

## Opening times

**Summer Opening** (new for Summer Season 2011)

**April 2011 to September 2011:** Tuesday – Sunday  
11.30am – 4.45pm (last admission 4.00pm)

**Winter Opening** (new for Winter Season 2011)

**October 2011 to March 2012:** Saturday and Sunday  
12 noon to 4.15pm (last admission 3.30pm)

Please phone to check as opening times may vary. We are open extra days for Schools and Bank Holidays. Dates of the start of the seasons may vary. Please telephone or check our website for details. We are open throughout the year to school parties.

## Admission prices

Adult £6.50 Child 5+ £4.00 Child 2-4 yrs £1.00

Child Under 2 Free, Senior £5.50

Family Ticket £19.00 (2 adults and 2 children).

Admission charges for special events and Bank holidays may vary.

## Facilities

Toilets on site, but disabled toilets in Ankerside Shopping Centre only. Gift shop available and café selling drinks and confectionary only. Visitors can exit the Castle to get food from local shops, and re-enter the Castle later. Large children's play area in Castle grounds with tables available for picnics.

## Access

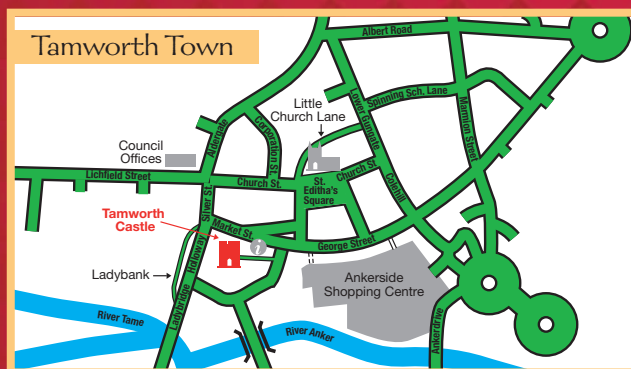
The Castle is reached via a steep slope. Interior tour includes many steps, narrow doorways and uneven floors. Ground floor access only for wheelchair users. Carer admitted free. Drop off point for people with disabilities, please telephone before visiting for assistance.

## How to find us

The Castle is situated in the heart of Tamworth town centre.

**By road**, from M1/M6 northbound take the M42 and exit at Junction 10. From the M6 southbound exit at Junction 12 and approach Tamworth via A5.

**By rail**, the Castle is ten minutes walk from Tamworth station.



If you require this information in another format or language please phone 01827 709634, or email [heritage@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:heritage@tamworth.gov.uk)

Tamworth Castle, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B79 7NA.

Tel: 01827 709626 (during opening hours) and

01827 709629 (24hr message board).

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[www.tamworthcastle.co.uk](http://www.tamworthcastle.co.uk)

