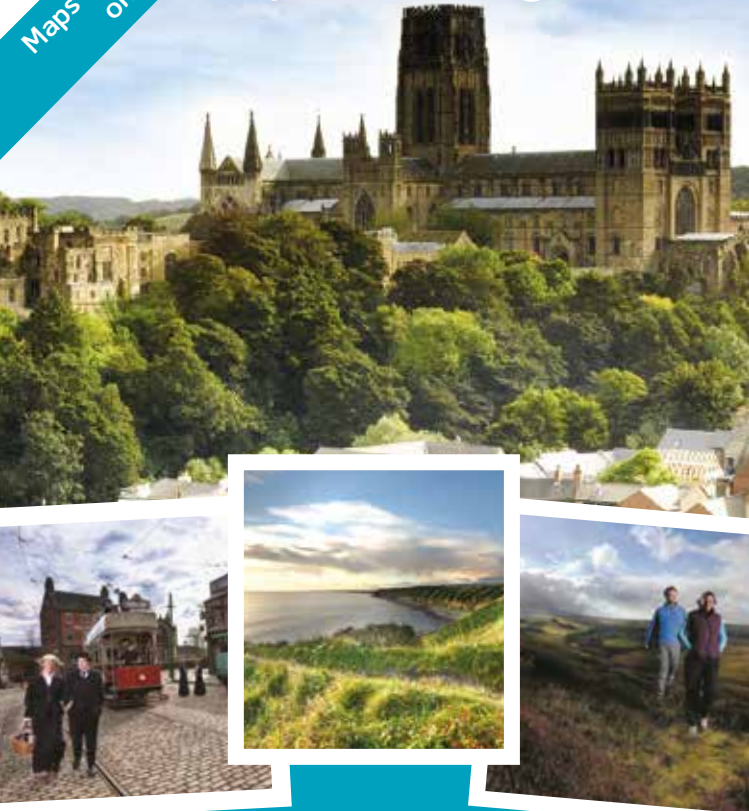


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Durham pocket guide



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Your essential guide of things to see and do
in **Durham City**, the **Durham Dales**,
Vale of Durham and **Durham Coast**.



Welcome to Durham, an amazing county with breathtaking dales, a dramatic coastline, a vale steeped in history and a vibrant city at its heart.

The Durham City skyline is one of the most stunning city panoramas in Europe, dominated by **Durham Castle** and **Durham Cathedral** – described by author Bill Bryson as ‘the best cathedral on planet earth’. You can discover the stories behind this UNESCO World Heritage Site – which this year celebrates 30 years since becoming one of the first to be designated in the UK – at the **World Heritage Site Visitor Centre** and by exploring **Open Treasure** at Durham Cathedral, a world-class exhibition space opening in spring 2016.

Get a glimpse of times gone by at enthralling attractions across the county. In the Vale of Durham, board a tram at **Beamish – The Living Museum of the North**. Discover the county’s role in the development of the railways at **Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon**, or visit **Auckland Castle** which was the palace of the Prince Bishops of Durham for over 900 years, and home to a stunning Spanish art collection. The castle will also provide the backdrop to the eagerly-awaited spectacular open air night show – **Kynren – an epic tale of England**. A series of 14 performances, between July and September, will take audiences on a storytelling journey of 2000 years.

In the Durham Dales, look out for the resident deer at **Raby Castle**, one of England’s finest medieval castles, or head to **Killhope**, an award-winning Victorian lead mining museum.

For those craving culture, you will find a host of fascinating museums across the county. In Durham City, **Durham University’s Oriental Museum** is the only museum in the North of England dedicated to the art and archaeology of Northern Africa and Asia. **Durham University’s Palace Green Library** displays some of their own riches, as well as hosting world-class exhibitions. And in the Durham Dales you will encounter the sight of a French-style château as **The Bowes Museum** comes into view, where you can explore stunning themed galleries of fine and decorative arts, and enjoy contemporary and traditional exhibitions.

Enjoy some peaceful time out in one of the county’s many green spaces. **Crook Hall and Gardens** is an oasis of calm, just a short stroll from Durham City centre, or head to **Durham University’s Botanic Garden** to get back to nature. And in the Vale of Durham, **Hardwick Park** offers woodland and wildlife in a historic setting. Durham’s great outdoors provides the perfect opportunity to get active or enjoy some peace and

tranquillity. Escape to the stunning surroundings of the **Durham Dales** and **North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**, now officially designated a UNESCO Global Geopark. A photo opportunity not to be missed is **High Force**, one of England’s most spectacular waterfalls. At **Hamsterley Forest** you can explore 2,000 hectares of woodland, or stroll along the coastal path for dramatic views of the **Durham Heritage Coast**.

For family fun, there are great days out to be had across the county, including **Hall Hill Farm** and **Adventure Valley**.

For the best in live entertainment, head to **Gala Theatre** in Durham City, and for live sporting action, catch the county team and international matches at the **Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground**.

Durham City is also the perfect place for a little retail therapy. High street favourites sit alongside independent retailers, boutiques and craft shops, and the Victorian **Durham Market Hall** houses over 50 traders. If you’re looking for a bargain, head to **Dalton Park**, the biggest outlet shopping centre in the region.

Across the county, towns including **Bishop Auckland** and **Chester-le-Street** in the Vale of Durham, **Barnard Castle** and **Stanhope** in the Durham Dales and **Seaham** on the Durham Coast are waiting to be explored.

There’s only one thing for it... stay a little longer.

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How to use this guide

This handy guide will help you make the most of your time in our amazing county. It's divided into easy-to-follow sections for attractions and activities, shops, events, visitor information, transport and maps.

The location of individual entries is identified using coloured locators:

CITY

VALE

DALES

COAST

Find out more about these areas, visit: thisisdurham.com/explore

If you're looking for somewhere to eat or drink, or to find out where to buy local produce, pick up a copy of the **Durham Food and Drink Guide**.

Look out for the **Taste Durham** mark, a sign of great food and service proudly displayed at eateries across the county.



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Take some tranquil time out

Whether you're in search of peace and tranquillity or looking to get active in the great outdoors, Durham provides the perfect backdrop.

Walking or cycling are the best ways to experience the county's beautiful landscapes, which have inspired artists and writers through the ages, none more so than 19th Century artist J.M.W. Turner – the painter of light.

Criss-crossing the county, many miles of cycle paths, disused railway lines, quiet country lanes and off-road trails provide a great range of cycling and walking routes for all ages and abilities.

Hamsterley Forest is a magnet for mountain bikers, or try the **North Pennines Electric Bike Network** to let the chain take the strain.

From a leisurely stroll to a challenging trek, pull on your walking boots and head out into the **Durham Dales** for breathtaking scenery and picturesque villages, or follow one of the **food trails** to take your taste buds on a gastronomic journey.

The **North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** is home to more nationally recognised Dark Sky Discovery Sites than any other part of the UK. Recently designated a UNESCO Global Geopark, find out more about this special landscape at the **Bowlees Visitor Centre**.

Enjoy the scenery at **Tunstall**, **Grassholme**, **Hury** and **Derwent** reservoirs as you spot wildlife from the water's edge.

Head to the **Durham Heritage Coast** for a walk that weaves its way through wild flowers and coastal villages, and enjoy dramatic clifftop scenery along the way. Take a welcome break at the lively seaside town of **Seaham**, with its cafés, shops, heritage centre, marina and beaches.

Durham is yours to explore.

Find out more about Durham's great outdoors and access more than 120 walking and cycling routes, visit: thisisdurham.com/outdoors

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Take a step back in time

Durham's heritage is brought to life at award-winning attractions across the county.

Stroll through the beautiful rooms at **Auckland Castle** in the Vale of Durham and discover the majestic works of art and historic artefacts housed within. You will find even more treasure troves in the Durham Dales: **The Bowes Museum** is a stunning French-style château which showcases one of the country's greatest collections of European fine and decorative arts, and don't miss the life-size Silver Swan automaton. Nearby, medieval **Raby Castle's** stunning exterior houses an equally impressive interior.

Durham Cathedral, recently named the UK's number one landmark, with its Romanesque architecture, stained glass and shrines to St Cuthbert and the Venerable Bede, and **Durham Castle**, originally built in the 11th Century by William the Conqueror, stand proud above the city below. Discover the story behind this UNESCO World Heritage Site, one of the first to be designated in the UK, at the **World Heritage Site Visitor Centre**. And take a stroll along the banks of the River Wear to medieval **Crook Hall** and its tranquil themed gardens.

