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## Ruin and rebellion: uncovering the past at Tutbury Castle

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This exhibition explores the history and archaeology of Tutbury Castle in Staffordshire.

Tutbury Castle dominates the landscape on the border of Derbyshire and Staffordshire. The site has been used from prehistoric times to the present day, and the castle itself is linked with many important figures and events in English history.

The exhibition traces the history of the castle site through a combination of archaeological finds, which provide evidence about the occupation of the site from the past 10,000 years, and pictures, which show the changing appearance of the castle since the 1560s.

The centrepiece of the display is part of the Tutbury Hoard of 1831 – the largest hoard ever found in Britain – and an exploration of why the hoard was buried in the first place, and what happened after it was found. Other objects in the display show coins, prints and drawings from the British Museum's collection alongside recent excavation finds and objects from the collections of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent.

***Ruin and rebellion: uncovering the past at Tutbury Castle*** is related to a research project on Tutbury Castle by the British Museum and Birmingham University, with support from the Duchy of Lancaster.

Image:

1. Detail of a print of Tutbury Castle, 1733. Derived from a drawing of the 1560s. Courtesy of the Duchy of Lancaster.
2. Silver penny of Edward I (1272–1307) from the Tutbury Hoard.



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