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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, 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 chateau 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 tranquility. 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.
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.

Inspire me

We’ve included some articles on Durham, our heritage, great outdoors and shopping opportunities to give you a little inspiration on what you might like to see or do during your visit.

For more inspiration and itinerary ideas, visit: thisisdurham.com/inspire-me

Special offers

Get value from your visit and take advantage of some great money-saving offers. Look out for this symbol on adverts.

Example: Child Goes Free (show advert to redeem)

For even more savings, visit: thisisdurham.com/deals

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Keep in touch to find out first about Durham news, events and special offers.

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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

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
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
Cathedral Shop

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

Enjoy a unique shopping experience in one of the most remarkable, intact, monastic, vaulted undercroft in the UK.

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.

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The Durham Brewery Ltd

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.

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Durham Castle

Durham University, Palace Green, Durham City  DH1 3RW
Tel: 0191 334 2932  www.durham.ac.uk/durham.castle

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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Crushed Chilli Gallery

South Street, Durham City  DH1 4QP
Tel: 0191 375 0644  www.crushedchilli.co.uk

Our bikes have been specially chosen, equipped and geared for a leisurely ride in the city’s picturesque open spaces, parkland or streets. These folding bikes are easy to handle, true cycles for city life.

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.

**Opening times:** Check website for opening times.
Durham Cathedral

Visitor Information: 03000 26 26 26
Find out more at: thisisdurham.com

Durham Cathedral
The Cathedral Office, The College, Durham City  DH1 3EH
Tel: 0191 386 4266  www.durhamcathedral.co.uk
@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

St. John’s Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, County Durham, DH7 8TZ
Tel: 0191 378 9555
www.durhamclimbingcentre.co.uk
@DurhamClimbing

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!

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

Durham Distillery

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

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

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

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

7 Owengate, Durham City, DH1 3HB
Tel: 0191 334 3805
www.durhamworldheritagesite.com
DurhamWHS
@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.
Fury Events

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.
Perfect for family fun, unique gift ideas or for action-packed corporate entertainment.
**Opening times:** Seven days a week throughout the year come rain or shine! Please note booking is required.

Oriental Museum

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

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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Gala Theatre and Cinema

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.

Palace Green Library Exhibitions and Museum of Archaeology

Palace Green, Durham City  DH1 3RN
Tel: 0191 334 2932   www.durham.ac.uk/palace.green or /archaeology.museum

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.

Hotlist Bags

33 Saddler Street, Durham City  DH1 3NU
Tel: 0191 340 1330 www.hotlistbags.com

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.
Ramside Hall Hotel Golf and Spa

Carrville, Durham  DH1 1TD
Tel: 0191 386 5282   www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk
RamsideHallHotel  @Ramside_Hall

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.

Opening times: Daily, check website for full details.

Public Lectures and Seminars

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.

Seasons Gallery and Framing

14 Church Street, Durham City  DH1 3DQ
Tel: 0191 386 0222   www.csons.co.uk
seasonsgalleryandframing  @SeasonsGallery

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

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

Visitor Information: 03000 26 26 26

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
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.

Best Bar None is a nationally recognised award scheme, supported by the Home Office and aimed at promoting responsible management and operation of alcohol licensed premises.

When you’re planning a night out in Durham City Centre make sure to watch out for the Best Bar None Accreditation standard. Premises displaying the Best Bar None accreditation have undertaken a gruelling assessment carried out by Durham Constabulary and Durham County Council Officers and have ably demonstrated how well they have met the objectives of the 2003 Licensing Act, in the: prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

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.

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

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
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.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT EATING, SHOPPING AND ENJOYING DURHAM AT

www.durhambid.co.uk

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.

www.durhambid.co.uk
Auckland Castle

Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham  DL14 7NR
Tel: 01388 743750  www.aucklandcastle.org
Facebook: Auckland-Castle  Twitter: @aucklandcastle

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

Beamish Hall Hotel, County Durham  DH9 0YB
Tel: 01207 233733  www.beamishwild.co.uk
Facebook: 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

Beamish, County Durham  DH9 0RG
Tel: 0191 370 4000  www.beamish.org.uk
Facebook: Beamish Museum  Twitter: BeamishMuseum

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.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
Binchester Roman Fort

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.

