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# *This is durham* **Pocket Guide**



## Amazing days & stays in **Durham**



Things to see and do and places to eat in **Durham City**,  
the **Durham Dales**, **Vale of Durham** and **Durham Coast**

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CASTLE

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# Whether you are looking for inspiration on great days out, or planning the perfect staycation, let the Durham Pocket Guide inspire you.

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

## Amazing days...

From city, countryside and coast, enjoy award-winning attractions, exciting activities, stunning landscapes, and fantastic food and drink. Whether you're a nature lover, culture vulture, history buff, or looking for a fun family day out, you'll find all this and more in Durham.

## Amazing stays...

Take a break at one of the county's stylish hotels, historic houses, cosy B&Bs or homely cottages. And for a night under the stars, you will find camping and glamping across the county. So whether it's quality couple time, a family getaway or a dog-friendly break with your four-legged friend, you're certain to find your perfect place to stay.

## Get a taste of Durham

Fantastic food and drink is one of the key ingredients to a great day out – from local produce, farm shops and farmers markets, to foodie events and award-winning eateries. Fine dining destinations, hearty pub lunches, tempting tearooms and cosy coffee shops are all on the menu in Durham.

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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 is divided into easy-to-follow sections for things to see and do, places to eat, events and visitor information.

## Inspire me

In this guide you'll find ideas on how to discover Durham's great outdoors and fascinating past, through exciting attractions and activities. For even more inspiration, visit: [thisisdurham.com/inspire-me](https://thisisdurham.com/inspire-me)

## Keep in touch

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-  Shop
-  Baby change facilities
-  Tea room and/or coffee shop
-  Restaurant
-  Picnic tables
-  Car parking
-  No dogs (except guide dogs)
-  Dogs welcome
-  No admission charge
-  Accessible parking
-  Accessible toilets
-  Wheelchair access all areas
-  Facilities for visually impaired
-  Facilities for hearing impaired
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-  Welcome to Durham
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-  Green Tourism Business Scheme Award – Gold, Silver, Bronze
- Accommodation Only**

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-  Hot tub
-  Free Wi-Fi
-  Log fire/open fireplace
-  Garden
-  Children's facilities
-  Secure cycle storage
-  AA Rosette

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# Durham's great outdoors

From walking and cycling to nature watching and watersports, discover Durham's great outdoors.


Head to the Durham Dales to enjoy everything from a scenic stroll, stopping off at quaint country pubs along the way, to a challenging trek. A number of long-distance routes, including the Pennine Way, Northern Saints Trails and Coast to Coast, take you through stunning landscapes, while the highest public A-road in England provides a cycle challenge certain to take your breath away.

For spectacular sights, head to High Force, one of England's most spectacular waterfalls, enjoy an incredible night of stargazing under Durham's dark skies in the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and by day spot wildlife from the water's edge at Derwent Waterside Park. Or if you prefer to explore on two wheels, Hamsterley Forest is home to some of the best off-road cycling tracks in the UK, and is a magnet for mountain bikers.

2023 has been designated as the Year of the Coast, making it the perfect time to explore Durham's designated stretch of heritage coastline, which is recognised internationally for its rare plants and wildlife. Follow the Coastal Footpath for dramatic cliff top views across the North Sea. And for a rush of adrenaline, head to Seaham Harbour where you can take to the water to paddle board, kayak or canoe under expert guidance.

Even in historic Durham City there's the chance to get back to nature, with riverside walks, Crook Hall Gardens and the Durham University Botanic Garden. And for family fun in the fresh air, head to Wharton Park, Hardwick Park or Chester-le-Street Riverside Park for perfect play areas and places to explore.

[thisisdurham.com/outdoors](https://thisisdurham.com/outdoors)



High Force Waterfall





# Step back in time

From award-winning attractions to iconic buildings, take a step back in time and discover Durham's fascinating past.

The dramatic Durham Cathedral and Castle UNESCO World Heritage Site forms one of the most stunning city skylines in Europe, looking down upon the charming university city below. Visit Durham Town Hall and Palace Green Library for fascinating exhibits which shine a light on Durham's past. Get a close-up view of treasures from across the globe at the Durham University Oriental Museum. And on the outskirts of the city explore the stunning architecture and glorious grounds of Ushaw: Historic House, Chapels & Gardens.