Blood, sweat and tears went into shaping Durham's industrial heritage alongside a sense of community, laughter and warmth. Take a tram ride into the past and experience the sights, smells, sounds and tastes of times gone by at **Beamish – The Living Museum of the North** in the Vale of Durham. You will find over 70 heritage rail vehicles from the National Collection at **Locomotion – the National Railway Museum at Shildon**, a Victorian railway town whose highly skilled workforce played an important role in the early days of steam locomotive power. And discover what life was like for the lead miners of the Durham Dales as you work as a washerboy and venture down a mine at **Killhope**.

In 2016 two exciting new attractions will tell even more stories of times gone by. **Kynren – an epic tale of England** is an action-packed open-air night show on a spectacular scale, taking place in Bishop Auckland from July to September, which will take audiences on a 90-minute journey through 2000 years of history. Whilst **Open Treasure**, Durham Cathedral's world-class exhibition spaces, will launch in spring, opening the doors to previously hidden spaces and shedding light on fascinating artefacts from the Cathedral's collection.

Find out more about Durham's heritage, visit: thisisdurham.com/heritage

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Adventure Valley

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See & Do



Brasside, Durham City DH1 5SG
Tel: 0191 386 8291 www.adventurevalley.co.uk
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Discover a world of adventures at Adventure Valley, the North East's biggest family adventure park. With over 40 attractions, activities and shows, including the UK's biggest jumping pillow, Adventure Golf, tractor rides and animals to meet. The two huge indoor play barns and indoor animal farmyard means whatever the weather Adventure Valley has it covered.

Opening times: From 10am every day. Closed 25–26 Dec, 1 Jan.
See website for up-to-date information.

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Botanic Garden

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Durham University, Hollingside Lane, Durham City DH1 3TN
Tel: 0191 334 5518 www.durham.ac.uk/botanic.garden
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Our 10 hectare Botanic Garden is set amongst beautiful mature woodlands on the southern outskirts of Durham City. Open to the public, the Botanic Garden offers a wide variety of landscapes to explore and discover, with guests young and old visiting throughout the year.

Opening times: Daily, March to October
10am–5pm. Daily, November to February
10am–4pm. Closed across Christmas and New Year.

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Visitor Information: 03000 26 26 26

Cathedral Shop

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Durham Cathedral, Durham City DH1 3EH
Tel: 0191 386 8669

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Browse a wide range of locally-sourced products, theological books and bespoke gifts from hand-crafted jewellery to glassware inspired by Durham Cathedral.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9am–5.30pm, Sunday 12noon–5pm.

Crook Hall and Gardens

CITY



Sidegate, Durham City DH1 5SZ
Tel: 0191 384 8028

www.crookhallgardens.co.uk

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Visitors from all over the world come to share the magic of the 13th Century private home and its idyllic English gardens. Soak up the atmosphere over a homemade cream tea in the pretty Courtyard Café and wander through the five acres of garden rooms.

Opening times: Check the website for opening times.

Crushed Chilli Gallery

CITY



South Street, Durham City DH1 4QP

Tel: 0191 375 0644 www.crushedchilli.co.uk

The Gallery and Glass Workshop is a sure attraction for all those who love handcrafted work. An independent gallery showcasing a fine range of contemporary art, including paintings, sculpture, furniture, ceramics, glass, jewellery and textiles.

Owner Janet Rogers works from her studio within the gallery producing stained and fused glass for sale and commission, and regularly holds fused glass workshops for all ages – check out our website or What's On page for details.

Opening times: Check website for opening times.



The Durham Brewery Ltd

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Unit 6a, Bowburn North Industrial Estate,
Bowburn, Durham City DH6 5PF
Tel: 0191 377 1991

www.durhambrewery.co.uk

Visit Durham's leading microbrewery. Sample from our range of cask and bottle-conditioned beers on a brewery tour. Check the website or telephone for availability. Bottles, gifts and minicasks available from the shop. Bar open during shop hours.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 9am–4pm, Saturday 10am–4pm.

Durham Castle

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Durham University, Palace Green, Durham City DH1 3RW

Tel: 0191 334 2932 www.durham.ac.uk/durhamcastle

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Sitting at the heart of Durham's World Heritage Site and occupied continuously since the 11th Century, the castle is now home to the students of University College, part of Durham University. The castle is open to the public for guided tours. Limited wheelchair access, please call for details.

Opening times: As tour times vary, please contact Palace Green Library for details (telephone number above), or World Heritage Site Visitor Centre on 0191 334 3805.



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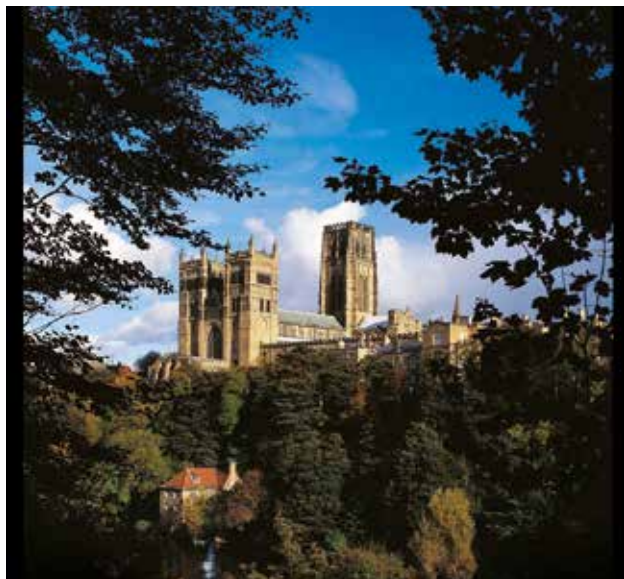
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Book in advance if possible, and we will have your cycle ready at a pick-up point, or it can be dropped off at your hotel.

Mountain bike hire available at Hamsterley Forest – contact us for details.



The Cathedral Office, The College, Durham City DH1 3EH

Tel: 0191 386 4266 www.durhamcathedral.co.uk

DurhamCathedral @DurhamCathedral

A UNESCO World Heritage Site with breathtaking Romanesque architecture, exquisite stained glass, the Shrine of St Cuthbert and resting place of St Bede. Things to do include public tours and Open Treasure, a new world-class exhibition route open spring 2016. The Undercroft Restaurant serves tasty homemade food, opposite the Cathedral shop. During services and special events, access may be restricted – check the Cathedral website before your visit.

For group bookings and facility hire contact 0191 386 4266 or visits@durhamcathedral.co.uk. Free entry to the Cathedral Church, admission charges apply to group tours, public tours and Open Treasure.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 7.30am–6.00pm, Sunday 7.45am–5.30pm.



OPEN TREASURE

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

OPEN TREASURE: DISCOVER 2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY AT DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Explore Open Treasure, Durham Cathedral's world-class exhibition route open from spring 2016.

Journey through some of the most intact surviving medieval monastic buildings in the UK and discover two thousand years of history as the remarkable story of Durham Cathedral and its incredible collections is revealed.

Follow Durham Cathedral on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for regular up-dates.

www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/open-treasure



Durham Climbing Centre

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St. John's Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, County Durham DH7 8TZ
Tel: 0191 378 9555
www.durhamclimbingcentre.co.uk
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Indoor bouldering for adults and children aged 3+. Pay once to climb all day! Family instruction and daily children's sessions. Comfortable spectator area, café & coffee lounge, free parking. At Durham Climbing Centre there really is a challenge for everyone!

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Opening times: Monday to Friday 10am–10pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am–6pm, open bank holidays.

Durham Distillery

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Unit 2F&2G, Riverside Industrial Estate, Langley Park, County Durham DH7 9TT
Tel: 07809 238481
www.durhamdistillery.co.uk
Facebook: Durham-Distillery

Durham Distillery is a small-batch craft distillery based on the outskirts of historic and beautiful Durham City. Our aim is to create spirits of genuine integrity: produced by hand, using traditional methods, the highest quality ingredients and a true passion for our work.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 9.30am–4pm.

Durham Market Hall

CITY



Durham Market Hall, Durham City DH1 3NJ
Tel: 0191 384 6153 www.durhammarkets.co.uk
Facebook: Durham Markets Twitter: @durhammarkets

Durham's Market Hall is home to more than 50 local independent traders, all specialists in their chosen products or services. There's a wide selection of food and drink, supplies for hobbies and pastimes, gift ideas, fashion and beauty, homewares and useful services. Free Wi-Fi for café patrons.

Opening times: Open 6 days a week. Monday to Saturday.

Durham Museum and Heritage Centre

CITY



St Mary-le-Bow, North Bailey, Durham City DH1 3ET
Tel: 0191 384 5589/ 0191 386 8719
www.durhamheritagecentre.org

The perfect introduction to Durham situated in an historic church close to the Cathedral. Stimulating displays describe the origin and development of the city with fascinating objects illustrating everyday life from the 17th Century to the present day.

