

Reading Abbey

Museum Trail



Start your hunt at the Story of Reading Sign

Look to your left, can you see the big stone arches? On top of the arches there are shapes that look like animal heads. What do you think they are?

- A. Birds B. Cats C. Dogs

Now look nearby at the tiles in the case. Can you find an animal? What does it look like to you?

How many services did the monks have every day in the Abbey Church?

Can you find the special book that monks used to write and read from? Why is it covered?

Reading Abbey needed lots of stones to be built. Can you see nearby how the stones probably arrived?

- A. Car B. Train C. Boat

Look through the window, can you see a portrait? Who is it and where did she stay in Reading?

Now you can listen to some medieval music by pressing the buttons to your right. The third button plays a song that was written at the Abbey!

Have a go at dressing up like a Queen or King!





Head upstairs to the Bayeux Tapestry Gallery

There is another famous Abbey in the tapestry, can you spot it? What is it? (Clue: Scene 26)

Monks and other religious leaders wore a special hairstyle called a tonsure like Bishop Odo here. Can you spot one on a mysterious unnamed monk. What was he writing? (Clue: You may have heard it downstairs!)



Now head up to the Huntley and Palmer's Gallery on the Second Floor

Can you find a biscuit tin with a Royal Wedding?

Floor



When you reach the end of the Huntley & Palmers Gallery turn into the Windows Gallery

Can you find a stone knight's head? What was the stone used for?



Look up at the stone capitals. Can you spot the mighty battle between man and dragon?

Well done! You have finished the trail!

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