In the Durham Dales, discover Raby Castle with its stunning interiors, 200-acre deer park, walled gardens and outdoor adventure play. Experience the life and work of Victorian lead mining families at Killhope, and in the market town of Barnard Castle you will find the magnificent sight of The Bowes Museum, with its outstanding collections of art, fashion and design. 2023 is the 250th anniversary of the museum's iconic Silver Swan and celebrations will be taking place throughout the year.

In the Vale of Durham experience the sights, smells, sounds and tastes of times gone by at Beamish, The Living Museum of the North, which vividly brings the past to life. Uncover the county's role in the development of the railways at Locomotion, and at Binchester Roman Fort see what life was like for the Romans in Durham. In the market town of Bishop Auckland, delve into 1,000 years of history at The Auckland Project – explore the magnificent Auckland Castle, Mining Art Gallery, and Spanish Gallery – the UK's first gallery dedicated to the art, history and culture of Spain. And in Autumn 2023, England's first Faith Museum will open its doors, offering seven new gallery spaces contemplating the ideas, implications and impact of faith in Britain.

For a truly unique experience don't miss Kynren – An Epic Tale of England. The live action open-air extravaganza that takes audiences on a journey through 2,000 years of history, myth and legend.

[thisisdurham.com/history](https://thisisdurham.com/history)

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# Durham City

The magnificent Durham Cathedral and Castle UNESCO World Heritage Site sits proudly above the vibrant streets of this heritage city.

Durham City: See & Do

Durham Cathedral

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## Adventure Valley



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Discover endless adventures at Adventure Valley, the North East's biggest family adventure park. With over 18,000 sq ft of indoor play, an indoor animal Farm Yard and acres of outdoor play, the kids won't want to leave! Adventure Valley has it covered with over 40 attractions, activities and shows, including cute friendly animals to meet, Adventure Golf, Forty Towers, Runaway Races, Valley Express train, Wild West Saloon, Showtime Theatre, Dragon Slide, Pirate Ship, zip line, tractor rides and jumping pillows.

**Opening times:** Daily from 10am. Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. See website for up to date information.

**Brasside, Durham City, DH1 5SG**

**Tel 0191 386 8291 [adventurevalley.co.uk](http://adventurevalley.co.uk)**

**Facebook: AdventureV Twitter: Adventure\_V**

## Amazing Antiques Etc.



Amazing Antiques Etc. is located just minutes from the beautiful historic city of Durham in Langley Moor. One of the largest antiques and vintage dealers in the North East with over 10,000 sq ft filled with thousands of beautiful pieces, it specialises in porcelain, but has something for everyone including bronzes, lighting and furniture – with one of the largest collections of Royal Doulton, Lladro and Beswick among many other well known and loved collectibles.

**Opening Times:** Monday to Friday 9am–5pm.

**Unit 8, Skillion Business Centre, Littleburn Industrial Estate, Langley Moor, County Durham, DH7 8HG**

**Email [Info@amazingantiquesetc.co.uk](mailto:Info@amazingantiquesetc.co.uk)**

**Facebook: AmazingAntiquesEtc**

**Instagram: amazingantiquesetc**

## Durham Cathedral



Explore Durham Cathedral, part of Durham's UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the resting places of iconic Northern Saints, St Cuthbert and the Venerable Bede, as pilgrims have done for 1,000 years, and discover the cathedral's history as a place of faith, art and remembrance.

Look up to see stained glass windows, pause by the County Durham miners and local regiment memorials and explore the iconic Cloisters. Step into the cathedral's museum to see the treasures of St Cuthbert on display in the spaces which were previously part of Durham's medieval Benedictine monastery, such as the Monks' Dormitory and the Great Kitchen.

