



TANGMERE
military aviation museum

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to the Museum and we hope you enjoy your time with us. The Museum map on the back page and the other information contained within this booklet is design to assist you in your visit.

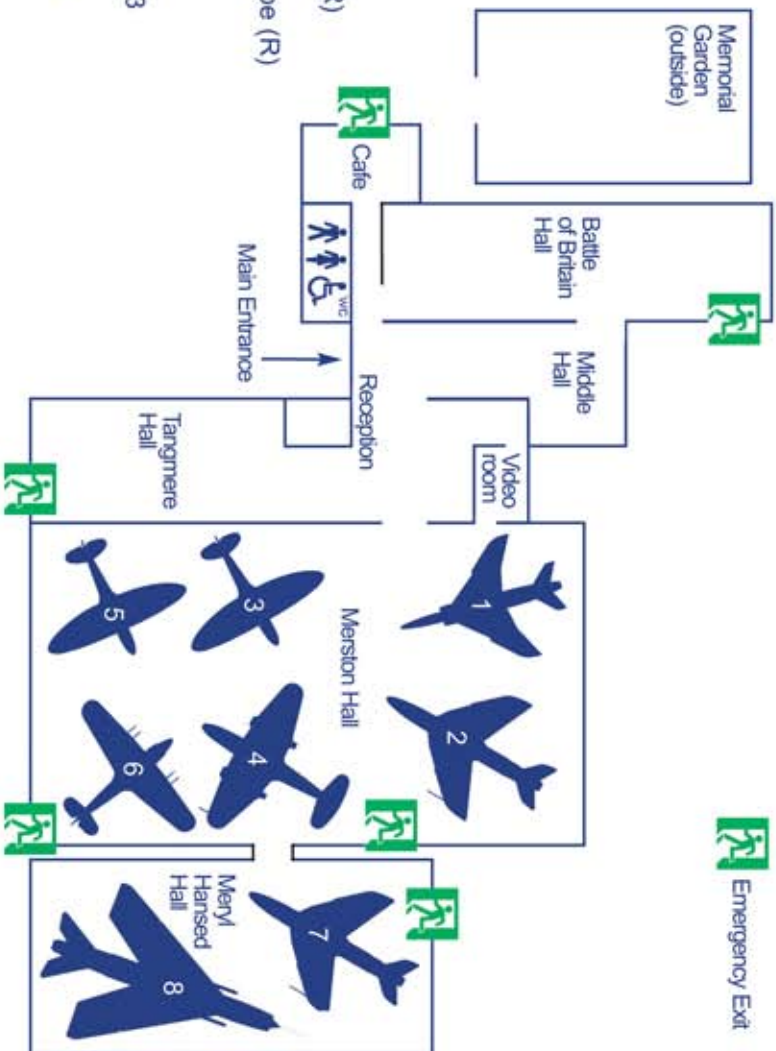
Tangmere Airfield was established in 1916 and remained in continuous RAF service until 1969. Its illustrious history as one of Britain's premier frontline fighter bases was never more clearly emphasised than in WWII when Tangmere pilots fought many of the grim air battles that paved the way to the Allies ultimate victory in 1945. After the war it became home to the RAF's High Speed Flight and the two World Airspeed Records were achieved from Tangmere in 1946 and 1953 respectively.

Tangmere Military Aviation Museum was established in 1982 and the collection, which originally comprised a single aircraft, has now grown to one of the most important and fascinating Museums of its type in the country. It is the only museum in the world housing and displaying two actual aircraft which broke the World Airspeed Record.

VISITOR INFORMATION



MAP OF THE MUSEUM



Merston Hall

1. Supermarine Swift FR.5
2. Hawker Hunter Mk.3
3. Supermarine Spitfire Mk V (R)
4. Gloster Meteor F.4 Special
5. Supermarine Spitfire Prototype (R)
6. Hawker Hurricane 1 (R)

Meryl Hansed Hall

7. Hawker Hunter F.5
8. English Electric Lightning F53

Outside

- De Havilland Sea Vixen FAW2
- Westland Whirlwind HAS.7
- Westland Wessex HU.5
- Lockheed T-33A
- Gloster Meteor F.8
- McDonnell Douglas Phantom FGR2

Summary of Halls



Reception Area

The Museum's shop and model of RAF Tangmere between the World Wars, USA exhibit and the Museum's Cinema.

Battle of Britain Hall

Remembrance Corner, Battle of Britain memorabilia, Poets Corner and Aerial Photography Exhibition.

Middle Hall

Home Front and Dambusters Exhibit.

Tangmere Hall

SOE Exhibit: History of RAF Tangmere, First World War, Museum Picture Gallery and an exhibition on the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Meryl Hansed Hall

The Meryl Hansed Hall contains the F53 Lightning and the Mk 5 Hunter, both of which were gifted to the Museum by Raymond and the late Meryl Hansed in whose honour the hall is named.

Merston Hall

Six aircraft, engines, a display of propellers and simulator.

Aircraft Exhibits



The Museum has some excellent aircraft and powerplant exhibits including the World Airspeed Record breaking Gloster Meteor F.4 Special (flown by 'Teddy' Donaldson in 1946) and Hawker Hunter Mk.3 (flown in 1953 by the Museum's late President Neville Duke). Both these aircraft are on loan from the RAF Museum.

Situated in the Merston Hall is a tribute to R.J. Mitchell, the designer of the Spitfire, with an excellent replica of the prototype Spitfire that first flew in 1936.

Join us as a Volunteer



If you enjoy your visit maybe you might like to join us as a Volunteer. We are particularly looking for: **Web Developers • Reception and Shop Staff • Guides and Security Staff • Carpentry and General Maintenance Staff • Aircraft Mechanics • Electrical Maintenance Staff • Aviation Artefact Researchers**. Contact us on 01243 790090 or Email your details to us at info@tangmere-museum.org.uk

General Information



Memorial Garden

The Museum has a Memorial Garden which you may like to visit situated behind the Museum's Cafeteria.

Simulators

The Museum has 3 excellent interactive simulators which are enjoyed by young and grown-up 'pilots' alike. If you would like to 'fly' a simulator please ask one of the Museum Guides.

Toilets

Toilets are located between the Reception area and the Cafeteria.

Refreshments

The Museum has a Cafeteria that provides Morning Coffee, Lunches (hot and cold) and Afternoon Tea. The Museum also has a picnic area outside the front entrance on the grass.

Children's Questionnaires

The Museum has Quiz Pages for primary and secondary school aged children visiting the Museum. These are available at reception.

Fire

If the fire alarm sounds (a very loud noise) please leave the museum by the nearest Emergency Exit - shown on the map in green. Our Guides will assist you in leaving the building. The assembly area is the Museum's car park.

Photography

Photography is permitted in the two halls where the aircraft are exhibited (Merston and Meryl Hansed Halls) but *not* in the other halls of the Museum.

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Suggestions

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