

the History



Wilton Carpet Factory is sited in a unique location on the River Wylde in the historic town of Wilton, the ancient capital of Wessex.

The Factory is the direct descendant of a weaving industry which began in Wilton more than 300 years ago.

Wilton carpets as we know them today were created by a French weaver brought to England by the Earl of Pembroke in the early part of the 18th century to teach the local weavers his skills. By the end of the century Wilton and its carpets were famous.

In 1835 redundant hand looms were brought from the bankrupt Axminster factory in Devon and set up in Wilton. Luxurious hand knotted Axminster carpets, where each tuft was individually tied by hand, were made alongside traditional Wilton carpets until 1958.

Although the power loom has long since taken over from the hand loom, the Wilton Carpet Factory continues to produce top quality Wilton and Axminster carpets.

Carpets from Wilton have graced homes and palaces all over the world for decades.

Factory & Exhibition Tours

Monday - Friday: 11.00 am, 12.30 pm, 2.00 pm, 3.30 pm
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Length of Visit: The guided tours last approximately 1 hour and includes the carpet making exhibition, working factory and admission to the Wilton Town Museum. To include the Shopping Village please allow 2 hours for your visit.

Open Daily

Monday to Friday : 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Prices

Adult	£4.00
Senior Citizen	£3.75
Child 5-16	£2.00
Under 5	FREE
Family Ticket	£10.00
(2 Adults and 2 Children)	

Wilton Passport

Flexible joint tickets to Wilton Carpet Factory and Wilton House can be purchased at either attraction with 20% off the individual rate and can be used at any time between the date of purchase and Sunday 26th October.

Group Bookings

A discount is available for groups of 15 or more, who should pre-book.

The Wilton Experience

A combined day-out package including the Carpet Factory and Wilton House, and The Wilton Shopping Village. A visit to the Wilton Garden Centre can also be arranged. The attractions are all within easy reach of each other.

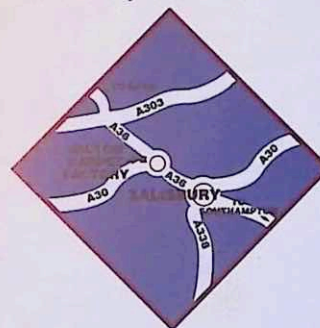
Disabled Visitors

Special toilet facilities are available and most of the site is accessible by wheelchair.

Please ask for separate details on any of the above.

How to get there

The Wilton Carpet Factory and the Wilton Shopping Village are located on the A30 approximately 3 miles west of Salisbury.



The Wilton Carpet Factory
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of Carpet Making*

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VISIT the world famous Wilton Carpet Factory and experience luxury carpet making based on 300 years of tradition. You will be amazed at the experience.

Explore the Town Museum, a history of Wilton, in words, pictures and strange artefacts.

The Factory is sited alongside the Wilton Shopping Village where you can discover an exciting selection of shops offering a wide variety of clothing and household goods.

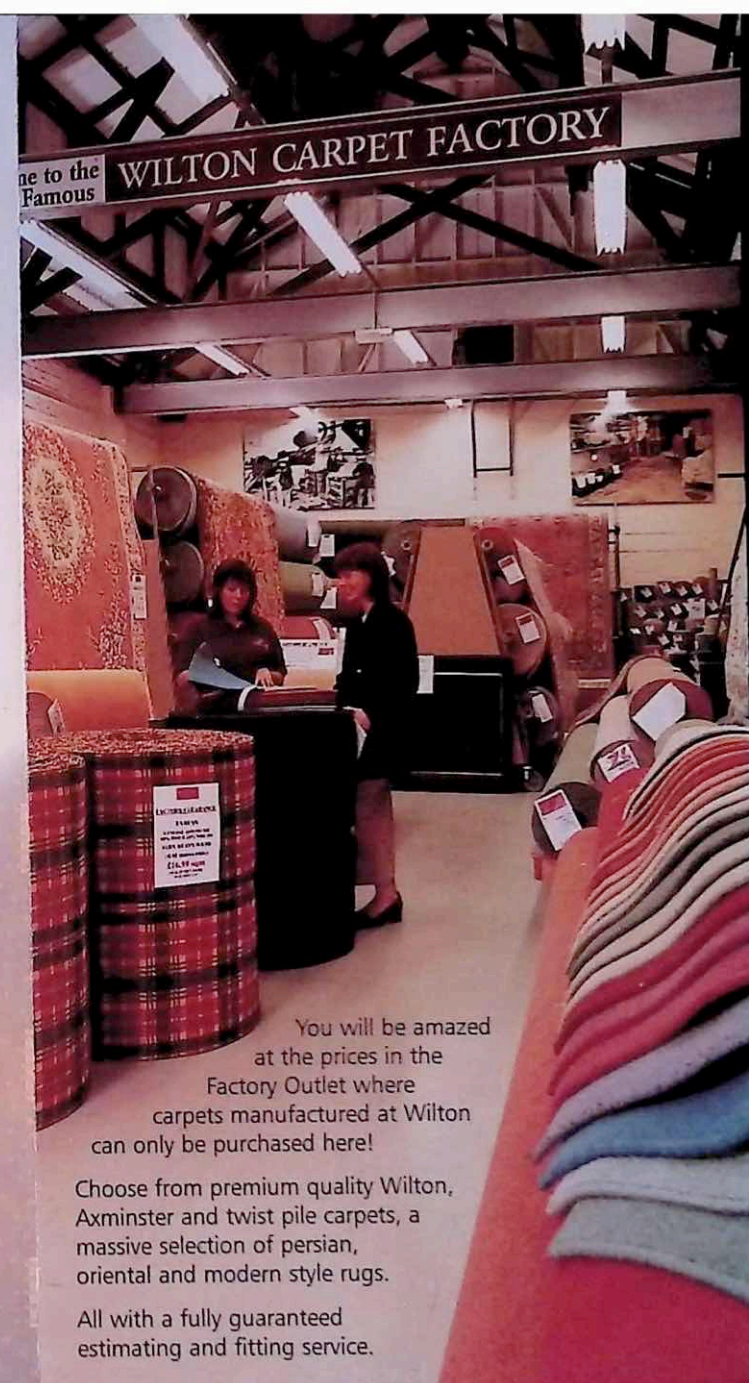
Complete your visit by relaxing over a snack or full meal in the Village restaurant.



UNRAVEL the mysteries of Wilton and Axminster carpet manufacturing by visiting the carpet making exhibition with regular demonstrations of hand weaving. Then tour the modern working factory which combines traditional craftsmanship with up to date technology.



- ◆ **SEE** the Mighty Carpet Powerlooms in action...
...some dating from 1922
- ◆ **MARVEL** at the processes involved in the production of these magnificent carpets...
...winding, creeling, weaving, picking, sizing and shearing
- ◆ **EXPERIENCE** the atmosphere of a busy working factory...
...and meet the friendly and skilful staff who still produce these beautiful carpets
- ◆ **YOU** may want to return, to design your own carpet....
... with our custom bespoke service



You will be amazed at the prices in the Factory Outlet where carpets manufactured at Wilton can only be purchased here!

Choose from premium quality Wilton, Axminster and twist pile carpets, a massive selection of persian, oriental and modern style rugs.

All with a fully guaranteed estimating and fitting service.

◆ Wilton Shopping Village
◆ Wilton Town Museum

◆ Factory & Carpet Exhibition Tours
◆ Restaurant

◆ Carpet Factory Shop
◆ Free Parking