Brass rubbing, shop with refreshments and a secluded garden containing sculptures by nationally acclaimed artist Fenwick Lawson.

Opening times: Apr, May, Oct weekends and bank holidays 2pm–4.30pm, June daily 2pm–4.30pm, July to Sept daily 11am–4.30pm.



Durham World Heritage Site Visitor Centre

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7 Owengate, Durham City DH1 3HB
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Facebook: DurhamWHS Twitter: @Durhamwhs

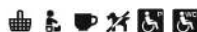
Durham was awarded the status of UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986. The Visitor Centre provides an overview of just what is so special about this site and Durham's heritage. Visit us to book a tour and for information about events and activities. 2016 is an exciting year as we are celebrating our thirtieth birthday – keep an eye on our website for details.

Opening times: Open daily from 9.30am, except 25–26 December, 1 January. Closing times vary seasonally, please check our website for details.



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Fury Events

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Broom House Farm, Witton Gilbert, Durham City DH7 6TR
Tel: 0191 375 9341/ 07834 243074 www.furyevents.co.uk

Fury Events offer a range of thrilling activities for a brilliant day out. With 2,500 acres of land to explore, you can zoom about on an exhilarating quad bike trek, slip and slide in our rapid mud and rage buggies, tackle challenging terrain in one of our 4x4 Land Rovers, or test your aim with clay pigeon shooting and archery.

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Opening times: Seven days a week throughout the year come rain or shine! Please note booking is required.

Gala Theatre and Cinema

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Millennium Place, Durham City DH1 1WA
Tel: 03000 266600 www.galadurham.co.uk

A fabulous arts complex in the heart of Durham City which houses a 500-capacity state-of-the-art theatre, two cinema screens, a friendly and spacious café-bar and private hire facilities.

Enjoy captivating theatre and world-renowned comedy and music, or catch the latest blockbusters including 3D screenings. And don't miss Gala's annual pantomime – a highlight in County Durham's festive calendar.



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33 Saddler Street, Durham City DH1 3NU
Tel: 0191 340 1330
www.hotlistbags.com
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An independent family owned boutique, specialising in individually handpicked handbags, scarves, jewellery and more. Affordable luxury is our mantra, we are the treasure trove destination for perfect presents or a treat for yourself. There's always something new to see.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9am–5.30am, Sunday 10am–4.30pm.

Oriental Museum

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Durham University, Elvet Hill, Durham City DH1 3TH
Tel: 0191 334 5694 www.durham.ac.uk/oriental.museum
f visitor.attractions

The Oriental Museum is the only museum of its kind in northern England. Our world class collections extend over a huge area from North Africa to Southeast Asia and range in age from prehistoric to modern day. See Ancient Egyptian mummies, Chinese porcelain from the imperial court, Japanese woodblock prints and head-hunting swords from Borneo.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 10am–5pm, weekends and bank holidays 12pm–5pm. Closed Christmas and New Year.

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Palace Green Library Exhibitions and Museum of Archaeology

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Palace Green, Durham City DH1 3RN
Tel: 0191 334 2932
www.durham.ac.uk/palace.green or /archaeology.museum
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Explore our website for details of special exhibitions during 2016.

Living on the Hills is a permanent exhibition that uses archaeological objects to explore the last 10,000 years of Durham.

Opening times: See website for details of opening times.

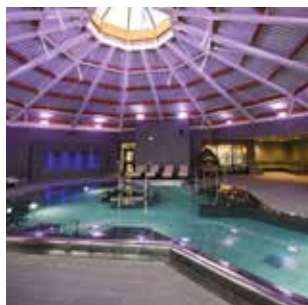


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Ramside Hall Hotel Golf and Spa

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Carrville, Durham DH1 1TD
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Ramside Hall Hotel is County Durham's largest, privately owned hotel which has just benefited from a £16m investment which has seen the creation of a second championship golf course, a new wing of state-of-the-art rooms and luxury spa.

The hotel is set in mature parkland estate on the doorstep of historic Durham City. The jewel in the crown however is The Spa at Ramside, which offers a range of lavish facilities including five pools, a gym, thermal suite, restaurant and hairdressers.

Opening times: Daily, check website for full details.



Public Lectures and Seminars

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Various Durham University venues.
www.durham.ac.uk/whatson

Lectures and seminars take place throughout the year showcasing the world-leading research taking place across Durham University. Lecture series include: Inaugural lectures from newly appointed academics; Durham Castle Lecture Series; and from our Institute of Advanced Study and Institute of Medieval and Early Modern Studies. These lectures are open to the public to attend.

Opening times: Visit the website for full lecture listings and further details.



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Seasons Gallery and Framing

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14 Church Street, Durham City DH1 3DQ
 Tel: 0191 386 0222 www.csons.co.uk
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Original artwork, limited edition prints, ceramics and glassware can all be found at Seasons which is only a few minutes walk from Durham's historic Cathedral. Now in our 15th year, we also offer a high quality specialist framing service. Find us on Church Street (3G on City map).

Opening times: Tuesday – Saturday, see website for times.



Wharton Park

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Visitor Centre, Framwellgate Peth, Durham City DH1 4FJ
www.durham.gov.uk/whartonpark
 f WhartonParkDurham

Newly restored for 2016, Wharton Park commands spectacular views across Durham City. The historic park now offers a brand new heritage centre and café, play areas for all ages, an amphitheatre and miniature car track.

Opening times: Open daily with events held throughout the year.



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The Library
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 The Bishops' Mill

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 Runner Up
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In partnership with Durham County Council, Durham Constabulary and the University of Durham, Durham City Centre Licensees strive to reduce the risk of alcohol related harm, disorder and crime, to provide you with the best possible experience when visiting our fine city centre.

When visiting Best Bar None accredited venues, you can be assured that these operators have put customer safety at the forefront of their business practices.

For more information visit:

www.countydurhambestbarnone.co.uk or
 contact BBN and Durham City Centre Manager
Carol Feenan on: 07584 217019



InDurham

Whether you're looking for a bite to eat, down time with friends and family, or a spot of retail therapy, Durham city has all you need right on your doorstep.



GO SHOPPING Wanting a party outfit, new homeware, or craft supplies? Durham's cobbled streets, markets and shopping centres offer high-street stores and independent boutiques so you're bound to find everything you need.



EAT OUT From your favourite national chains to independent restaurants and eateries, Durham City will satisfy your hunger pangs whether you're searching for a three course meal or a snack on the go.



ENJOY SHOWS & ENTERTAINMENT Whatever your scene, really enjoy yourself in Durham City with comedy acts, operas, children's shows, traditional theatre, musical talents, a chance to catch the latest blockbuster, and much more.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2016

There are even more reasons to visit Durham in 2016 with exciting events planned across the whole year. Plus on the third weekend of every month, there are four days of promotions and special events whether you're a foodie or a fashionista. For more information about what's on in Durham City visit www.durhambid.co.uk



With a different theme each month, there's something for everyone as retailers across the city offer promotions, pop-up shops and in-store events.



Dine InDurham is back for 2016 so why dine anywhere else? Enjoy eating out more often with set price menus to suit any tastes or budget.

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£10

£15

www.durhambid.co.uk

Auckland Castle

VALE



Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 7NR

Tel: 01388 743750 www.aucklandcastle.org

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Almost 1000 years of history to discover in a palace fit for kings, built for Prince Bishops. Explore St Peter's Chapel, State Rooms and Spanish masterpieces: fascinating exhibitions, gardens and parkland and our wonderful Library Tea Room. Family activities on weekends and school holidays.

Opening times: Daily (except Tuesdays) from 1 February to 30 September 2016, 10am–5pm. Last admission 4pm.



Beamish Wild

VALE



Beamish Hall Hotel, County Durham DH9 0YB

Tel: 01207 233733 www.beamishwild.co.uk

f BeamishWild

Two hours of treetop adventure set in the stunning grounds of Beamish Hall Hotel. Zip-wires, rope bridges and the swinging tyres are guaranteed to get your adrenaline pumping and you will finish your adventure with the awesome 45ft Powerfan free-fall experience.

The Stables Bar & Restaurant is only yards away if you fancy a quick bite after your day out in the treetops.

Opening times: Open all year. Advance booking required.



Beamish Museum

VALE



Beamish, County Durham DH9 0RG

Tel: 0191 370 4000 www.beamish.org.uk

Take a tram ride back in time and experience the unforgettable sights, sounds, smells and delicious tastes, as the past comes to life in this unique 350-acre open-air museum. Discover fascinating stories and meet costumed folk as you explore the homes, shops and other buildings – many moved from across the region. Look out for the Land Girls at The 1940s Farm, pop into the Co-op in The 1900s Town, go underground at the drift mine in The Pit Village and ride on the Georgian steam train at Pockerley Waggonway. You really can be part of history at Beamish.

