

Victorian Costume

What to Wear for Victorian Newstead



All visitors should carry a handkerchief and dress warmly with plenty of layers of clothing. Being built of stone, Newstead Abbey is cold within during all seasons, particularly in winter. Shawls should be firmly tied in place. Children should not wear hats of any kind in the house. Mrs Webb is very particular that all visitors should have clean hands

Girls

Long sleeves, high necked blouses or dresses
Skirts calf or ankle length, covered with a pinafore
Tights and outdoor shoes
Shawls optional
Hair in plaits, bunches or ringlets, pinned up or simply neatly brushed

Women

Long sleeve, high necked blouses or dresses
Skirts and dresses full length
Optional: fitted jackets, hats, long white aprons, shawls
Hair pinned up or neatly brushed

Boys

Thick, long sleeved shirt
Shorts to below knees (long trousers tucked into socks)
Long socks and outdoor shoes



Optional: braces, neckerchief, muffler (tied like a cravat), jacket, waistcoat

Hair neatly brushed

Men

Thick, long sleeved shirt

Long trousers

Heavy shoes

Optional: braces, waistcoat, jacket, neckerchief, stiff collar and tie, muffler (tied like a cravat)

Bowler hat or flat cap

Hair neatly brushed