**No admission charge. If you are able, please consider donating £5 to support the cathedral's future.**

**Visiting times:** Monday to Saturday 10am–4pm, Sunday noon–4pm.

**Durham Cathedral, Durham, DH1 3EH**

**Tel 0191 338 7178**

**[durhamcathedral.co.uk](http://durhamcathedral.co.uk)**

**Facebook/Twitter/Instagram: [DurhamCathedral](#)**





DURHAM  
CATHEDRAL

# Things to do

- Climb the central tower for amazing views
- Dive into history in the cathedral's museum
- Light a candle, join a service or pause for Prayers on the Hour
- Find Durham-inspired gifts in the shop
- Enjoy light bites in the café, or picnic outdoors in the Monks' Garden
- Explore Durham's riverbanks around the cathedral

Check the website for what's on, special events, and tickets for the tower, tours and museum

[www.durhamcathedral.co.uk](http://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk)



## Durham Climbing Centre



Indoor bouldering for adults and children aged 3+. Pay once – climb all day! Family instruction and daily children's sessions. Comfortable spectator area, café and coffee lounge, free parking. At Durham Climbing Centre there really is a challenge for everyone! Book online.

**Opening times:** Monday to Friday 10am–10pm, Saturday and Sunday 8.30am–6pm, open Bank Holidays.

**St. John's Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate,**  
County Durham, DH7 8TZ Tel 0191 378 9555  
[durhamclimbingcentre.co.uk](http://durhamclimbingcentre.co.uk)

Facebook: [DurhamClimbingCentre](#)

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## Durham Fringe Festival 26–30 July 2023



Introducing the third annual Durham Fringe Festival, which will showcase over 50 different shows, at six city centre venues, in the last five days of July. There's something for everyone this year with acts from genres including theatre, spoken word, music, circus, musical theatre, comedy, and family-friendly acts.

A full program of performances and times will be available in April on the website – [www.durhamfringe.co.uk](http://www.durhamfringe.co.uk) – as will tickets when they go live shortly after. Follow on social media for more updates.

[durhamfringe.co.uk](http://durhamfringe.co.uk)

Facebook: [Durham Fringe Festival](#)

Instagram: [durhamfringefest](#)

## E-newsletter

Sign up to receive the Durham e-newsletter for ideas on things to see and do, events and competitions.

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## Durham Market Hall



Discover the heart of independent retail in Durham City – explore the Victorian Market Hall, now a thriving hub with 40 independent traders. Shop for food and drink, fashion and beauty, homewares and antiques, hobby supplies and collectables, and find a range of useful services too. Or enjoy coffee and a scone with a view!

**Opening times:** Monday to Saturday 9am–4.30pm. Bank Holiday and Christmas hours – see website.

**Market Place, Durham, DH1 3NJ**

**Tel 0191 384 6153** [durhammarkets.co.uk](http://durhammarkets.co.uk)

**Facebook: Durham Markets** **Twitter: durhammarkets**

## Durham Museum



The perfect introduction to Durham, the museum tells the story of the people of Durham. Situated in an historic church close to Durham Cathedral, displays describe the development of the city with objects illustrating everyday life from medieval times to the present day. There's also brass rubbing, a shop selling souvenirs and books, and a garden containing sculptures by nationally-acclaimed artist Fenwick Lawson.

**Opening times:** Easter to October, 11am to 4.30pm. See website for details.

**St Mary-le-Bow, North Bailey, Durham, DH1 3ET**

**Tel 0191 348 5589** [durhammuseum.co.uk](http://durhammuseum.co.uk)

**Facebook: DurhamMuseum**

**Twitter: DurhamHeritage**

# Visitor Attractions

## Durham World Heritage Site Visitor Centre



A must see venue to gain an overview of the World Heritage Site. Find out what makes Durham significant and what there is to see and do on the peninsular. Located within Palace Green Library.

**Opening Times:** Daily 10am-5pm (Thursday until 7pm). Check website for opening times over Christmas and New Year.

Palace Green Library, Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RN

Tel 0191 334 2976 [durhamworldheritagesite.com](http://durhamworldheritagesite.com)



## Botanic Garden



**A child (16 years and under) entry is now free, terms and conditions apply**

Set against beautiful mature woodlands on the southern outskirts of Durham City, offering a wide range of landscapes to explore and discover, with guests young and old visiting throughout the year.