Opening times: Open all year. April to October 10am–5pm, November to March 10am–4pm. Closed 25 December, 1 January. For full opening times and admission charges visit the website.



Binchester Roman Fort

VALE



1 mile north of Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 8DJ
Tel: 01388 663089/ 03000 267013 www.durham.gov.uk/binchester

See the impressive remains of the Commandant's house with its own bathing suite, containing one of the best preserved examples of a hypocaust (underfloor heating system) in the whole of Britain. Find out why taking a bath in Roman times was about more than getting clean! See the stupendously well-preserved remains of part of the regimental bath building uncovered by the recent excavations. Binchester: voted The Best Roman Fort to visit in Britain, in a recent online poll conducted by HeritageDaily.com.

Opening times: Daily, 26 March to 30 September 11am–4.30pm.
Daily, 1 July – 31 August 10am–4.30pm.



A Durham County Council venue

Bishop Auckland Town Hall

VALE



Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham
DL14 7NP

Tel: 03000 269524

www.bishopaucklandtownhall.co.uk

[f](#) BishopTownHall

Bishop Auckland Town Hall is a multi-purpose cultural venue situated in Bishop Auckland market place. It offers regular art exhibitions, live music, theatre and films as well as tourist information, a café and a library with free internet access and local history information.

Opening times: Mon and Thurs 10am–6pm, Tues and Fri 10am–5pm, Wed 10am–1pm, Sat 9.30am–12.30pm.



A Durham County Council venue

Black Paw Brewery

VALE



Unit 4, Westgate Road, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 7AX

Tel: 01388 602144

www.blackpawbrewery.co.uk

[f](#) BlackPawBrewery [@Blackpawbrewery](#)

Black Paw Brewery produces craft beer in Bishop Auckland, in bottles, mini-casks and casks, selling to pubs, clubs and direct to the public.

Also available – brewery tours, experience days and other events – see website for details.



Chester-le-Street

VALE



www.thisisdurham.com/chesterlestreet

The historic market town is home to a world-class arena, the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground which is also an established concert venue.

A short walk from the town centre, the Riverside Park hosts a Classic Car Show every June, in a picturesque setting overlooked by Lumley Castle. With a Splash Pad, a Skateboard Park, Riverside Walks, as well as the opportunity to feed the ducks and swans the Riverside is a perfect destination for all ages.

With its range of independent retailers and high street favourites the town offers a host of shopping opportunities. There is a wide variety of wine bars, pubs, cafés and restaurants to be found around the town.

Market days: Tuesday and Friday, and Saturday hosts the popular flea market.

Bondgate Gallery

VALE



51 Fore Bondgate, Bishop Auckland DL14 7PE
Tel: 01388 665919 www.ukwatercolours.com

[f](#) Bondgate-Gallery

Situated in historical Fore Bondgate, specialising in landscapes and townscapes showcasing the North East, and in particular, Bishop Auckland's amazing heritage. Our resident artist Eric Thompson has original artwork and fine art prints. We have a range of unique glassware.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9.30am–4.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am–12.30pm.

Diggerland

VALE



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Riverside Industrial Estate, Langley Park, County Durham DH7 9TT

Tel: 0871 227 7007 www.diggerland.com

[f](#) /Diggerland [t](#) @Diggerland_UK

Diggerland is the UK's ultimate construction-themed adventure park where guests can ride, drive and operate earth-moving machinery in a safe, family-friendly environment. Office: 45081.

Opening times: Selected dates between February and November 2016. See website for details.

Down at the Farm

VALE



Stoneygate Lane, Houghton-le-Spring DH5 8JG
Tel: 0191 584 1873 www.downatthefarm.co.uk

Award-winning farm Adventure Park for the whole family! Lots of farm and zoo animals to pet, play area and rides. Brand new mega play zone for all ages. New-born lambs and newly-hatched chicks, farmyard activities – wash pigs, groom donkeys, bottle feeding, cuddle a bunny. Real quad bikes for the over 7s, barrel train, tractor rides, adventure playground, jumping pillow plus much more!

Opening times: Weekends and school holidays from 13 February to 30 October 2016.

Goldstitch

VALE



Goldstitch Embroidery and Sew Cafe, Mowbray House, Tanhills, Nettleworth, Durham DH2 3PA

Tel: 0191 371 1444

www.goldstitch.co.uk www.sewcafe.co.uk

[f](#) Goldstitch [t](#) @Goldstitch_emb

Unique fabric shop and sewing studio stocking Liberty prints, quality dressmaking fabrics, craft cottons and haberdashery. Our embroidery machine is always busy personalising gifts from handkerchiefs to Jellycat soft toys. Need some sewing inspiration? – book into one of our weekly groups.

Opening times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 11.30am–5.30pm. Wednesday 2.30pm–9pm. Holiday closures please see website.

10% Off Liberty Fabrics

(show advert to redeem)

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Hall Hill Farm

VALE



Lanchester, County Durham DH7 0TA

Tel: 01388 731333 www.hallhillfarm.co.uk

[f](#) hall hill farm [t](#) @hallhillfarm

At the award-winning Hall Hill Farm, you can enjoy a fun family day out with lots of animals, including fluffy chicks, cuddly rabbits, pigs, and magnificent Highland Cattle. Take a free tractor and trailer ride, bottle feed the lambs, donkey rides and barrel train. Large indoor soft play barn, crazy golf. Special events throughout the year. March and April is lambing time.

Opening times: Daily until 30 September 2016. Weekends in Sept and Oct plus October half term. Santa weekends in December. All 10.30am–5pm.



North East Tourism Awards Small Visitor Attraction Bronze 2013, and Best Tourism Experience Silver 2013.

Hardwick Park

VALE



A Durham County Council venue

Sedgefield, County Durham TS21 2DN

Tel: 01740 621505

www.durham.gov.uk/hardwickpark

[f](#) Hardwick-Park

This VisitEngland accredited attraction is an 18th Century parkland featuring beautiful views, rich heritage, archaeological remains and ecological diversity – a remarkable place to visit. The park is open daily with events held throughout the year. Come and see the swans, walk your dog, have a picnic, visit our children's play area or relax with a coffee.

Opening times: Check our website.

Inspiral Cycles

VALE



137 Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 7EN

Tel: 01388 606616

www.inspiralcycles.co.uk

Independent bike shop in Bishop Auckland. New bicycles, parts and accessories. Full workshop services.

Ask us about the best routes and trails in County Durham!

Opening times: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 9am–6pm, Wednesday 9am–5pm, Thursday 10am–7pm.



Shildon, County Durham DL4 2RE
Tel: 01388 771439 www.nrm.org.uk/locomotion

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is always a great day out! Over 70 heritage rail vehicles from the National Collection on display, including the original Sans Pareil, British Rail's Advanced Passenger Train Experimental, and carriages from the Royal Train of Queen Alexandra (wife of Edward VII). In addition to the permanent collection Locomotion offers a changing display of railway vehicles. An ideal destination for all ages with café and gift shop, play area and indoor and outdoor picnic tables.

Admission and parking is free.

Opening times: October to March daily 10am–4pm, April to September 10am–5pm. Call for opening times over the Christmas and New Year period.



Locomotion is a joint venture between the NRM and Durham County Council



A Durham County Council venue

Riverside South, Chester-le-Street, County Durham
DH3 3SJ

Tel: 03000 266447

www.durham.gov.uk/riversidepark

Created in the 1930s and redeveloped in more recent years to include artist-designed ornamental gardens, events arena, play area with splash pad, café and toilets. Grassed areas and riverside walks for quiet relaxation, picnics and kite flying or more vigorous pursuits such as running and cycling.

Opening times: Open daily. For opening times please check the website.

Rockliffe Hall Hotel Golf and Spa



Hurworth on Tees, Darlington, County Durham
DL2 2DU

Tel: 01325 729999 www.rockliffehall.com

 Rockliffe Hall @RockliffeHall

Rockliffe Hall is Durham's flagship luxury resort, just 20 minutes by train from the city centre, boasting a luxury spa, championship golf course and three restaurants. The perfect place for a day, or night, away from the city.

Opening times: See website for details.

Sedgefield Racecourse



Sedgefield Racecourse, Racecourse Road, Sedgefield,
Stockton-on-Tees TS21 2HW

Tel: 01740 621925 www.sedgefield-racecourse.co.uk

 Sedgfield Racecourse @SedgfieldRace

One of the country's friendliest racecourses, with a reputation for a warm, relaxed atmosphere and set in the beautiful Durham countryside, Sedgefield provides a peaceful and tranquil setting. With 20 fixtures throughout the year, you're sure to have an exciting day.

