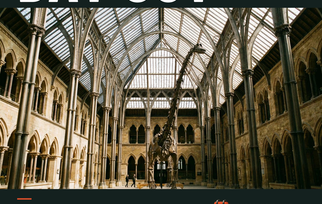
A FAMILY DAY OUT



A DAY AWAY

Plan an Oxford family day with dinosaurs, Pitt Rivers, market lunch and University Parks, allowing walking and breaks, with boating as a separate optional choice.

CHOOSE YOUR VISIT DATE

10:00–15:50

Open this day online ↗

THE LAY OF THE LAND

Start at Museum of Natural History and finish at A snack before heading home. Follow the numbered stops and allow time for the walks between them.

01 / THE AREA



02 / THE DETAIL



01 Natural History
02 Pitt Rivers
03 Covered Market
04 University Parks
05 Open-choice break

Teal lines show the walk between numbered stops. Enter Pitt Rivers through Natural History. Choose your own stop for the unpinned break.

Open the interactive route ↗

OpenStreetMap contributors / ODbL ↗

STOPS 1 & 2





10:00 - 11:15

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Start at the Parks Road entrance. Dinosaurs, minerals and the main court make a manageable first visit; use the toilets before moving on. General admission is free. Under-11s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Allow ten minutes for a break and the adjoining Pitt Rivers entrance.

Allow 75 min.

Read the venue guide ↗

11:25 - 12:10

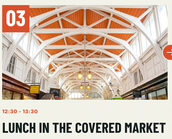
PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

Choose a few cases of boats, clothing or musical instruments. Keep the visit short for younger children. This time works Tuesday–Sunday; on ordinary Mondays shift the whole plan one hour later because the museum opens at noon. Allow 20 minutes to walk to the market with children.

Allow 45 min.

Read the venue guide ↗

STOPS 3 & 4





12:30 - 13:30

LUNCH IN THE COVERED MARKET

Take a proper lunch break and choose traders that suit your group. Individual opening hours vary. Allow 20 minutes to reach University Parks via Parks Road.

Allow 60 min.

Read the venue guide ↗

13:50 - 15:20

UNIVERSITY PARKS

Spend the afternoon in University Parks. Supervise children near the river and leave before the seasonal gate closure or dusk. In heavy rain, give the museums more time. Book any boating separately and confirm weather, supervision and buoyancy aids with the operator.

Allow 90 min.

Read the venue guide ↗



A SNACK BEFORE HEADING HOME

15:20 - 15:50

OPEN-CHOICE BREAK

Finish near the Parks Road side of the park with a snack you have brought or an open café nearby. Do not rely on a seasonal ice-cream stand. Add onward travel separately; on the later Monday version, take this break indoors if daylight is short.

GOOD TO KNOW

Allow 30 min.

Explore food & drink ↗

THE USEFUL DETAILS

SUGGESTED TIMES. RESERVATIONS ARE SEPARATE.

GETTING TO OXFORD

Arrive by train or coach, or use Park and Ride if you are driving. Allow time to reach the first stop.

Oxford arrival guide ↗

BETWEEN STOPS

Use the numbered map to locate visits, then open the online route for walking directions and current visit information.

View this itinerary ↗

MAKE IT YOURS

Open the full route to save the stops and arrange the day around your own start, pace and bookings.

Open the planner ↗

BEFORE YOU GO

Start times are suggested. Arrange timed tickets and meals separately, then adjust the sequence around your confirmed bookings.

MAKE THE DAY YOURS.

Open my week ↗