Bishop Auckland Town Hall

Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham
DL14 7NP
Tel: 03000 269524
www.bishopaucklandtownhall.co.uk
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.

Black Paw Brewery

Unit 4, Westgate Road, Bishop Auckland, County Durham  DL14 7AX
Tel: 01388 602144
www.blackpawbrewery.co.uk
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

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.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
Bondgate Gallery
51 Fore Bondgate, Bishop Auckland  DL14 7PE
Tel: 01388 665919  www.ukwatercolours.com
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
Riverside Industrial Estate, Langley Park, County Durham  DH7 9TT
Tel: 0871 227 7007  www.diggerland.com
/Diggerland  @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
Stoneygate Lane, Houghton-le-Spring  DH5 8JG
Tel: 0191 584 1873  www.downatthefarm.co.uk
Down at the Farm
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.

Goldstitch
Goldstitch Embroidery and Sew Cafe, Mowbray House, Tanhills, Nettlesworth, Durham  DH2 3PA
Tel: 0191 371 1444  www.goldstitch.co.uk  www.sewcafe.co.uk
/Goldstitch  @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.

Hall Hill Farm
Lanchester, County Durham  DH7 0TA
Tel: 01388 731333  www.hallhillfarm.co.uk
/hall hill farm  @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.
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Hardwick Park
Sedgefield, County Durham  TS21 2DN
Tel: 01740 621505  www.durham.gov.uk/hardwickpark
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
137 Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland, County Durham  DL14 7EN
Tel: 01388 606616  www.inspiralcycles.co.uk
Inspiral Cycles
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.

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

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
See & Do

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon

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.

Riverside Park

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
@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
@SedgefieldRace

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 Mining Museum

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 the Christmas period.

Spennymoor Town Hall

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

Tel: 01388 815276  
www.parishes.durham.gov.uk/Spennymoor

For all your functions and conferencing needs. Bar and catering facilities available, all at extremely reasonable prices. Please visit our website for details.

Spennymoor Town Hall: Art Gallery

Visitor Information: 03000 26 26 26

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com

Tanfield Railway

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.
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The Bowes Museum

Barnard Castle, County Durham  DL12 8NP
Tel: 01833 690606   www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk

The Bowes Museum is a glorious French-style château in the historic market town of Barnard Castle, set in stunning parkland with woodland walks and a children’s play area. Housing one of the greatest collections of fine and decorative arts in an array of stunning new galleries, its fashion & textile and ceramics galleries are among the finest in the UK.

Also not to be missed is the life-size Silver Swan automaton. Acclaimed exhibitions, guided tours, family fun days, interesting and informative activities, the Taste Durham award-winning Café Bowes and a little quality retail therapy in the Museum shop all make for a wonderful day out.

**Opening times:** Daily 10am–5pm. Closed 25–26 Dec, 1 Jan.

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Bowlees Visitor Centre

Newbiggin, Barnard Castle, County Durham  DL12 0XF
Tel: 01833 622145/ 01388 528801   www.visitbowlees.org.uk

Set amidst stunning woodland in Teesdale, next to Low and High Force waterfalls, and surrounded by some of the best hay meadows in England, Bowlees Visitor Centre – run by the North Pennines AONB Partnership, provides the perfect base for exploring one of the most breath-taking landscapes in England. The area around the centre is perfect for walking, cycling and nature-spotting. Throughout the year the centre runs events for all ages. For children we have educational visits during term-time and Wild Wednesdays in the school holidays; for older visitors we have guided walks and craft events. Cafe1618 Bowlees provides perfect post–walk sustenance and our gift shop and art gallery showcase a wealth of local talent.

**Opening times:** 5 March – 21 October and February half term.

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Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
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
  Enjoy a stroll around the farm and meet the animals.
  01388 529488, www.bradleyburn.co.uk, DL13 3JH

• Wild North Discovery
  Book a day out with a wildlife guide.
  01388 529154, DL13 2SG, www.natureholiday.co.uk

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 **Bowles 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

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**Barnard Castle**

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.

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**Durham Dales Centre**

Castle Gardens, Stanhope, Weardale, County Durham  DL13 2FJ
Tel: 01388 527650  www.durhamdalescentre.co.uk
Facebook DurhamDalesCentre  Twitter @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.