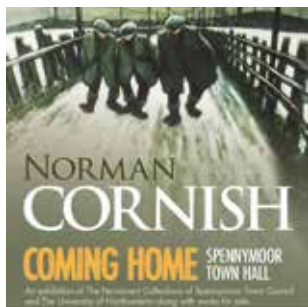
Opening times: See website for details.



Find out more at: thisisdurham.com

Spennymoor Town Hall: Art Gallery

VALE



Town Hall, High Street, Spennymoor, County Durham DL16 6DG

Norman Cornish Exhibition from 9 January 2016 and thereafter. A superb exhibition of work by the renowned artist, Norman Cornish, including paintings from the Spennymoor Town Council and Northumbria University collections, as well as previously unseen work.

Opening times: All year Monday to Friday 12noon–4pm, Saturday 10am–2pm. Sunday closed. Closed over the Christmas period.



Spennymoor Mining Museum

VALE



Town Hall, High Street, Spennymoor, County Durham DL16 6DG

Take a trip back in time to when coal was King. Visit our 'underground' mock coalface with model pit pony. Browse through our books and photos, watch DVDs of years gone by and be enlightened by our knowledgeable staff.



Opening times: All year Monday to Thursday 12noon–4pm, Friday to Saturday 10am–2pm. Sunday closed. Closed over Christmas period.

Spennymoor Town Hall

VALE



Town Hall, High Street, Spennymoor, County Durham DL16 6DG
Tel: 01388 815276
www.parishes.durham.gov.uk/Spennymoor

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Tanfield Railway

VALE



Marley Hill Engine Shed, Old Marley Hill, Gateshead NE16 5ET
Tel: 07508 092365 www.tanfield-railway.co.uk

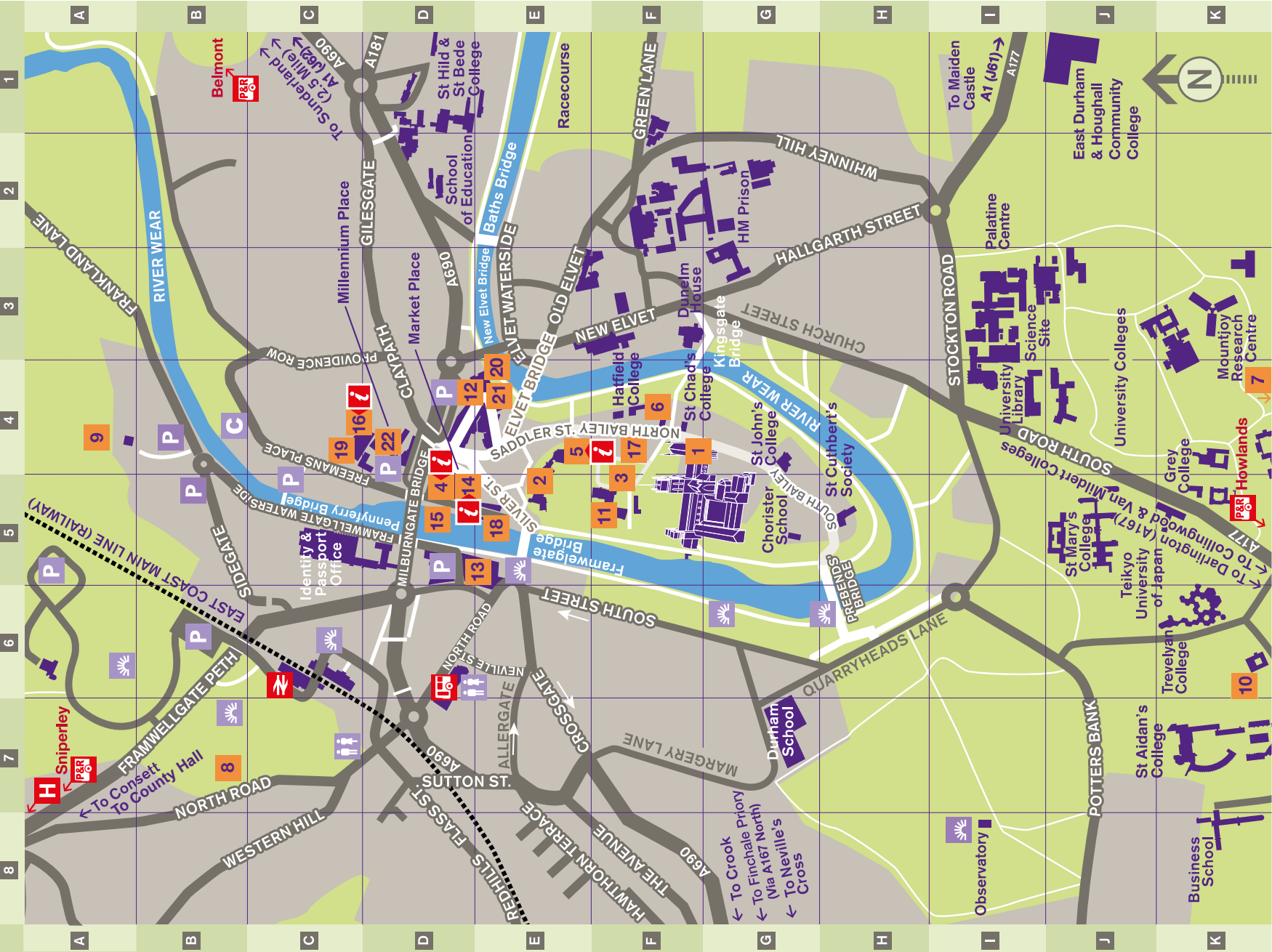
Take a nostalgic journey on the world's oldest railway, a great day out for all the family. See the steam and smell the smoke as your train of Victorian-style wooden carriages takes you on a scenic journey through the countryside.

Discover the real history of railways with a visit to Causey Arch, an engineering marvel that pre-dates the Stockton & Darlington Railway by almost a century. See the gritty reality of working steam by visiting Europe's oldest working locomotive shed at Marley Hill. Or enjoy a cosy cuppa in our period-style tea rooms at Andrews House, a wonderfully recreated countryside station.

Opening times: Site open daily. Trains every Sunday and Bank Holiday throughout the year, plus Saturday and Thursday in school summer holidays. Trains from 10.30am.



