The Gardens

Ayscoughfee Hall stands in five acres of Gardens that now form a fabulous public park, and there are some great surprises hidden here! There’s a war memorial designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens (the man responsible for London’s Cenotaph), an ice house from the 1700s and an amazing array of sculpted yew trees that were planted over 300 years ago!

There’s also a café for snacks and refreshments. Ayscoughfee Café is open year-round, and serves a wide range of hot and cold drinks, home-made cakes and light meals, and ever-popular ice cream!

Opening Times

Ayscoughfee Hall

Wednesday - Sunday
(Closed Monday and Tuesday)
10.30am - 4pm
Open Bank Holidays
10.30am - 4pm

Gardens (all year)

Monday - Saturday
8am until dusk
Sunday 10am until dusk

Ayscoughfee Café

April - September
10am - 5pm
October - March
10am - 3.30pm

Information

◆ The Hall and Gardens are fully accessible.
◆ Spalding town centre just a few minutes walk away.
◆ Limited parking nearby for people with impaired mobility.
◆ The Hall is licensed for civil marriage and partnership ceremonies. Please ask to speak to one of our wedding coordinators for further information.
◆ The Hall’s Geest Gallery has a frequently changing range of exhibitions, throughout the year, mostly by local artists. Please ask for further information if you are interested in showing your artworks here.
◆ We have an access guide and a visitors’ guide, both of which are available from our Reception Desk or are downloadable from our website.
◆ Sorry, but no dogs are allowed in the Hall except assistance dogs.
◆ Meeting rooms for hire.

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Many of the owners of the Hall, originally built in the 1450s, have left their mark upon it. They changed it as the needs of their families and the fashion of their times changed. So a visit to Ayscoughfee is a chance to experience many different architectural styles and features, from the Medieval to the Victorian via the Georgian!

But Ayscoughfee is not all about architecture. A visit is an opportunity to come face to face with some of the people that lived here too. A lord mayor of London and the founder of one of the world’s oldest museums have all called Ayscoughfee home. Come and discover what their lives, as well as those of their families and servants, were like.

The Museum

Ayscoughfee Hall houses an award winning Museum where the history of this wonderful building is fully explored. That’s not the only story the Museum tells though.

The town of Spalding is the gateway to the Fens, and the long tale of the Fenlands and the people who lived upon them is as fascinating as any.

Audio Guide available in English and Russian

The Museum hosts a lively programme of events throughout the year, both in the Hall and in the Gardens. Visit our website or call in for more details.