

Where to find us

The museum is located on Morrison's Atlas Mills Supermarket site (next to the petrol station)

Mornington Road
Off Chorley Old Road
Bolton
BL1 4EU

NMES Website :

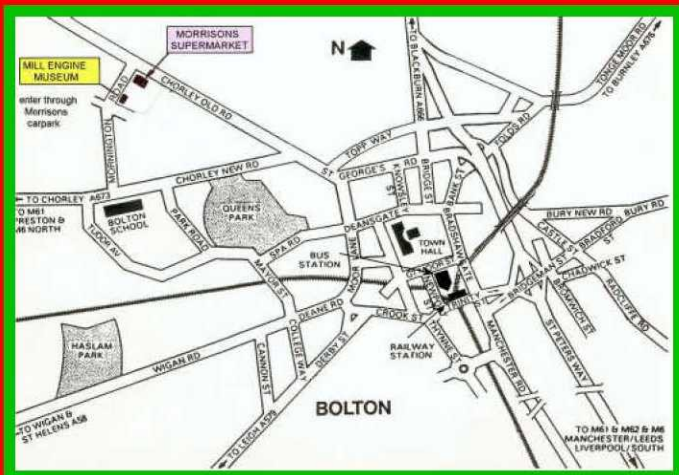


We are situated 1.5 miles north-west of Bolton town centre on bus route No 125 which runs from Bolton Interchange to Preston on Chorley Old Road (B6226)

The Society's volunteers are usually working on site on Wednesdays and Sundays. Interested visitors are very welcome to drop in to view the engines when we are able to demonstrate some on electric drive. However, if you are coming any distance, other than on a Steam Day, it is best to check our website in advance.

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Further information is available on our website
www.nmes.org



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Bolton Steam Museum



The largest collection of working textile mill steam engines in the country

IN STEAM - 2024

Sunday & Monday 5 - 6 May
Sunday & Monday 26 - 27 May
Sunday & Monday 25 - 26 August
Saturday & Sunday 26 - 27 Oct
Saturday & Sunday 28 - 29 Dec

10am - 4pm

Admission Free

Donations to Northern Mill Engine Society

The Northern Mill Engine Society

Bolton Steam museum is operated entirely by volunteers from the Northern Mill Engine Society. Our aim is to preserve some of the stationary steam engines which drove the cotton mills of the North of England. It is housed in an original warehouse which used to store the bales of raw cotton for Atlas Mills.

The collection of 30 engines is now one of the largest in the country. If you visit us, you can see these magnificent machines close-up and appreciate how they once provided the power for the Industrial Revolution.

Our larger engines include a giant 40-ton "McNaughted" beam engine, a very rare 1840 twin-beam engine and a unique "non-dead-centre" vertical engine built by Musgraves of Bolton. A number of other engines are also on display, including a small engine "Caroline" that used to drive Fred Dibnah's workshop. All of them can be seen in motion on regular steam days.



McNaughted compound beam engine from a mill in Marsden, near Huddersfield



An inverted vertical engine from the "Diamond Ropeworks" at Royton, nr Oldham

There is free parking on the Supermarket car-park and a small second-hand book shop and refreshment stall operate on steam days. Admission is free but donations are appreciated to help meet the cost of raising steam in the boiler. The museum is disabled-accessible with level floors, lift and toilets.

The engines can be viewed (static) on Wednesdays and Sundays (11am - 3pm) when some of the engines can be operated on electric drive.

Group visits and coach parties can be arranged at any time with advance notice.

We are still working to develop the interior of the museum and the restoration work continues. Volunteers who would like to help are always very welcome, regardless of experience, any Wednesday or Sunday.