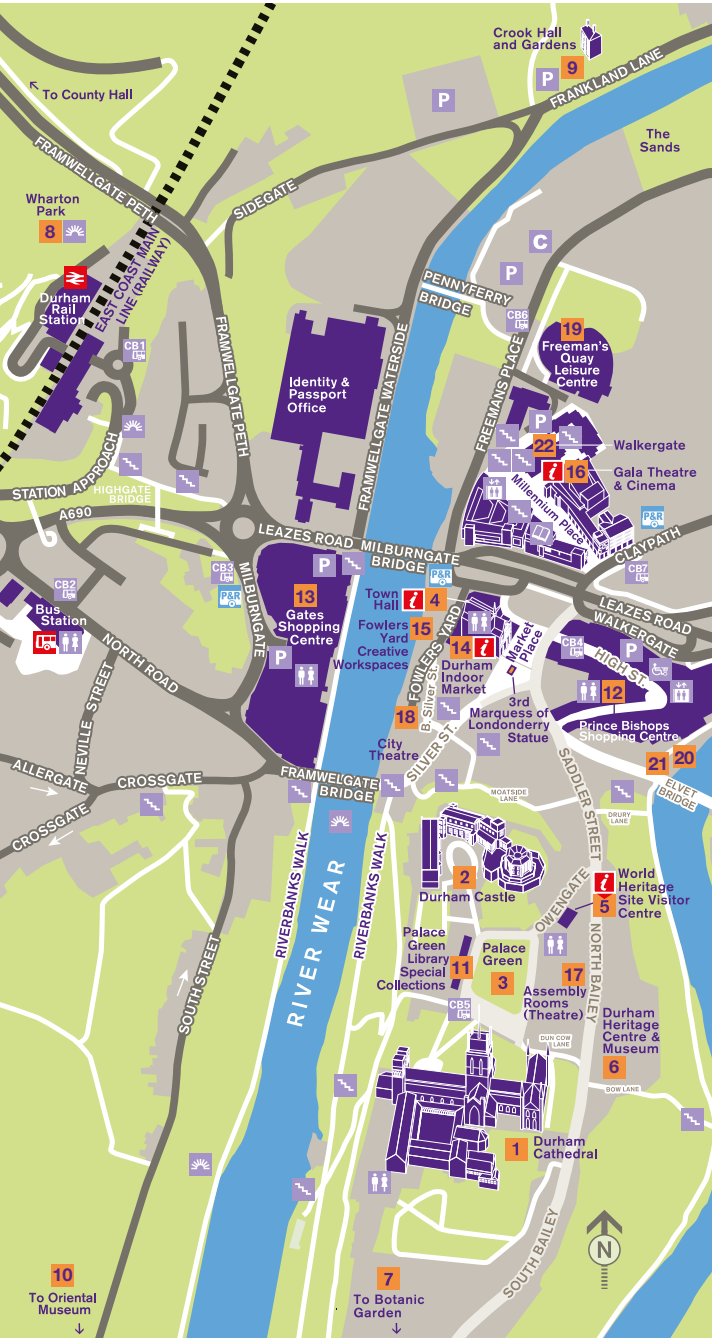
City Map



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City Centre Map Symbols	
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	Durham Rail Station
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	Car Park
	Coach Park
	Shops and Libraries
	Toilets
	Lifts
	Stairs
	View Point
	Park & Ride Car Parks
	Sniperley
	Belmont
	Howlands
	Heritage
	Durham Cathedral
	Durham Castle
	Palace Green
	Town Hall
	World Heritage Site
	Visitor Centre
	Museum & Gardens
	Durham Heritage Centre & Museum
	Botanic Garden
	Wharfedale Park
	Crook Hall & Gardens
	Oriental Museum
	Palace Green Library, Special Collections
	Shopping
	Princes Bishops Shopping Centre
	The Gates Shopping Centre
	Durham Indoor Market
	Fowlers Yard Creative Workspaces
	Culture
	Gala Theatre & Cinema
	Assembly Rms (Theatre)
	City Theatre
	Sport and Leisure
	Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre
	Princes Bishop River Cruises (Summer)
	Rowing Boat Hire (April - October)
	Walker Gate Visitor Information Points
	Visitor Information Points
	Park & Ride Bus Stops
	Cathedral Bus Stops
	Rail Station
	Bus Station
	Milburngate Market Place
	Cathedral & Castle
	Car & Coach Park
	Claypath

City Centre Map



County Map



Boundary of North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Durham Heritage Coast

Pennine Way

Weardale Way

Coastal Footpath

Dere Street Trail

C2C (Sea to Sea) Cycle Route

Roads

Rivers

Places of interest

Place Names/Place Names

Visitor Information Points. For more information refer to page 57.

Approximate Distances in Miles				
Durham City				
25	Barnard Castle			
12	15	Bishop Auckland		
8	32	19	Chester-le-Street	
15	40	27	12	Seaham
21	18	17	30	36 Stanhope

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The Durham Dales

Life in Weardale

- Weardale Museum and High House Chapel
Fascinating collection, beautiful tapestry AND a chapel!
01388 517433, www.weardalemuseum.co.uk, DL13 1HD
- Killhope, The North of England Lead Mining Museum
Experience the life of a lead miner in remote Weardale.
01388 537505, www.killhope.org.uk, DL13 1AR
- Durham Dales Visitor Centre
Craft and Gift shops, Visitor Information and a Tea Room.
01388 527650, www.durhamdalescentre.co.uk, DL13 2FJ

Get Active Out Doors

- Mountain biking and walking
Hamsterley Forest, DL13 3NL
01388 488312, www.forestry.gov.uk/hamsterleyforest
- Roof of England Cycling
From Chatterbox Café - St John's Chapel, DL13 1QF,
01388 537536, <http://roofofenglandcycling.co.uk/>
- Swimming
Outdoors (in the summer only) - Weardale Open Air Pool
01388 528466, www.woaspa.co.uk, Stanhope, DL13 2LU
All year round at Wolsingham Pool, DL13 3DN
01388 528198, www.wolsinghamSPORTshall.com

See The Countryside, Spot The Wildlife

- North of England Trike Tours
A fun and unique way to see Weardale.
01388 488191, DL13 3JH, www.triketours.co.uk
- Weardale Railway
01388 526203, www.weardale-railway.com, DL13 2YS
- Bradley Burn Farm Trail, Shop and Café
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Book a day out with a wildlife guide.
01388 529154, DL13 2SG, www.natureholiday.co.uk



Discover WEARDALE



Stanhope Common

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The Great Escape

High moorland expanses, tranquil dales, tumbling rivers and waterfalls, exciting wildlife, dramatic history, vibrant communities, outstanding geology and scenery; this is Weardale, one of the Durham Dales and part of the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Discover Weardale, the perfect place for walking, cycling, fishing, horse riding, wildlife watching, geological exploration, star-gazing or simply chilling out and recharging your batteries.

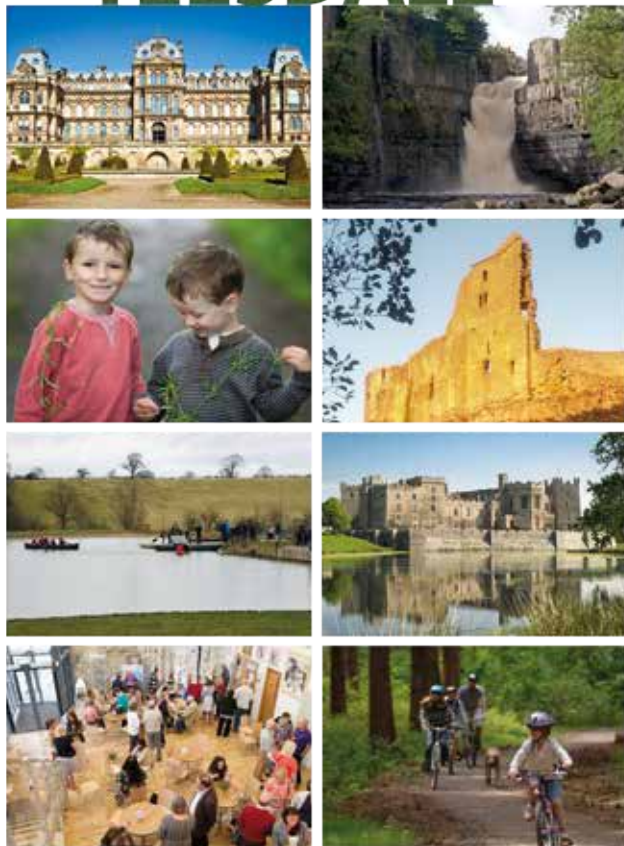
For a wide range of walking, cycling and other outdoor opportunities visit :

www.explorenorthpennines.org.uk

For attractions, events, activities, places to eat and accommodation visit :

www.discoverweardale.com

Explore TEESDALE



In Teesdale you will find the perfect mix of peaceful open spaces, majestic waterfalls, heritage, history, culture, shopping and local food.

- Visit one of England's most impressive waterfalls at **High Force**.
- Stop off at **Bowlees Visitor Centre** before exploring the breathtaking beauty of the upper dales.
- Explore **Raby Castle**, a medieval hidden-gem.
- Find one of the greatest collections of fine and decorative arts at **The Bowes Museum**.
- Enjoy the great outdoors at **Hamsterley Forest** from a gentle walk to a challenging mountain bike ride.
- At **The Hub** why not try fishing, water sports, high ropes and indoor family activities.
- Enjoy a visit to **The Witham** a vibrant Arts Centre in Barnard Castle with an exciting programme of events as well as an art gallery, shop & café.
- Discover the Fortress of Teesdale, **Barnard Castle** stands proudly over its market town namesake with spectacular river views.

Find out all you need to know about your next visit to Teesdale at:
www.exploreteesdale.uk

Barnard Castle

DALES



Barnard Castle, County Durham DL12 8PR
 Tel: 01833 638212

www.english-heritage.org.uk/barnard

A spectacular fortress set on a high rock above the market town, Barnard Castle takes you back to the 12th century. Spot Richard III's boar emblem carving, enjoy the sensory garden and stunning views of this riverside location. Don't miss Barnard under Siege in July!



Opening times: Daily March to October, November to March Saturday and Sunday. Closed 25 December, 1 January.

Durham Dales Centre

DALES



Castle Gardens, Stanhope, Weardale,
 County Durham DL13 2FJ

Tel: 01388 527650 www.durhamdalescentre.co.uk

[f](https://www.facebook.com/DurhamDalesCentre) DurhamDalesCentre [@durhamdalescentre](https://www.instagram.com/durhamdalescentre)

Unique venue with specialist craft and gift shops, information point, gardens and courtyard. Large tearoom offers homebaking, extensive menu of homemade hot and cold meals, daily specials and Sunday lunch. Gift shop for cards, clothing, jewellery, books and maps.



Opening times: April to October 9am–5pm, November to March 9am–4pm, except Christmas.