**Opening Times:** March to October 10am to 5pm, November to February 10am to 4pm. Open 7 days a week. Closed between Christmas and New Year. **Hollingside Lane, Durham, DH1 3TN**  
Tel 0191 334 5518

## Public Lectures and Seminars

An extensive programme takes place throughout the year to share knowledge and encourage debate with experts and renowned academics speaking on a myriad of topics. Free of charge and open to all. **Visit the website for full lecture listings and further details.**  
[durham.ac.uk/news-events/events](http://durham.ac.uk/news-events/events)





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## Oriental Museum



From Ancient Egypt to modern China, this is the only museum in the North of England devoted entirely to the art and archaeology of the great cultures of Northern Africa and Asia.

**Opening Times:** Tuesday to Friday 10am-5pm (Thursday until 7pm), Saturday and Sunday 12pm-5pm. Check website above for opening times over Christmas and New Year.

Elvet Hill, Durham, DH1 3TH Tel 0191 334 5691



## Palace Green Library



Visit the Museum of Archaeology with artefacts that span 250,000 years of history. Explore the World Heritage Site Visitor Centre and find out more about Durham and its heritage. Learn about our Archives and Special Collections. **Opening Times:** Daily 10am-5pm (Thursday until 7pm on selected dates). Barker Research Library closed on a weekend. Check website above for opening times over Christmas and New Year.

Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RN Tel 0191 334 2932

## Durham Castle



Experience over 1,000 years of history on a Durham Castle Tour and discover how it functions today as the home of University College. Built as an imposing fortress, explore the history of this undefeated castle. Limited wheelchair access, please call for details. **Opening Times:** Tour times vary, please check the website above for details.

Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RW Tel 0191 334 2932





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#### GAME 02

##### LAB HEIST

Agents; Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to infiltrate Durham Bio Laboratories and steal Dr Norman Atkinson's secret formula.

Unfortunately you have triggered the security system which is slowly filling the laboratory with toxic fumes...

**CAN YOU  
ESCAPE?**



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puzzles**



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of 2-6**

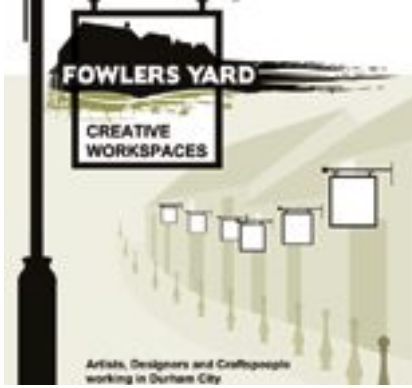


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## Fowlers Yard



Fowlers Yard is a unique development of creative workspaces for professional artists, craftspeople and creative businesses. Transformed from their original purposes as stables, the studios now lie at the heart of the growing cultural quarter, tucked away behind Durham's Indoor Market. Situated on the banks of the River Wear, Fowlers Yard provides visitors with the opportunity to observe creative processes such as jewellery design, hand embroidery, etching, digital crafts, illustration and micro-brewing. Fowlers Yard is also home to the City Theatre and Leonard's Coffee House.

**Opening times:** Studios vary – see website. Leonard's Coffee House open Wednesday to Sunday.

[fowlersyarddurham.co.uk](http://fowlersyarddurham.co.uk)

**Facebook:** FowlersYard

## Guided Walks in Durham City



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 rendition of The Blaydon Races and is not unknown to illustrate his tours with a verse or two of poetry! Departs from various locations in Durham. Please contact to check availability.

**Tel 01207 506 772 or 07712 117 044**

**Email [gra\\_logan@hotmail.com](mailto:gra_logan@hotmail.com)**

## Harry's House Durham



Harry's House Durham offers comfortable pet friendly accommodation within easy reach of the City. The three bed end terrace boasts bespoke artwork and quirky interiors as well as a large garden with private parking, outdoor fireplace and luxury hydrotherapy spa. A warm welcome awaits for your North East adventures.

