



**GROUP VISIT PACK
2026**





DISCOVER OVER 400 YEARS OF UNBROKEN FAMILY HISTORY WITH A BESPOKE GROUP VISIT TO DODDINGTON

Over 400 years of unbroken family occupation has resulted in fascinating collections of furniture, weaponry, paintings, ceramics, textiles, household objects, porcelain and a wealth of amusing stories all to be found in and around Doddington Hall.

A visit to Doddington offers a unique insight into family life through the ages and the challenges of looking after such an estate in the 21st century.

Discover the history of the Hall with a private guided tour* or explore at your own pace with a self-guided tour. We also offer tours* or self-guided visits of the Gardens so you can enjoy a stroll around the Kitchen Garden, formal East Front, West Gardens and the lovingly restored Wild Gardens.

**subject to availability*

In this pack you can find more information about tours, self-guided visits, prices, refreshments, accessibility, frequently asked questions and location. If you would like to proceed with a booking, please let us know and we will forward a booking form.

OPENING ARRANGEMENTS & PRICES

GUIDED TOUR VISITS

Private guided tours are available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (all day), subject to availability, between April and September. We also welcome self-guided Christmas tours in November and December.

SELF-GUIDED VISITS

Gardens only: 4 February – 27 September 2026, Wednesdays - Sundays only, 10am-4pm

Hall & Gardens: 29 March – 27 September 2026, Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays and Bank Holiday

Mondays, 11am-4pm (Gardens open from 10am)

PRICES

Guided tour of the Hall & wander of the Gardens: £16 (min 20 people/£320)

Guided tour of the Gardens only: £13

Guided tour of the Hall & Gardens: £22

Self-guided visit of the Hall & Gardens: £13.50

Self-guided visit of the Gardens only: £9.50

A non-refundable payment of £50 deposit is required to secure the booking

TIMINGS

It is best to allow at least 4 hours for your group visit to Doddington. Tours and self-guided visits take about one and a half hours. You'll then have time to explore the Gardens, Farm Shop, Home Store, Doddington Country Clothing Store, and enjoy refreshments in our Grain Store or Farm Shop Café.

ACCESSIBILITY

Please note that we do not have a lift or stairlift at Doddington Hall and the visit is over 3 floors. There are 64 stairs each way and chairs to rest on each landing. We kindly ask that you relay this to your group and for private guided tours do let us know in advance if there is anyone who will require the virtual tour downstairs. This is with a dedicated tour guide and must be booked in advance. We are only able to accommodate manual wheelchairs and walkers. If we are unaware of any access needs prior to arrival, we are unable to guarantee the offer of the virtual tour on the day. Thank you for your understanding.

The virtual tour is accessible all day on self-guided visits and does not need pre-booking.





LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS

There is always plenty to see and do at Doddington to make the most of your visit and often means a full day out.

It's recommended that you pre-book group refreshments in advance if you wish to eat together. We are able to offer tea and coffee on arrival, followed by a pre-booked lunch in the Grain Store Café. The menu changes seasonally to showcase the best estate-grown and locally sourced produce.

If you choose not to pre-book any refreshments, all refreshments will be on a free flow basis, with visitors able to explore both the Farm Shop Café or Grain Store Café at their leisure. Please note that without a reservation, we are unable to guarantee wait times or tables of more than 2-4. We kindly ask that you relay this information to your group and ask that they spread out their lunch visits. This helps us serve everyone better, as the cafés will also be serving the general public. You can also find a delightful selection of picnic items in our Farm Shop if members of the group prefer to picnic by the lake.

PARKING

Please ensure that your coach driver follows signage and parks in the designated coach area of the large car park on the opposite side of the road to the Hall (as signposted). Please give your driver the 'Information for Coach Drivers' on completion of your booking form.

CONFIRMATION & PAYMENT

To go ahead with a booking, please complete a booking form and return signed along with your non-refundable payment of £50 deposit. Cheques are to be made payable to 'Doddington Farms LLP' or alternatively via bank transfer as per the booking form. We kindly ask that you inform us when this is done or alternatively, you can call us on **01522 694308** to pay with a card directly. If there are any issues with this payment date, do not hesitate to let us know.

We will require final confirmation of numbers, time of your arrival and final payment no later than seven days before the date of your visit.



GROUP VISITS - SAMPLE MENU

SANDWICHES

Served with dressed Kitchen Garden salad (GFOA)

- Lincoln Red house-made pastrami, Emmental cheese, mustard mayo & sauerkraut on sliced Rye bloomer (GFOA) 11
- Vintage cheddar, KG chutney on white or malted bloomer (V,VGOA, GFOA) 10
- Mortadella, beef tomato, English mozzarella, rocket & KG parsley mayo served in toasted focaccia (VOA,VGOA) 11

JACKET POTATOES

Slow-cooked local potatoes from Newton on Trent, seasoned with sea salt & black pepper, served with house coleslaw & dressed KG salad (GF)

- Doddington Herd beef chilli & sour cream (GF) 10.5
- Hot-smoked salmon, caper, red onion & dill pâté (GF) 10.5
- Tomato & smoked paprika braised butter beans, KG herbs & roasted garlic (GF,VGOA) 10.5