Hamsterley Forest

DALES



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Forestry Commission, Hamsterley Forest, Redford, Hamsterley,
 Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL13 3NL
 Tel: 01388 488312 www.forestry.gov.uk
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Hamsterley Forest is one of Durham's best kept secrets. Hamsterley is a delightful oasis of broadleaved and coniferous woodland mainly in the sheltered valley, with stunning views from higher up in the forest across the Durham Dales. There are many pursuits to be followed from leisure walking through to adrenaline mountain biking. The forest has new sculptures, the Gruffalo and Gruffalo's Child, which are a huge hit with all the family.

Opening times: Open all year round.



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Find out more at: thisisdurham.com

High Force Waterfall

DALES



Forest in Teesdale, County Durham DL12 0XH
 Tel: 01833 622209 www.highforcewaterfall.com
 HighForce Waterfall @HighForceWater

High Force, in Forest in Teesdale, is one of England's most impressive waterfalls. The River Tees suddenly and spectacularly drops 21 metres over the Whin Sill rock into a plunge pool below. Surrounded by stunning countryside, the well maintained woodland walk twists and turns leading you to this spectacular sight. Gift shop, picnic area and parking available – charges apply.

Opening times: Open throughout the year. Gift shop and toilets open Easter until end of October only. During the winter parts of the falls may not be accessible. Please telephone first before making a journey.



Killhope

DALES



Near Cowshill, Upper Weardale, County Durham DL13 1AR
 Tel: 01388 537505 www.killhope.org.uk

Newly refurbished for 2016, Killhope is a multi award-winning Victorian lead mining museum, offering a great day out for all the family. Guided mine tours, original working water wheels and mining machinery, exhibitions, stunning scenery, walks, shop and café.



Opening times: Daily 25 March – 30 October 2016, 10.30am–5.00pm (last Admission 4.15).



A Durham County Council venue

North Pennine Studios

DALES



Earnwell Cottage, 7 Front Street, Ireshopeburn, County Durham DL13 1HA
 Tel: 07908 573045/ 01388 537615
www.northpenninestudios.co.uk
 North Pennine Studios

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Mission Hall Antiques

DALES



51 The Bank, Barnard Castle, County Durham DL12 8PL
 Tel: 01833 631101 www.missionhallantiquescentre.co.uk

Located on The Bank in the heart of Barnard Castle's conservation area and ideally placed for specialist shopping. Over 40 dealers selling everything from Worcester, Early Blue and White, Royal Doulton, Moorcroft and Bealeek to 20th Century ceramics, jewellery and collectables, books, kitchenalia, glass, militaria, silver, antique fishing tackle, furniture and vintage clothing.

Visit our other shop Robson's Antiques – across the road from Mission Hall (at 36 The Bank) which specialises in glass and silverware.

Opening times: Mission Hall: Monday to Saturday 10am–5pm, Sunday 1.30pm–5pm. Robson's: Monday to Saturday 10am–5pm.



Find out more at: thisisdurham.com

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0845 155 0236 or visit www.nwl.co.uk/gofishing.

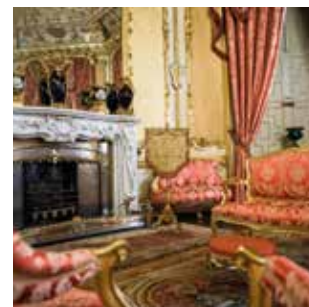
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www.nwl.co.uk/gofishing

Raby Castle

DALES



Staindrop, Near Darlington, County Durham DL2 3AH

Tel: 01833 660202 www.rabycastle.com

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Set within a 250-acre deer park with beautiful walled gardens, Raby is one of the finest medieval castles in England and has been home to Lord Barnard's family since 1626. Behind its dramatic exterior and elaborate architecture, discover stunning interiors, fine artwork and furniture. Gift shop, tearooms, carriage collection and woodland adventure play area.

Opening times: Easter weekend: Sat, Sun and Mon. May, June & Sept, Sun to Wed. July & Aug open daily (except Sat). Castle open 1pm-4.30pm, Park and Gardens 11am-5pm.



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Teesdale Alpacas

DALES



Boldron, Barnard Castle, County Durham
DL12 9SP

Tel: 07976 423258

www.teesdale-alpacas.co.uk

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Alpaca Trekking: Take one of our lovely alpacas for a walk in the beautiful Teesdale countryside, near to Barnard Castle. Customised and small group treks are available – contact us for more information. Gift vouchers for treks, and a selection of alpaca products are for sale.

Opening times: All year (weather-dependent). Advance booking essential.

Weardale Open Air Swimming Pool

DALES

Waterside Court, Stanhope, Weardale, County Durham DL13 2LU

Tel: 01388 528673 www.stanhopepool.co.uk

Visit Stanhope open-air pool for the only full-size heated pool set in the glorious North Pennines. Café and diving board. One of The Guardian Top 10 Pools 2013.

The Witham

DALES

3 Horsemarket, Barnard Castle, County Durham DL12 8LY

Tel: 01833 631107 www.thewitham.org.uk [@BarneyWitham](https://www.facebook.com/TheWitham)

The Witham is a vibrant arts centre. Visit the gallery: shop for local crafts; enjoy home made cake in the café and choose from an exciting programme of events including contemporary and classical music, theatre, film, live screenings and comedy events.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com

Durham Heritage Coast

COAST



Tel: 03000 268131

www.durhamheritagecoast.org
[Find us on Facebook](#)
[Follow us on Twitter](#)

Exploring the dramatic and historic landscape of Durham's Heritage Coast is a great way to blow away the cobwebs. Internationally recognised for its rare plants and wildlife, a coastal path runs along much of its length offering spectacular views across the North Sea, and leading visitors along beautiful beaches, rugged cliffs and imposing headlands.

Hidden gems include picturesque Castle Eden Dene, a national nature reserve with 550 acres of natural woodland and 12 miles of footpaths, while the lively harbour town of Seaham is home to one of the oldest churches in the country and an award-winning spa hotel.

Heritage Coast Festival: Reach for the Beach, 28 May – 5 June 2016. There are lots of activities and events from kayaking to rockpooling, guided walks to a half marathon.

Seaham Hall Hotel Serenity Spa

COAST



Lord Byron's Walk, Seaham, County Durham SR7 7AG

Tel: 0191 516 1400 www.seaham-hall.com

With its multi award-winning Serenity Spa and beautifully manicured grounds, luxury and comfort go hand in hand at Seaham Hall.

Dating back to 1791, Seaham Hall is an immaculately restored Georgian country house overlooking the County Durham heritage coastline. The former marital home of romantic poet Lord Byron, this prestigious five-star hotel is an exquisite combination of classical architecture and contemporary style. Being a stone's throw away from the beach, Seaham Hall offers an ideal location to explore the rugged coastline, which provided Lord Byron with inspiration to write some of his most famous pieces.

Opening times: See website for details.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com

Seaham Marina

COAST



Seaham Marina, The Waterside, Seaham, County Durham SR7 7EE
 Tel: 0191 581 8998 www.seahammarina.com

The multi award-winning Seaham Marina – County Durham's one and only marina, offers significant opportunities for watersports and leisure-based activities. The marina provides facilities for 96 boats, slipway and accommodation for overnight visiting boats.

A secluded sandy beach provides an excellent safe haven for family visits. Seaham Marina hosts an onsite café, ice cream parlour, hair and beauty salon, gift shop, public amenities and other retailers in the newly-developed Waterside building.

The marina is home to the historic George Elmy Lifeboat, which is located in the East Durham Heritage and Visitor Centre.

Free parking available.

Opening times: April to September 9am–7.30pm, October to March 9am–5pm (Retail opening times may vary).



Dalton Park

COAST



Murton, County Durham SR7 9HU
 Tel: 0191 526 6500
www.dalton-park.co.uk

With over 60 outlet shops to visit giving you up to 50% off your favourite brands every day, great places to eat and free parking. Treat yourself to a trip to Dalton Park.

See our main advert on the back cover.

Opening times: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am–6pm, Thursday 10am–8pm, Saturdays 9:30am–6pm, Sundays 11am–5pm.

Seaham Waves

COAST



Unit 2, 4 South Crescent, Seaham, County Durham SR7 7HD
 Tel: 07432 686 2198

www.seahamwaves.co.uk

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Opening times: Tuesday to Friday 11am–3pm, Saturday 10am–5pm.



Skydive Academy Limited

COAST



Peterlee Parachute Centre, Shotton Airfield, Shotton Colliery, County Durham DH6 2NH
 Tel: 0191 517 1234 www.skydiveacademy.org.uk
 f [SkydiveAcademyPeterleeDZ](#)
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Parachuting and skydiving. Check Tripadvisor. Courses and continuation, 4 and 16 place aircraft, former site Shotton Colliery 760x60m grass 550x7m tarmac runways. Hangarage, Avgas/JetA1 fuel, training rooms, canteen bar, bunk rooms, showers, toilets (disabled/baby change), spectator area and car parking.