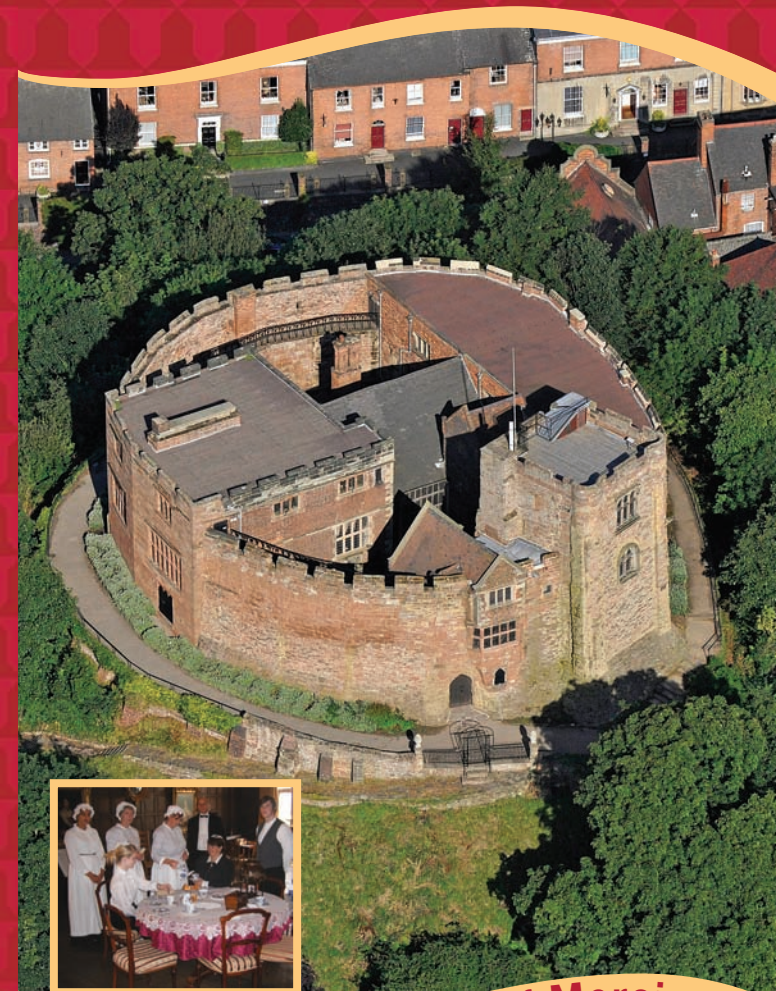


All details are correct at time of going to print but are subject to change at any time. Please contact 01827 709629 for up to date information on events, opening times and prices. Tamworth Borough Council reserve the right to close any part of the Castle or grounds without prior notice.

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# Tamworth Castle 2011

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The Ancient Capital of Mercia



Tamworth Borough Council

# Tamworth Castle Tour



Castle  
Events  
2011

## February

Children's Daytime Craft workshops  
– Mon 21, Wed 23 & Fri 25

## April

St George's Day & Easter Bank Holiday  
Civil War Re-enactment  
– Sat 23, Sun 24 & Mon 25

## May

Bank Holiday Guided Tours – Mon 2  
Bank Holiday Tudor Living History Event  
– Sun 29 and Mon 30

## July

Ghost Search – Fri 22

## August

Join our Summer  
Living History Programme

### Meet Characters from the Past:

Tuesdays: 2, 9, 16  
Wednesdays: 3, 10, 17  
Thursdays: 4, 11, 18

### Guided Tours:

Sundays: 7, 14, 21

### Saxon Re-enactment

Sun 28 & Mon 29

### Launch of Staffordshire Hoard Touring Exhibition

Castle Great Hall: Sat 27 to Wed 31

## September

Staffordshire Hoard Touring Exhibition  
Thurs 1 – Sun 18

## October

1920s Murder Mystery  
– Murder in the Museum  
– Sat 1 & Sat 15

### Family Halloween Haunted Castle

– Mon 24 – Fri 28

### Children's Halloween Evening

– Mon 31

### Halloween ghost search – Mon 31

## November

Benfire Night – Sat 5

## December

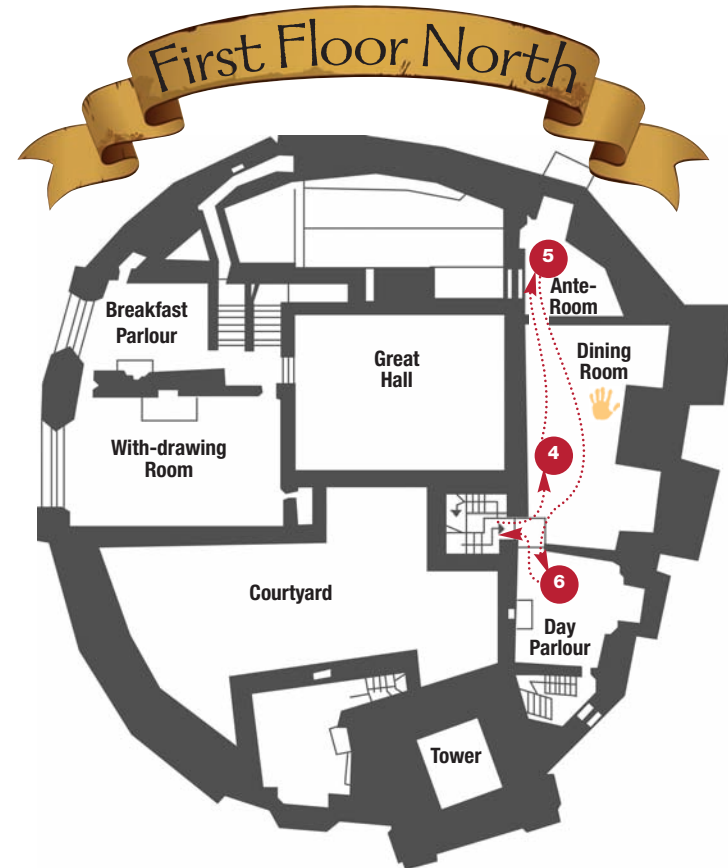
Family Santa Trail  
– Sat 10, 17 & Sun 11, 18