**42 High Street, Carrville, Durham, DH1 1AS**

**Tel 07961 889 916 [harryshousedurham.co.uk](http://harryshousedurham.co.uk)**

**Facebook: [42harryshousedurham](https://www.facebook.com/42harryshousedurham)**

## Newcastle Tour Company @ Durham



Explore Durham with a passionate, local expert and discover the city's history, hidden gems, fascinating stories and amazing insights! Tours available for individuals and groups. Available daily, bookable online with flexible start times and locations.

**Tel 0191 500 9571**

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**[newcastletourcompany.com](http://newcastletourcompany.com)**

**Facebook: [Newcastle Tour Company](#)**

**Instagram: [newcastletourcompany](#)**



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**Hall Lane, Shincliffe, Durham, DH1 2NG**

**Tel 0191 384 7553**

**[poplartreegardencentre.co.uk](http://poplartreegardencentre.co.uk)**



## Stanley & Durham City Taxis



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**Tel 0191 306 0606**

**[stanley-travel.com](http://stanley-travel.com)**



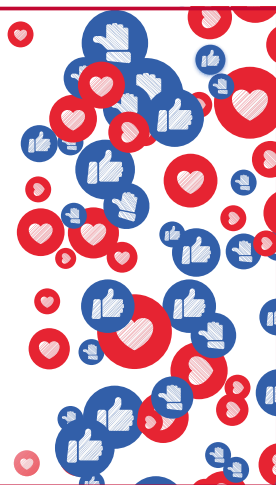
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The Story at Mount Oswald will be a new kind of heritage hub for County Durham. Home to ancient archives, records of bravery and life-changing events. Where collections, brought together for the first time, will be available for everyone; online and in person. Like a beacon our stories will reach out across the county.

**The Story | We're all part of it**

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Toast Lettings is based in Durham City, North East England. It prides itself on the provision and management of high quality, short-term, self-catering accommodation.

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**Tel 0191 384 0596**

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## Ushaw Historic House, Chapels & Gardens



Situated in the countryside on the outskirts of Durham City, explore Ushaw's beautiful gardens, architecturally significant historic house, and breathtaking chapels. Experience the latest events and exhibitions – from classic car shows to live music, family fun, theatre and art; there's always something to capture your imagination at Ushaw. Join a guided tour and discover Ushaw's fascinating history, then relax and treat yourself in the café. Visit for the day or keep coming back with great-value annual memberships and enjoy an experience beyond belief. For opening times and admission charges, visit [ushaw.org](http://ushaw.org)

**Ushaw, Durham, DH7 7DW**

**Tel 0191 373 8500 Email [meet@ushaw.org](mailto:meet@ushaw.org)**

**[ushaw.org](http://ushaw.org)**

**Facebook/Twitter/Instagram: [ushawdurham](https://www.facebook.com/ushawdurham)**

## Durham Cathedral: The Undercroft



Durham Cathedral's café, located just off the Cloister, is known for its delicious range of light lunches, snacks and drinks. Choose from a selection of homemade soups, sandwiches, scones, cakes and biscuits – freshly prepared and using local produce wherever possible. A children's menu is also available. Sit down to eat indoors or choose a table in the Cloister. If you fancy taking your treats outside head to the secluded Monks' Garden.

**Opening times:** Monday to Saturday 10am–4pm, Sunday 10.30am–4pm.  
Closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday.

**Durham Cathedral, Durham City, DH1 3EH**

**Tel 0191 386 3721**

**[durhamcathedral.co.uk](http://durhamcathedral.co.uk)**



## Coarse Restaurant



Affordable, informal tasting menus using seasonal, local ingredients. Vegetarian, vegan and all other dietary requirements catered for. Bookings advised.

**Opening times:** Wednesday to Saturday evenings & Thursday to Saturday lunch.

**Reform Place, North Road, Durham, DH1 4RZ**  
**Tel 0191 374 1123**  
[coarse.restaurant](http://coarse.restaurant)

## Durham Distillery



Durham Distillery has been making high quality spirits since 2014. In 2023 they made the long awaited move to Durham City Centre with a new distillery, shop and events space all under one roof. In this new, subterranean, location you can take part in tours, host events or even make your very own unique gin! Their delicious spirits are also available to sample from a number of local stockists across the region. From the heart of the city to the bottom of your glass (via a unique copper pot still), you can be sure to get a true taste of Durham with every sip.