Opening times: February to November Fri, Sat, Sun, April to October Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun plus bank holidays.



£30 Off per person*
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Tweddle Animal Farm

COAST



Fillpoke Lane, Blackhall Colliery, County Durham TS27 4BT
 Tel: 0191 586 3311 www.tweddlefarm.co.uk

A children's farm and petting centre with lots of friendly animals and lots of hands-on opportunities such as bottle feeding and bunny cuddling. There are also lots of other activities such as play areas, pedal go-kart tracks and crazy golf.

Opening times: November to January, weekends only 10am–5pm. February, daily 10am–4pm. March to October, daily 10am–5pm.








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Key to symbols

The following symbols are featured throughout the guide. We hope this will help you to choose the most suitable attractions for your visit to Durham.

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Have an eventful time in Durham

Whichever time of year you visit, you can enjoy exciting events and festivals.

Put a spring in your step with the launch of two new exhibitions. **Open Treasure**, Durham Cathedral's world-class exhibition spaces, debuts in spring and will throw open the doors to previously hidden spaces. Whilst at Durham University's Palace Green Library, **Somme 1916: From Durham to the Western Front**, launches in March.

2016 also marks the 30th anniversary of the inscription of the **Durham UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Help celebrate with year-round events, including **World Heritage Weekend** in April.

Tempt your taste buds at the **Bishop Auckland Food Festival** in April. Or get hands-on with history at Beamish - The Living Museum of the North, with the **Great North Festival of Transport**.

For a night to remember, head to Bishop Auckland for **Kynren - an epic tale of England**, an action-packed open-air night show on a spectacular scale, which will take audiences on a journey through 2000 years.

The Bowes Museum will be putting its best foot forward in June with new exhibition, **Shoes: Pleasure & Pain**, organised by the V&A Museum, London.

Get in the swing this summer with **Brass: Durham International Festival** or simply soak up the atmosphere at the **Durham Regatta**.

It's all aboard for the **Flying Scotsman & The Shildon Shed Bash** at Locomotion, whilst the first-ever **Heritage Coast Festival: Reach for the Beach** is in May.

Discover the great outdoors in autumn at the **Wolsingham Agricultural Show** or step out on the **North Pennines Walking Festival**.

The **Durham Book Festival** is a must for lovers of literature with big names always part of the plot.

Be bowled over as England take on Sri Lanka in the **Investec Test Match** at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground in May.

And for festive fun, don't miss **Durham City's Traditional Christmas Festival**.

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Main Events 2016

Open Treasure at Durham Cathedral	Spring 2016
Somme 1916: From Durham to the Western Front	25 March-2 October
Great North Festival of Transport	7-24 April
Bishop Auckland Food Festival	23-24 April
Investec Test Match, England v Sri Lanka	27-31 May
Heritage Coast Festival: Reach for the Beach	28 May-5 June
Kynren - an epic tale of England	2 July-17 September
Brass: Durham International Festival	Summer
Flying Scotsman & The Shildon Shed Bash at Locomotion	23-31 July
Durham Book Festival	October
Durham City's Traditional Christmas Festival	December

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What really happened in 1916?

This commemorative exhibition explores the reality of the Battle of the Somme through the eyes of the people who were there. It tells the stories of people from County Durham: the men who fought and died on the battlefield; the women who nursed the wounded and comforted the dying; and the workers who toiled in factories, mines and shipyards across the county to support the war effort.

Durham University is working in partnership with Durham County Council on this exhibition, which showcases items from the Durham Light Infantry Museum and Archive collections.

Admission charges apply for this exhibition.

www.durham.ac.uk/palace.green

For more information about County Durham and the First World War visit www.durhamatwar.org.uk

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Visitor Contact Centre

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- Information and bookings for places to stay
- Information on places to visit, eat, shop and events
- Ticket sales for events
- Practical information including opening times and accessibility

Call: 03000 26 26 26

Email: visitor@thisisdurham.com

Text: 'Visit' and your enquiry to 80011

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Twitter: @moreDurham

Calls – cost of a local call, calls from mobiles may vary.

Texts – standard network charges apply.

Monday to Saturday 9.30am–5.30pm

Sunday 11am–4pm

Bank Holidays 11am–4pm

Please note: the Visitor Contact Centre is not open to the public for face-to-face enquiries.

Visitor Information Points

During your stay, call into one of the Visitor Information Points at 19 locations across the county. They offer the latest information via face-to-face, electronic tourist information kiosks or telephone points, plus access to a wide selection of leaflets and guides.

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Market Place, Durham City
DH1 3NJ

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Millennium Place, Durham City
DH1 1WA

The Town Hall

Market Place, Durham City
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Market Place, Durham City
DH1 3NJ

World Heritage Site Visitor Centre

7 Owengate, Durham City
DH1 3HB

VALE OF DURHAM

Bishop Auckland Railway

Station Bob Hardisty Drive,
Bishop Auckland, County
Durham, DL14 7EJ

Hardwick Park Visitor Centre

Sedgefield, County Durham
TS21 2DN

Holiday Inn Darlington North

Newton Park, County Durham,
DL1 3NL

Locomotion NRM Shildon

Shildon, County Durham DL4 1PQ

The Town Hall Library

Market Place, Bishop Auckland
County Durham, DL14 7NP

DURHAM DALES

Chatterbox Café

11 Market Place,
St Johns Chapel,
County Durham DL13 1QF

Bowlees Visitor Centre

Middleton in Teesdale, County
Durham, DL12 OXE

Durham Dales Centre

Castle Gardens, Stanhope,
County Durham DL13 2FJ

**Killhope – the North of
England Lead Mining
Museum**

Near Cowshill, Upper Weardale,
County Durham DL13 1AR

The Witham

3 Horse Market, Barnard Castle,
County Durham DL12 8LY

Thorpe Farm Centre

Thorpe Farm,
Greta Bridge, Barnard Castle,
County Durham DL12 9TY

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Centre (Middleton Plus)**

10 Market Place,
Middleton in Teesdale,
County Durham DL12 0QG

DURHAM COAST

Dalton Park

Murton, County Durham
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Tonia's Café

Seaham Hall Car Park,
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Seaham, County Durham
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of services visit the Interactive
Transport Map at www.durham.gov.uk/busmap. A printed copy of the
transport map can be obtained by
calling 03000 268524 or emailing
sustainabletransport@durham.gov.uk

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National Glass Centre

There's much to discover on Durham's doorstep

After experiencing all that Durham has to offer, use the county as a base to discover more of North East England.

For great family days out, make a beeline for **Newcastle's Life Science Centre**, **Seven Stories**, **National Centre for Children's Books** and **Great North Museum: Hancock**, or the **WWT Washington Wetland Centre**.

If you crave culture, head to the **National Glass Centre** in Sunderland, the cutting-edge **BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art** in Gateshead or **mima**, **Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art**.

History lovers, meanwhile, can set out on their own personal pilgrimage soaking up the atmosphere at the **Holy Island of Lindisfarne**, **Bamburgh Castle**, **Alnwick Castle** and **Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site** in Northumberland. And at the **Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens** you can discover more about the city's fascinating heritage.

In Tees Valley, at **Head of Steam**, **Darlington Railway Museum** you can learn about the first steam-powered passenger carrying public railway, or uncover the area's seafaring past at the reconstructed 18th Century seaport at **Hartlepool's Maritime Experience**.

Blow away the cobwebs with a trip to the **Northumberland National Park** or **Kielder Water and Forest Park**. Enjoy some family fun in the lively seaside towns of **South Shields** and **Whitley Bay**. Stroll along the vibrant **NewcastleGateshead Quayside** and take in the famous view of the seven bridges across the River Tyne. And in Tees Valley visit the award-winning **RSPB Saltholme Nature Reserve and Discovery Park** or uncover your adventurous side by taking to the rapids at **Tees Barrage International White Water Centre**.

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Main Events 2016

Rugby League Magic Weekend, St James' Park, Newcastle	21-22 May
South Tyneside Festival	June-August
Mouth of the Tyne Festival, Tynemouth Priory and Castle	7-10 July
Sunderland International Airshow, Roker and Seaburn seafront	22-24 July
North Sea Tall Ships Regatta, Blyth	26-29 August



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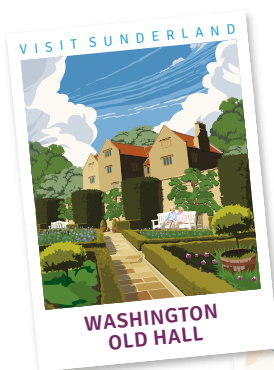
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