SOUP OF THE DAY

KG vegetable soup served with bread & butter (V, VGOA, GFOA) 7.5

HADDOCK & CHIPS

Local ale batter, hand-cut chips or skin-on fries & mushy peas (GFOA) 17

Lighter portion available for smaller appetites (GFOA) 11

BLACK LENTIL & VEGETABLE DAHL

Seasonal vegetables, organic black lentils & coconut curry, homemade naan, Lincolnshire cauliflower bhaji & coconut yoghurt (VG, GFOA) 14

DESSERT

- Sticky rhubarb sponge, spiced caramel sauce, vanilla bean ice cream 9
- Lemon posset, wood sorrel foam, caramelised Hodmedod's puffed grains 9
- Vegan & gluten free Doddington chocolate brownie, griottine cherry & vanilla ice cream 9

The menu changes seasonally and all items are subject to availability and price increases

KG: Denotes produce from the Kitchen Garden, subject to availability and seasonal change

PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY ALLERGIES / DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

V: Vegetarian / VOA: Vegetarian option available / VG: Vegan / VGOA: Vegan option available / GF: Gluten free / GFOA: Gluten free option available

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can we have a private tour of the Hall and/or Gardens?

We welcome private tours from April-September on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, subject to availability.

Can we come on a self-guided visit of the Hall and/or Gardens?

We welcome groups throughout our public opening dates. Self-guided visits are available on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 10am-4pm. Time slots for entry to the Hall will be reserved for you upon making your group booking.

Is there coach parking?

We have a designated free car parking area for coaches, which is signposted for the driver.

How long are the tours?

Please allow up to an hour and half for a private tour of the Hall and/or Gardens.

We would recommend allowing up to an hour for a self-guided visit of the Hall and/or Gardens.

Is the Hall still lived in and how much of the Hall do we see?

Doddington Hall is still the much loved family home of Claire and James Birch. Visitors are able to explore all of the right-hand side of the Hall, of which some rooms are still used by the family.

What period was the Hall built?

Elizabethan. Building work started in 1595 and was completed in 1600. The inside of the Hall is Georgian.

Can we bring food and drinks into the Hall and/or Gardens?

Food and drink is not permitted inside the Hall and Gardens. Picnics and refreshments may be enjoyed elsewhere on the estate on designated picnic benches and lake area.





What happens if a member of the group/the group is late?

Please call **01522 694308** if your group is running late. If any member of the group is arriving separately and running late, a member of staff will wait behind for them.

Can we leave and enter the Gardens throughout the day?

You may enter and leave the Gardens as many times as you like throughout the day. Wristbands are issued to the group on arrival.

What else is there on offer on the estate?

A visit to Doddington is a full day out and we recommend all group visits factor this in when planning their visit. We have a Farm Shop, Doddington at Home Store, County Clothing Store, Giant Bike Shop, Grain Store Café, Farm Shop Café and Estate Walks onsite.

How close are the Hall and Gardens to the Shops and Cafés?

The Hall and Gardens are a 2 minute walk to the entrance of the Farm Shop and Courtyard Area. [View estate map.](#)

Can we have a Doddington Talk outside of Doddington?

Unfortunately, we are only able to offer tours of Doddington onsite and are unable to visit groups externally.

Is there a special discounted rate for groups / do Historic Houses or RHS members get discount?

We do not offer any concessions or discounts for group bookings. For private guided tours, all tickets are the same adult price and member cards are not accepted. Member cards are accepted should the group be on a self-guided visit.



MAKE A DAY OF IT

Finish the day by exploring our Farm Shop, Home Store, Country Clothing Store, Giant Lincoln Bike Shop or enjoy one of our Estate Walks. All of which are open daily and free of charge to visit, with free coach parking.

BOOK YOUR VISIT

To make a booking, please email amber.graver@doddingtonhall.com or call 01522 694308.



LOCATION

WHERE WE ARE

The Doddington Hall Estate is situated just 6 miles west of Lincoln on the B1190 and is easily accessible by road. Free coach parking is available in the main car park opposite the Hall.

DODDINGTON HALL & GARDENS
MAIN STREET, DODDINGTON,
LINCOLN, LINCOLNSHIRE, LN6 4RU

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A1 North	20 minutes
A1 South	20 minutes
Newark	20 minutes
Lincoln	15 minutes
Nottingham	1 hour
Sheffield	45 minutes

By Train - Doddington is 20 minutes from Newark Northgate and Lincoln train stations, and 40 minutes from Retford train station. Trains from London take 1 hour 15 minutes to Newark.

National Express East Coast - If you arrive by train to Lincoln Central Station or Newark Northgate Station you can get to Doddington Hall by taxi.

By Bicycle - Doddington is near the Sustrans from Harby to Lincoln Cycling Route. A purpose built cycle route 'Georgie Twigg Track' links Doddington to the National Cycle Network Route 64.

COACH PARKING

We have a designated free car parking area for coaches, which is signed for the driver. Please give your driver the 'Information for Coach Drivers' on completion of your booking form.

CAR PARKING

Doddington Hall has exclusive, complimentary parking for you and your guests. We kindly ask you to park in the main car park opposite the Hall, to allow room for our Farm Shop and Café visitors.

All of our accommodation has its own parking for those guests staying on site.

