

Aviation Heritage

Lincolnshire is renowned as the 'Home of the Royal Air Force' and has a vast aviation heritage. The county's flat, open countryside and its location made it ideal for the development of airfields during World War I, and in World War II Lincolnshire became the most important home to Bomber Command.

Several airfields are still operational and serving the modern day RAF while former airfields, museums and memorials are witness to the bravery of the men and women who served here in most turbulent times.

How to get here

The district is well connected from the A1, A15, A17 and A46 roads.

Accessibility

Please contact individual venues for accessibility requirements.

CRANWELL AVIATION HERITAGE CENTRE

ALLOW UP TO: 1.5 hours

The Royal Air Force College at Cranwell is a famous landmark in RAF history. A fascinating exhibition recalls in words and photographs the early years of the airfield from its origins as a Royal Naval Air Service Station and the establishment of the College as the first Military Air Academy in the world to its present day operation.

Group ticket price

Please contact the centre for more information.

Parking

Free parking is available on site.

Guided tours

Tours are included within the package; tour group maximum number: 50.

Tours can be tailored to specific needs. Please enquire upon booking.

Opening Times

1 April to 31 October: 7 days per week, 10am to 4.30pm.

1 November to 31 March: Saturdays and Sundays only, 10am to 4pm.

Contact Details

For more information please contact:

Cranwell Aviation Heritage Centre, Heath Farm, North Rauceby, Sleaford, NG34 8QR

Tel: 01529 488490

www.cranwellaviation.co.uk

RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL HERITAGE & ETHOS CENTRE

ALLOW UP TO: 1.5 hours

RAF College Cranwell Heritage & Ethos Centre contains artefacts and exhibitions covering the Flying Training at RAF Cranwell and the Central Flying School over the last 100 years. The Centre pays tribute to the personnel who strived through adversity to succeed within the RAF.

The centre is currently open on Tuesday afternoons by appointment only. Visits can be booked by emailing CRN-RAFC-HandE-CentreBookings@mod.uk. Please note booking is essential.

Group ticket price

Admission to Cranwell Heritage & Ethos Centre is free, however donations are gratefully accepted.

Parking

Parking is free and is located close to the Main Guardroom at RAFC Cranwell. Access will not be permitted without prior booking.

Guided Tours

Tours are available upon request. Please enquire upon booking.

N.B Due to the nature of the station all visitors are required to bring a valid photo ID e.g. driving licence or passport.

Opening Times

The centre is open on Tuesday afternoons and by prior appointment.

Contact Details

For more information please contact:

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RAF DIGBY LIMA SECTOR OPERATIONS MUSEUM

ALLOW UP TO: 1.5 hours

This restored Fighter Command Sector Operations Room is an original 1937 bunker that details the history of RAF Digby from 1918 to present day. It's unique archive of documents, photographs and equipment on display depicts the station's history.

Group ticket price

Admission to the Lima Sector Operations Museum is free, however donations are gratefully received. Please note booking is essential.

Parking

Parking is available at the Sports Ground Car Park opposite Digby main gate situated on the B1191 between the A15 and Scopwick, south of Lincoln.

Guided Tours

Tours are available upon request. Please enquire upon booking.

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Opening Times

Every Sunday at 11am from the first Sunday in May to the first Sunday in October.

Contact Details

For more information please contact:

RAF Digby, Cuckoo Lane, Ashby de la Launde, LN4 3LH

Tel: 01526 327272

www.raf.mod.uk/rafdigby

METHERINGHAM AIRFIELD VISITOR CENTRE

ALLOW UP TO: 1.5 hours

Metheringham Airfield Visitor Centre is a museum dedicated to the memory of 106 Squadron and those who served at RAF Metheringham during World War II. Built for heavy Lancaster Bombers in 1943 the remains of one of the runways has been narrowed and is now used as a public road. The museum is housed in original wartime buildings and a World War II Dakota is also exhibited as they operated from there. Refreshments are also available.

Group Ticket Price

Admission to Metheringham Airfield Visitor Centre is free however additional staffing may be required for larger parties and will therefore incur a small charge.

Parking

There is free ample parking available on site.

Guided Tours

Guided tours are available upon request. Please enquire upon booking.

