



## Fun things to see and do

**FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON FOR CHILDREN AND SEE IF YOU CAN COMPLETE THE QUIZ QUESTION FOR EVERY PLACE WHEN YOU VISIT IT.**

**MASSON MILLS, MATLOCK BATH** TEL: 01629 581001

Arkwright's Masson Mills are the finest surviving and best preserved example of an Arkwright cotton spinning mill.

### Things to do at Masson Mills:

- ◆ See spinning and textile machines in action
- ◆ Follow the QR codes to find out more about the machinery.
- ◆ Visit the *Bobbin Room* which has the world's biggest collection of Bobbins—680,000.

Q.1 Where did Richard Arkwright tie up his horse?

**CROMFORD MILL, CROMFORD** TEL: 01629 825995

Cromford Mill was the world's first successful water-powered cotton spinning mill.

### Things to do at Cromford Mill:

- ◆ Workshops, walks and talks specially aimed at children and their families. Check on their website [www.arkwrightsociety.org.uk](http://www.arkwrightsociety.org.uk) or in their Events Guides for more details.

Q.2 What was Richard Arkwright's famous invention called?

**CROMFORD CANAL, CROMFORD**

Cromford canal was a bustling waterway with narrow-oats carrying coal, cotton and other goods in and taking stone and lead out.

### Things to do at Cromford Canal:

- ◆ By your duck food at *Wheatcroft Wharf Café* and feed the ducks.
- ◆ Walk along the tow path where horses once pulled the narrowboats.
- ◆ Take a trip on *Birdswood* the restored narrowboat, on Wednesdays and Sundays—on special occasions it is pulled by a horse.
- ◆ Have a picnic or visit the *Wheatcroft Wharf Café* for a drink and a snack.

### Things to see:

Cromford Canal is one of the best places in the county to spot water vole. Listen out for a 'plop' sound as they disappear into the water. In spring and summer look out for the grass snake. These aquatic snakes use grass to make their nests for hibernating and can sometimes be seen peeping out of the water. There are also plenty of ducks, swans, coots, moorhens, little grebes and dabchicks on the canal.

Q.3 Who was the engineer who built the Cromford Canal?

**HIGH PEAK JUNCTION WORKSHOPS** TEL: 01629 822831

These are some of the world's oldest surviving railway workshops, built for the Cromford and High Peak Railway.

### Things to do at High Peak Junction:

- ◆ Climb up into the old carriages and play at being a train driver.
- ◆ Explore the workshops and the small Visitor Centre.
- ◆ Have a picnic by the canal. Refreshments and snacks are available from the Visitor Centre.

Q.4 What fish lurks among the water plants at Cromford Canal?



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**LEAWOOD PUMPHOUSE, CROMFORD CANAL**

TEL: 01629 823204 FOR OPENING TIMES FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER

Leawood Pumphouse was built to pump water from the river into the Cromford Canal, but because the water was so precious to the millowners the Pumphouse could only take water from the river Derwent one day a week. That is why the pump is so gigantic—they had to pump a week's worth of water in just one day! To see the pump actually working visit from 12 noon to 4pm on steaming days.

### Things to do at Leawood Pumphouse:

- ◆ Explore all three floors and watch the beam engine in action.
- ◆ See the large coal-powered boilers.
- ◆ Watch the water surge into the canal.

Q.5 When was the Pumphouse first used?



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**STRUTT'S NORTH MILL, BELPER** TEL: 01773 880474

Jedediah Strutt was a stocking manufacturer who went into the cotton-spinning business with Richard Arkwright. His son William was a brilliant engineer and built Strutt's North Mill. It is one of the earliest iron-framed buildings in the world—an early skyscraper.

### Things to do at Strutt's North Mill:

- ◆ Hunt for the mice and earn a certificate and a lolly.
- ◆ See Arkwright's famous Water Frame.
- ◆ Discover how the Derwent provided water-power.
- ◆ See how cotton was transformed from plant to thread.
- ◆ Visit the shop for toys and sweets at pocket money prices.

Q.6 what was the name of Jedediah Strutt's invention which gave stockings their stretchiness?

### BELPER RIVER GARDENS, BELPER

These gardens were created by the Strutt family for public enjoyment.

### Things to do at Belper River Gardens:

- ◆ Explore the nooks and crannies of the River Gardens.
- ◆ Have fun at the playground.
- ◆ Hire a rowing boat for a trip on the river (summer only).
- ◆ Enjoy a picnic by the river and feed the ducks.

Q.7 Which member of the Strutt family paid for the gardens and the arboretum??

### DARLEY ABBEY PARK, DERBY

This park was once owned by the Evans family who owned the mills in Darley Abbey.

### Things to do at Darley Abbey Park:

- ◆ Visit the wildflower are, near the playground.
- ◆ Stop off at the butterfly garden.
- ◆ Play on the swings at the playground.
- ◆ Visit the Darley Abbey Tearooms (10am-4pm most days).
- ◆ Feed the ducks on the River Derwent.
- ◆ Have a picnic by the river.

Q.8 By what other name is the Gatekeeper Butterfly known?

### THE SILK MILL TEL: 01332 255308

In 1717 John Lombe travelled to Italy and became a spy in an Italian silk mill. He returned to England, and copying what he had seen in Italy, he was able to set up his Silk Mill at Derby. It was five storeys high and was powered by a water wheel. This mill became the world's first factory having all the processes of production under one roof and driven by one source of power.

### Things to do at The Silk Mill:

- ◆ Visit the Silk Mill (open Thursday to Sunday) to find out how the Re:Make project is progressing and how you can be involved.

Q.9 What is high quality silk known as?



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### THE JOSEPH WRIGHT GALLERY, DERBY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

TEL: 01332 716659

Joseph Wright was an important 18th century painter who lived and worked in Derby. He painted portraits, landscapes and scenes of industry connected to the story of the Derwent Valley Mills.

### Things to do at Derby Museum and Art Gallery:

- ◆ Visit the Joseph Wright Gallery and see portraits of Richard Arkwright and Jedediah Strutt.
- ◆ Visit The Nature Gallery and examine real specimens.
- ◆ Relax with a drink and cake in the new Coffee House.
- ◆ Get an adult to ring up and find out more about fun weekend and holiday activities for children.

Q.10 What is an orrery?