**Tel 07508 351 771 Email [info@durhamdistillery.co.uk](mailto:info@durhamdistillery.co.uk)**  
[durhamdistillery.co.uk](http://durhamdistillery.co.uk)

**Facebook: Durham Distillery Twitter: DurhamDistilUK**

## Have an eventful time

Discover exciting festivals and events taking place across the county.

[thisisdurham.com/whats-on](http://thisisdurham.com/whats-on)



## La Chocolatrice

Chocolate Factory, Shop & Chocolate Making Workshops



This is where the magic happens! The team makes all of the delicious handmade chocolate bars and treats in store. They dream up the flavours, do a lot of trialling and even more tasting, and then begin work making the truly scrumptious chocolate treats! They would love to see you in the beautiful chocolate shop, where you can watch the chocolate creations being made through the window into the chocolate factory, or you can have a go at making them yourself in one of the amazing chocolate making workshops!

**Unit 1, Commercial Road East, Coxhoe, DH6 4LD**

**Tel 0191 389 7071**

**lachocolatrice.co.uk**

**Facebook: la.chocolatrice**

**Instagram: la.chocolatrice**

## Pizza Punks



Non-conformist artisans who make unforgettable sourdough pizza and fresh pasta! Pizza Punks want to 'Kill your Bill' offering bottomless brunch, CheapDate Mondays, TFIT and late-night pizza deals. 20% student/Blue Light/NHS discount available Sunday to Thursday, Ts & Cs apply. Welcome to Punks, come as you are!

**Opening times:** Monday to Sunday noon–10pm.

**Unit 12, The Riverwalk, Durham, DH1 4SL**

**Tel 0191 432 5675**

**pizzapunks.co.uk/pizza-punks-durham**

**Facebook: PizzaPunksDurham**

## Tango



Tango's stunning location on medieval Old Elvet Bridge combines with a lip-smacking menu of fan favourites to make it a must-visit venue for food. Whether you're vegetarian, vegan or carnivore, the range of burgers, grilled specials and laid-back vibe offer it all, making Tango one of Durham's most popular hot spots.

**Kitchen opening times:** Daily 11am–9.30pm.

**96 Elvet Bridge, Durham, DH1 3AG**

**Tel 0844 625 6231 Email info@tangodurham.co.uk**

**tangodurham.co.uk**

**Facebook: TangoDurham1771 Twitter: tangodurham**

## The Kingslodge Inn – The Inn Collection Group



Combine the best of city living with the relaxed atmosphere of the countryside at this cosy, gem of an inn in Durham City. Surrounded by the peaceful woodland of Flass Vale, it's hard to believe The Kingslodge Inn is just a 10-minute stroll from the heart of historic Durham with its UNESCO World Heritage Site of Durham Cathedral and adjoining Castle.

Voted best venue in County Durham in the national Pub & Bar Awards in 2019 and named by The Times as one of the '20 best places to stay in the UK with a dog', The Kingslodge Inn has all the benefits of a city-centre location but with a laid-back, relaxed vibe.

**Opening times:** Daily 7.30am–11pm.

**Waddington Street, Flass Vale, Durham, DH1 4BG**

**Tel 0191 370 9977 Email [enquiries@kingslodgeinn.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kingslodgeinn.co.uk)**

**[inncollectiongroup.com/kingslodge-inn](http://inncollectiongroup.com/kingslodge-inn)**

## The Rabbit Hole



As stylish as a 1920s jazz club in Shanghai, the Rabbit Hole is fronted by a dim-sum lunch bar serving Asian tapas which conceals beyond it an opulent, romantically lit speak-easy of a restaurant. Lavish, comfortable, unique – it's the perfect backdrop for a delicious evening of fine Asian dining.