Opening Times

End of March to end of October, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays 11am to 5pm, Wednesdays 11am to 4pm. For larger parties please contact the site directly.

Contact Details

For more information please contact:

Metheringham Airfield Visitor Centre, Westmoor Farm, Martin Moor, Metheringham, LN4 3WF

www.metheringhamairfield.co.uk

RAF WADDINGTON HERITAGE CENTRE

ALLOW UP TO: 1 hour

RAF Waddington Heritage Centre allows you to step into the history of RAF Waddington. Travel back in time and engage with its history, from the wreckage of the downed Avro Lancaster PD-259 from World War II through to the Vulcan bomber XM607 of Black Buck fame, which currently stands as the Station's gate guardian.

Group Travel

explore • discover • experience

Group Ticket Price

Admission to Waddington Heritage Centre is free although donations are gratefully accepted. Please note booking is essential.

Parking

Parking is available on site. Please enquire upon booking.

Guided Tours

Guided tours are available. Please enquire upon booking.

N.B Due to the nature of the station all visitors are required to bring a valid photo ID e.g. driving licence or passport.

Opening Times

The Centre is open on an appointment basis. Please use the contact details below.

Contact Details

For more information please contact:

RAF Waddington, Lincoln, LN5 9NB

Email: WAD-Heritagecentre@mod.uk

www.raf.mod.uk/rafwaddington/aboutus/heritagecentre.cfm

WADDINGTON AIRCRAFT VIEWING EXPERIENCE

The Waddington Viewing Experience is situated south of Lincoln on the A15 overlooking RAF Waddington. The site can offer a unique opportunity to view aircraft, such as E3-D Sentry, Sentinel and Shadow R1 as well as visiting military aircraft. Please note all aircraft do not fly on a daily basis.

Parking offers unrestricted views over the airfield with a snack bar and gift shop on the site also.

Group Ticket Price

Admission to Waddington Viewing Experience is free.

Opening Times

Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm

Sundays, 9am to 2pm

Contact Details

For more information please contact:

The Sentry Post, Sleaford Road (A15), Waddington, Lincoln, LN5 9FG

www.raf.mod.uk/rafwaddington

INTERNATIONAL BOMBER COMMAND CENTRE

The International Bomber Command Centre is still under construction. However the first phase including the UK's tallest War Memorial, the Walls of Names, which carry the names of 26,296 young men from 30 different countries, and the Lincolnshire Peace Gardens have been completed and are available for viewing. The visitor centre and International Peace Gardens are currently being built and are expected to be completed in August 2017.

The IBCC offer free guided tours of the site but these must be pre-booked.

Group Ticket Price

Admission is free. Donations are welcomed.

Tours available

Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm

Contact Details

To book please email events@internationalbcc.co.uk or call 01778 421420
For more information on the project please visit www.internationalbcc.co.uk

NORTH KESTEVEN AIRFIELD TRAIL

The North Kesteven Airfield Trail has been designed to enable you to fully experience the District's rich aviation heritage. It provides details of the District's active RAF stations and former airfield sites that are testament to the role that North Kesteven played in the history of military aviation.

This informative guide allows you to follow a route that can be enjoyed within a comfortable days drive, or for a more leisurely tour, spend a few days combining the trail with visits to aviation attractions and other places of interest nearby.

Copies of this FREE guide can be obtained by contacting the North Kesteven District Council Tourism Team on **01529 308207** or email discovernk@n-kesteven.gov.uk you can also find it online at www.heartoflincs.com



Welcome to the Heart of Lincolnshire!

Nestling in the Heart of Lincolnshire, North Kesteven has much to offer – whether it is its own, many varied delights, or as an ideal place to explore the many attractions of the district as well as neighboring towns and cities with their churches, castles, cathedral and coastline.

For more information please contact the North Kesteven District Council Tourism Team on 01529 308102 or email discovernk@n-kesteven.gov.uk

For more information about accommodation, restaurants and other eateries or for a copy of their latest Heart of Lincolnshire Leisure and Days Out Guide visit:

www.heartoflincs.com

For more information about Aviation Heritage in Lincolnshire please visit

www.aviationheritagelincolnshire.com