

The fee for the planetarium presentation is £1.50 per head, with staff provided entry fee of charge. It is possible to arrange joint visits with the Castle Eden Walkway Ranger Service for large school groups. You will need to discuss these arrangements with staff at the Walkway. For further information please contact:

Planetarium Director - (01740) 630544

Walkway Ranger - (01740) 630011

Please note: the Planetarium is available for any group to book including Scouts, guides, Women's Institutes, etc. Please contact the Planetarium Director for details.

Space souvenirs are available in the gift shop after your visit.

Transport

The Green Bus Scheme can provide, if required, financial help towards the cost of transport, not only to the Castle Eden Walkway, but to many other countryside sites. A leaflet describing the scheme is enclosed.

CASTLE EDEN WALKWAY
COUNTRY PARK

PLANETARIUM

...a new educational resource at

The Country Park, Thorpe Thewles,
near Stockton-on-Tees.

A joint project of Stockton Borough Council and the
Cleveland and Darlington Astronomical Society

CASTLE EDEN WALKWAY

PLANETARIUM

A new educational facility for schools

Opening 2002 on the picturesque and popular Castle Eden Walkway, Thorpe Thewles, just outside Stockton-on-Tees on the A177.

Beat the street lights!

British weather and street lights often prevent a good view of the night sky with its constellation patterns of stars, wandering planets, and our own moon.

A planetarium can recreate, even on a cloudy day, the inspiration of a starry sky and the wonders of the universe. The 72-seater Castle Eden Walkway Planetarium will do this, and more. It will help the educational community meet the needs of the National Curriculum at all levels.

Explore the universe

At Castle Eden Walkway, the planetarium will also show multi-media presentations of the Northern Lights, exploring the planets, viewing and eclipse, following spacecraft on their journeys of discovery, and probing the universe beyond our Milky Way galaxy.

See live Pictures through a telescope

The nearby observatory (only fifty metres away) has been a popular attraction since 1994, and holds probably the biggest working telescope of its kind in the north of England. It will be electronically linked to the planetarium, and during the day-time, when the sun is shining, we hope to transmit live pictures to classes in the planetarium showing the fiery flames of the sun (under strict safety regulations), and sunspots as big as the earth. The link with the telescope will show pre-recorded details on the moon and planets and close-up views of star-clusters and galaxies.

Link-up with California

On certain occasions, a live link-up with large professional telescope on the top of Mt. Wilson, California, will be available. We have complete control over the telescope and the camera, with the pictures downloaded to the class as they watch!

Presentation Details

The planetarium presentation lasts for 1 hour, the level of which can be set to Key Stage 1, 2, 3 or 4 or according to the pupils' needs.

Resource material for follow-up activities will be available to the accompanying staff after the presentations.

Booking Form for schools and colleges

School	Number of pupils	Date	Session	Key stage/ level

Please would you kindly provide contact details for your school:

Name: _____

School address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

e-mail: _____

Please send booking forms to:

Castle Eden Walkway Planetarium
Station House Visitor Centre
Thorpe thewles
Stockton-on-Tees
TS21 3JG
Tel: 01740 630011



Bookings can also be made via e-mail: john.mccue@ntlworld.com