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**Hamsterley Forest**

Forestry Commission, Hamsterley Forest, Redford, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham  DL13 3NL
Tel: 01388 488312  www.forestry.gov.uk
Facebook HamsterleyForest

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.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
High Force Waterfall

High Force, in Forest in Teesdale, is one of England’s most impressive waterfalls. The River Tees suddenly and spectaculalrly 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

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).

North Pennine Studios

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

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Mission Hall Antiques

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 Beleek 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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The Witham

3 Horsemarket, Barnard Castle, County Durham DL12 8LY
Tel: 01833 631107 www.thewitham.org.uk @BarneyWitham
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

Weardale Alpacas

Boldron, Barnard Castle, County Durham DL12 9SP
Tel: 07976 423258 www.teesdale-alpacas.co.uk @TeesdaleAlpacas
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.

Teesdale Alpacas

Staindrop, Near Darlington, County Durham DL2 3AH
Tel: 01833 660202 www.rabycastle.com /RabyCastle @RabyCastle
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.


Child Goes Free* (show advert to redeem)
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Weardale Open Air Swimming Pool

Waterside Court, Stanhope, Weardale, County Durham DL13 2LU
Tel: 01388 528673 www.stanhopepool.co.uk

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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.

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.
Seaham Marina

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

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

Seaham Waves creates handmade jewellery from sea glass which is collected from beaches along the east Durham coastline. You can now visit us in our studio in Seaham which is the source of English Sea Glass.

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

Skydive Academy Limited

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

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

Seaham Marina, Fillpoeke 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.

Visitor Information: 03000 26 26 26

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
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.

- Shop
- Babychange facilities
- Tea room and/or coffee shop
- Restaurant
- Picnic tables
- Car parking
- No dogs (except guide dogs)
- No admission charge
- Accessible parking
- Wheelchair access to all areas
- Facilities for the visually impaired
- Facilities for the hearing impaired
- Welcome 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.

Find out what’s on across Durham, visit: thisisdurham.com/events

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* Deal specific terms & conditions:

Botanic Garden and Oriental Museum, Raby Castle, Tweddel Animal Farm: Child Goes Free – one child goes free with a full paying adult.

Diggerland - Present advert to save 15% off entry for up to 6 people. Other offers/discounts do not apply. Expires: 31/10/2016. Park code: 45081.

Skydive Academy £30 Off - only one voucher can be used per customer and the discount is offered off the full retail price and cannot be combined with other offers.
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W elevenarches.org
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Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
During the First World War, battle after battle was fought by the British Army on the Western Front in Belgium and France. A century later, the Battle of the Somme stands out as one of the largest offensives of World War I. With over 1 million casualties, the popular view of the offensive is of brave young soldiers and callous generals, doomed attacks and senseless slaughter. But is this view mistaken?

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
Durham Cathedral Bus
The Cathedral Bus is a dedicated service covering three routes linking the rail station, principal city centre bus stops, coach park and the Market Place with the World Heritage Site of Durham Cathedral and Durham Castle.

Public Transport
Once you arrive in Durham you’ll find a good network of regular public transport services. For further details of routes and times 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

Traveline
For more information about the Cathedral Bus and public transport services across Durham and surrounding areas, contact Traveline direct by calling 0871 200 2233 (open daily 7am–9pm), or visit their website at www.traveline.info

Airport Express Durham
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Tel: 07484 160177   www.arounddurhamcitytours.co.uk
E: gra_logan@hotmail.com

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E: gra_logan@hotmail.com

Enjoy a Guided Walk around the beautiful City of Durham led by Blue Badge Guide – Graeme Logan. Tours available for individuals, couples, small or large groups. Graeme will bring your tour alive with a sense of humour, and an insight into the way of life, heritage and special features of North East England. He may also treat you to his own rendering of “The Blaydon Races” and is not unknown to illustrate his tours with a verse or two of poetry!

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
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 Newcastle Gateshead Quayside and take in the famous view of the seven bridges across the River Tyne. 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.

Find out more about what’s on Durham’s doorstep, visit: thisisdurham.com/further–afield

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