**Kitchen opening times:** Monday to Thursday 12.30pm–2.30pm / 5pm–late. Friday to Saturday 12.30pm–late. Sunday Closed.

**17 Hallgarth Street, Durham City, DH1 3AT**

**Tel 0191 386 5556**

**[therabbitholedurham.co.uk](http://therabbitholedurham.co.uk)**



## Turkish Kitchen



Durham is home to a vibrant food scene, and Turkish cuisine is no exception. Turkish food is known for its bold flavors, fresh ingredients, and hearty portions. If you're a foodie looking to experience the best of Turkish cuisine in Durham, you're in luck.

Start your culinary journey with traditional mezze plates, such as hummus and baba ghanoush, before moving on to classic dishes like lamb Iskender and Ali Nazik. For something sweet, try baklava or Turkish delight with Turkish coffee. "Afiyet olsun"

**66 Saddler Street, Ground Floor, Durham City, DH1 3NP**

**Tel 0191 372 7001**

**[turkishkitchendurham.co.uk](http://turkishkitchendurham.co.uk)**

**Instagram: @turkishkitchendurham**

## Zen



Zen is a Durham institution. Family-owned and run, always popular, the range of classic and not-so-classic Asian fusion dishes has been stimulating the city's taste buds for 15 years. Get ready to chopstick your way through the irresistible combination of local ingredients and far east know-how. Just be sure to book first!

**Kitchen opening times:** Daily 11.30am–9.30pm.

**Court Lane, Durham City, DH1 3JS**

**Tel 0191 384 9588**

**[zendurham.co.uk](http://zendurham.co.uk)**

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# Vale of Durham

Discover award-winning attractions that bring the county's fascinating past to life, and galleries home to incredible collections.



Auckland Castle

## Beamish, The Living Museum of the North



Take a tram ride back in time and see history come to life at Beamish Museum. Meet friendly costumed folk and experience life in the 1820s, early 1900s, 1940s and 1950s. Explore homes, shops and other buildings and discover the latest 1950s additions.

Enjoy stunning Georgian gardens, stroll down an Edwardian street, practise your handwriting in the school, meet the Land Girls, get your hair done in a 1950s style and try tasty traditional food.

Throughout the year, Beamish holds a whole host of events which are included in the admission price. Use your Beamish Unlimited Pass or Friends of Beamish membership to pay once and visit free for a year!

Open year round. For more information, visit the website.

**Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG**

**Tel 0191 370 4000 [beamish.org.uk](http://beamish.org.uk)**

**Facebook: [Beamish Living Museum](#)**

**Twitter: [Beamish\\_Museum](#)**

**Instagram: [beamish\\_museum](#)**



## Binchester Roman Fort

A Durham County Council venue



See the impressive remains of the Commandant's house and the neighbouring bath-house (now protected with a new cover building) containing one of the best preserved examples of a hypocaust (underfloor heating system) in the whole of Britain. See the stupendously well-preserved remains of part of the regimental bath building uncovered by recent excavations.

Signposted from A690 Durham-Crook, from A688 Spennymoor-Bishop Auckland, and from Bishop Auckland town centre.

Adults £5, Concessions £4, Children £3 (under 4s free). Advance booking required for group guided tours. Much of the site is fully accessible. Check website for details of any special events and closures. Assistance dogs only.

**Opening times:** Daily 1 April to 31 October 10am–4.30pm (last entry 4pm).

**1 mile north of Bishop Auckland beside the River Wear on the road from the market place/town hall to Newfield, County Durham, DL14 8DJ**

**Tel 01388 663 089 / 03000 267 013 (out of season)**

**[durham.gov.uk/binchester](http://durham.gov.uk/binchester)**

## Bishop Auckland's Christmas Town



A magical weekend of festive fun for the whole community taking place in and around Bishop Auckland Marketplace 24–26 November 2023. Enjoy Christmas markets, Santa's grotto, winter attractions, entertainment, giant Christmas tipis, bars, and traders from across the region. Plus, there's stacks to do for all the family including wreath workshops, performances and more!

