.
- Teachers are responsible for pupils and their behaviour.
- SAFETY FIRST: All parts of the mill are protected by permanent safety barriers but it is still a working mill with some steep stairs and heavy implements in the building. There are areas of water around the site. Pupils must be supervised by their teachers throughout the whole visit.
- Pupils are welcome to take photos/ films.
- There is a small retail area that pupils can visit, in small groups with their teacher or adult helper.
- On arrival, please go to the Reception building near the mill.

### Getting to Barry Mill

- Barry Mill is north of Barry village, and 2 miles west of Carnoustie, between the A92 and A930. (Ordnance Survey: NO534349)
- There is a car/coach park by the mill.

### For more information and a booking form, please contact the Estate Office:

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