### Tudor Christmas Banquets

– Fri 9 & Sat 10

For all tickets & information  
telephone: 01827 709581  
Check out our new website  
[www.tamworthcastle.co.uk](http://www.tamworthcastle.co.uk)

Explore over 900 years of history  
in this magnificent motte and bailey Castle. With over 15 rooms to discover, your visit  
will have you following in the footsteps of Servants, Knights, Lords and Royalty.



This guide is designed to help you tour the Castle:

- 1 Commence your journey in the **Courtyard and Dungeon**
- 2 a setting for many grisly scenes.
- 3 Enter the **Norman Exhibition**. Go through the door and up the staircase to the first Floor **Tudor Rooms**.
- 4 First sit at the dining table and imagine feasting with the noble family, then learn about food preparation in the **Ante-room** 5 and how the family would be entertained in the **Day Parlour** 6.

Now go up the staircase to the second floor and into the **Tamworth Story Exhibition** 7.

To access the tower, leave through the doorway by the 'boot sign' and go up the stairs.

Come back down from the **Tower** and step forward into the 17th century and the grand **Lady's Chamber** 9 a room that has reputedly been haunted for 900 years.

Continue through to the **Servant's Chamber** 10 and then out onto the **battlements** 11 here you can take up sentry duty and admire the stunning views of the **Courtyard and Castle grounds**.

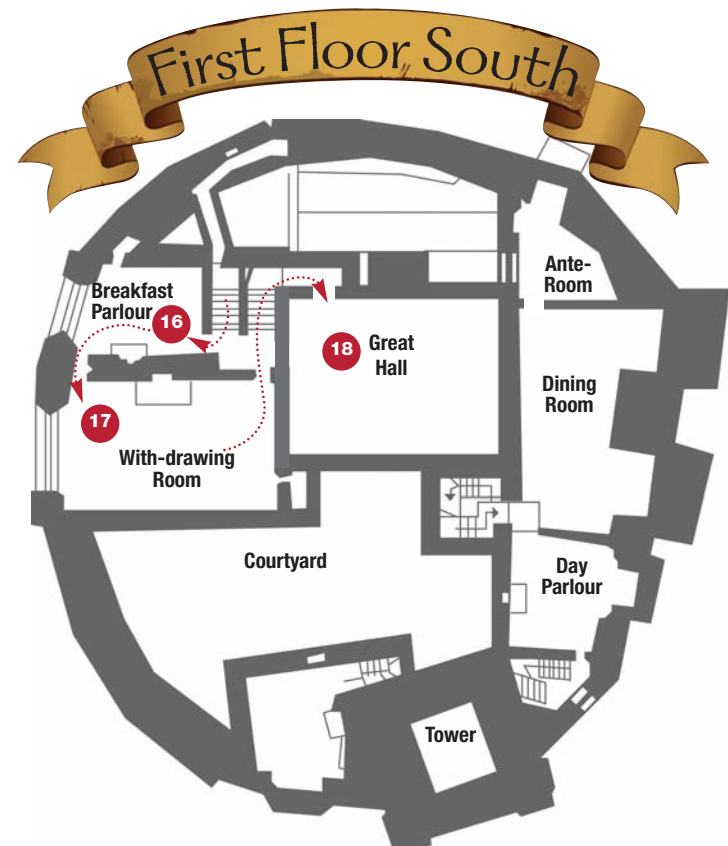
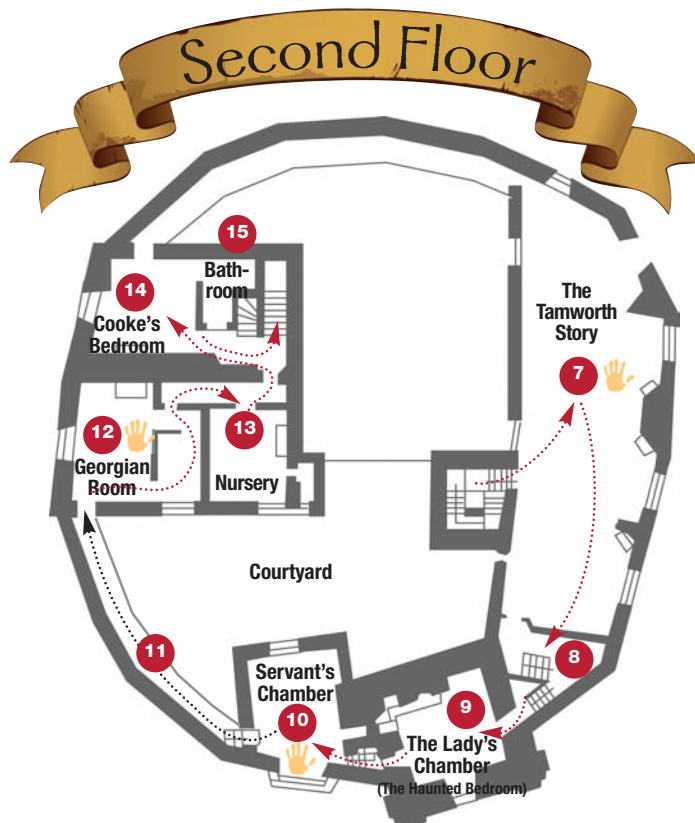
Wander into the **Georgian Room** 12 and follow the corridor into the **Victorian Rooms** of the Cooke household. Look into the **Nursery** 13 and the **bedroom** 14 and **bathroom** 15. Now go down the stairs and enter the **Breakfast Parlour** 16 and around into the grand **With-drawing Room** 17.

