

CONDUCTED TOURS OF DORE ABBEY

Organised groups are most welcome to visit the Abbey. Unless a service or other celebration is taking place, groups may come at any time.

The usual format is for the group to arrive at the southern lychgate on the B 4347 Ewyas Harold to Hay road. Cars may be parked along the road. Coaches may drop visitors off at the gate, turning if required to allow passengers to alight without crossing the road. There is a rest point for a coach 200 yards away. Post code is HR2 0AA.

The party will be met, and led into the Abbey, where tea, coffee and biscuits are available. Guides will be allocated at a maximum of 15 visitors per guide. The tour, which includes the Abbey grounds, usually lasts about one hour, but may be lengthened or shortened if required. There is also scope to tailor the content to particular interests. It is usual to allow one hour and a half from arrival to departure.

Portaloos are available, except in winter, when it may be possible to arrange the use of facilities in the nearby village hall. Wheelchair access is provided. Sensible footwear is recommended.

Plans of the Abbey are available free of charge, and an illustrated guide book is for sale for £4

The charge for coffee, tea and biscuits is £1.50 per person. For conducted tours it is usual to make a minimum donation of £4 per person, and for self-guided group tours a minimum of £3 per person. The money raised helps towards the upkeep of this historic building, which does not receive financial help from Church or State for running costs. It would be appreciated if the total could be paid in a lump sum, either in cash, or cheque to Friends of Dore Abbey, at the time of the visit.

Intending group organisers are requested to contact Bob Davies on 01981 241 103 to discuss their proposed date, numbers and requirements as long before the visit as possible.

Local attractions include; Kentchurch Court, Kilpeck Church and Skenfrith Church, all of which offer guided tours.

