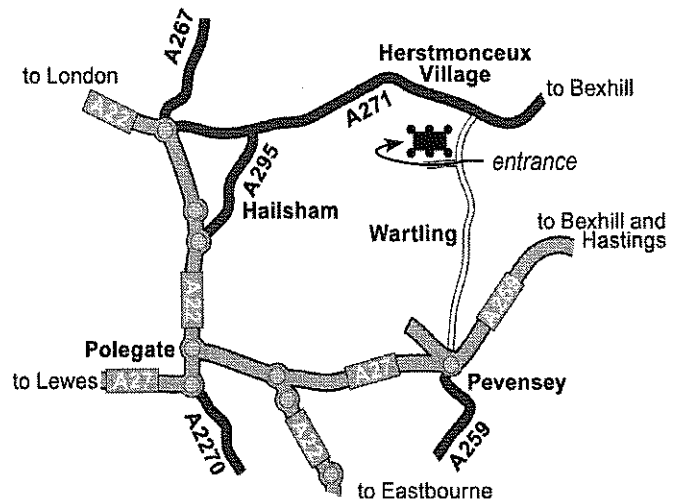


4 How to find us

Increasingly, coach drivers are taking a variety of routes to the Science Centre which are not always the most direct. Time at the centre is precious during educational visits and it is vital that coach drivers know where they are going and how to find the centre.

We are not permitted to have any more brown tourist signs and please do not use our postcode in your GPS as this will lead you to the wrong entrance. Our entrance is at the junction of Wartling Road & Halley Road (private road in the Herstmonceux Castle estate)



The latitude and longitude for GPS users is

50° 52' 06.89" N
0° 20' 56.24" E

National Grid reference TQ 65266 10365

Maidenhead locator JO 00 EU

The Science Centre is 1 ½ miles south of the A271 mid-way between Battle & Hailsham in East Sussex

- From the north: look for the brown signs to 'Herstmonceux Castle and Science Centre' pointing south from the A271, between Windmill Hill & Boreham Street.
- From the south east: at the Pevensey roundabout (junction of A27 & A259) follow the signs to 'Wartling'. The entrance to the Science Centre is 1 mile beyond Wartling on the left.
- From the south west: approach via the A27 Polegate bypass to the Pevensey roundabout, as above.

5 Parking

- Please ask the coach driver to enter the Herstmonceux castle estate and to use the designated hard standing coach park, you then make your way on foot (approx 100m) bringing all personal possessions with you. Coaches are not permitted to drive to the entrance of the Science Centre.
- Cars & minibuses may use the car parking field
- Disabled access is at the rear of the main building, with 2 disabled parking bays and wheelchair access. This is not accessible for coaches.
- Your coach / minibus driver may visit the Science Centre free of charge during your visit and is entitled to a free tea / coffee.

6 When you arrive

- A member of the Science Centre staff will greet your group at the white entrance gates and lead you to your base for the day (usually the geodesic dome).
- There will be a short welcome & safety talk before the group are permitted to use the facilities.
- The timetable for your visit will be distributed to group leaders, detailing times for all of the activities.
- You will be shown where to leave bags, coats, lunches etc

Children should stay in their allocated groups, with their group leader, throughout the visit.

7 In the centre

- **Hands-On:** there is no set order in which to tour the 'hands-on' corridor. The exhibits are displayed in themed exhibition areas and pupils should be encouraged to explore one set of exhibits at a time rather than spread along the length of the corridor. Groups can start in different areas and make their own way around.
- **Bridge Building:** a member of Science Centre staff will find your group when it is time for the bridge building workshop and lead you to the activity.
- **Discovery Park & Water Park areas:** these are an outdoor facility and may not be useable in all weathers. You will be advised on the day.
- **Telescope Tours:** you will be advised where to meet for these tours.
- **Shop & Lunch break:** please make your own way to the shop and to the lunch area at the designated times, as shown on your timetable. Please note that the picnic benches beside the pond are not for schools.
- A first aid room is available if required. Any accident should always be reported to a member of Science Centre staff even if it has been dealt with by your own first aider.