Finally sweep down the stairs into the **Great Hall** 18. This magnificent room features a 15th Century timber tie beam roof, decorative lead windows and an amazing display of armour and weaponry.

*This is the end of your tour, we hope you enjoyed your visit. Don't miss a visit to our shop before you leave.*



Please Touch – hands on activities



## Great Families

Through the centuries three powerful noble families have made the Castle their home:

**The Baron Marmions**, Norman Lords and Royal Champions to the early Medieval Kings.

**The Ferrers Family**, wealthy and influential owners of the Castle during Tudor times.

**The Marquis Townshends** who re-fashioned the Castle at the end of the 18th century.



## Groups

Why not bring a group to one of our guided tours? Your costumed guide will bring the Castle's colourful history to life, with tales of past owners and ghostly legends. For further details phone 01827 709626.



## Schools

The award winning Education Team provide a varied programme of workshops for Key Stage 1 to 4 students throughout the year Mon – Fri. Contact the Education Team on 01827 709632, email: [castleducation@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:castleducation@tamworth.gov.uk).



## Staffordshire Hoard

In 2011 Tamworth Castle will welcome the recently discovered Staffordshire Hoard. For a limited time only the Castle will display the key pieces of Saxon gold, in a temporary exhibition. This will mark the return of the hoard to the Ancient Capital of Mercia, the seat of political and military power during Saxon times. Please see our website for dates and the latest information.



## Something for everyone

There is so much to do at Tamworth Castle. Handle period replica objects, sit in the stocks, take your place at the dining table and imagine yourself at a Medieval Banquet, smell the aromas of Tudor cooking and spices.

Explore the Great Hall. Enjoy brass rubbings, try on costumes and much more at Tamworth Castle – don't forget to bring your camera!

## Living History

Learn about the fascinating lives and times of past generations at Tamworth Castle. Come along to one of our many living history days during school and bank holidays. Chat to servants, join in with household duties, meet the noble family and take part in creative workshops. Step back in time and be part of life as it used to be in Medieval, Tudor, Georgian or Victorian times.