**Marketplace, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7NP**

**[bishopaucklandschristmastown.co.uk](http://bishopaucklandschristmastown.co.uk)**

**Facebook: BACChristmasTown**

## Brancepeth Castle



The 14th Century stronghold of the Nevilles, which became a grand Regency country house, now a family home. Visit the castle on a family-guided tour, for craft fairs and open-air theatre, or stay in the Quartermaster's holiday let. Tours and events run throughout the year – please see website for details.

**Brancepeth Castle, Brancepeth, Durham, DH7 8DE**

**Tel 0191 378 9670**

**[brancepethcastle.org.uk](http://brancepethcastle.org.uk)**

**Facebook: BrancepethCastle**

**Facebook: QuartermastersAtBrancepethCastle**

# ROAM FROM HOME

On your travels around Durham make sure you Discover Brightwater, the new name for the River Skerne area. Starting near the Trimdons and Hurworth Burn, it winds its way past nature reserves, castles and our brilliant railway heritage. Enjoy the races at Sedgefield, followed by a meal at one of the great eateries, visit the birthplace of the railway in Darlington or Shildon, or enjoy a drink at one of our castles, stately homes or villages!



## Discover hidden gems

Visit [www.discoverbrightwater.co.uk](http://www.discoverbrightwater.co.uk) to view our interactive map and download our free maps and guides to discover Durham's hidden gems.



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[discoverbrightwater.com](http://discoverbrightwater.com)

Facebook/Instagram/Twitter: [discoverbwlp](#)

## Durham Cricket's Riverside



The T20 Blast is set to return to Durham Cricket's Riverside this summer with entertainment and excitement for all of the family! Whether it's a drink with good mates or a day out with the family, they've got you covered. The Family Zone will return, which will include activities for everyone to test their skills as a cricketer. Season tickets are priced at £70 for adults, covering all home games in the Vitality Blast – with junior memberships available for £25. Tickets can be purchased online or via the Durham Cricket box office.

**Seat Unique Riverside, Chester-le-Street, County Durham, DH2 3QR**

**Tel 0191 387 1717 Email [box.office@durhamcricket.co.uk](mailto:box.office@durhamcricket.co.uk)**

**[durhamcricket.co.uk](http://durhamcricket.co.uk)**

**Facebook: [DurhamCricket](#) Instagram: [DurhamCricket\\_](#)**

**Twitter: [DurhamCricket](#)**



## Durham Mining Museum



The display areas of the museum are located within Spennymoor Town Hall. There are also two life-size pit ponies working next to a purpose built coal seam that children (and adults!) can experience.

**Opening times:** Monday to Saturday 10am–2pm. Closed Wednesdays. Visits outside these hours are possible by emailing Lynn Gibson, [durhamminingmuseumsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:durhamminingmuseumsecretary@gmail.com)

**Spennymoor Town Hall, High Street, Spennymoor, County Durham, DL16 6DG Tel 07724 817 069**

**Email [durhamminingmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:durhamminingmuseum@gmail.com)**

**[dmm.org.uk](http://dmm.org.uk) Facebook: Durham Mining Museum**

## Hall Hill Farm



Enjoy a fun-filled family day out with lots of animals, free tractor and trailer ride, soft play barn and crazy golf. Bottle feed the lambs in spring and ride the barrel train. Special events throughout the year.

**Opening times:** Please visit the website.

**Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0TA**

**Tel 01388 731 333 [hallhillfarm.co.uk](http://hallhillfarm.co.uk)**

**Facebook: Hall Hill Farm**

**Twitter: [hallhillfarm](https://twitter.com/hallhillfarm)**

## Knitsley Farm Shop & Granary Café



Award-winning farm shop/restaurant based on a working farm near Consett, County Durham. Knitsley boasts many home produced products including freshly baked breads and cakes, homemade pies and pastries, freshly butchered own/local meat products, along with delicatessen items and local/regional cheeses.

**East Knitsley Grange Farm, Knitsley, Consett, County Durham, DH8 9EW Tel 01207 592 059**

**Email [info@knitsleyfarmshop.co.uk](mailto:info@knitsleyfarmshop.co.uk)**

**[knitsleyfarmshop.co.uk](http://knitsleyfarmshop.co.uk)**

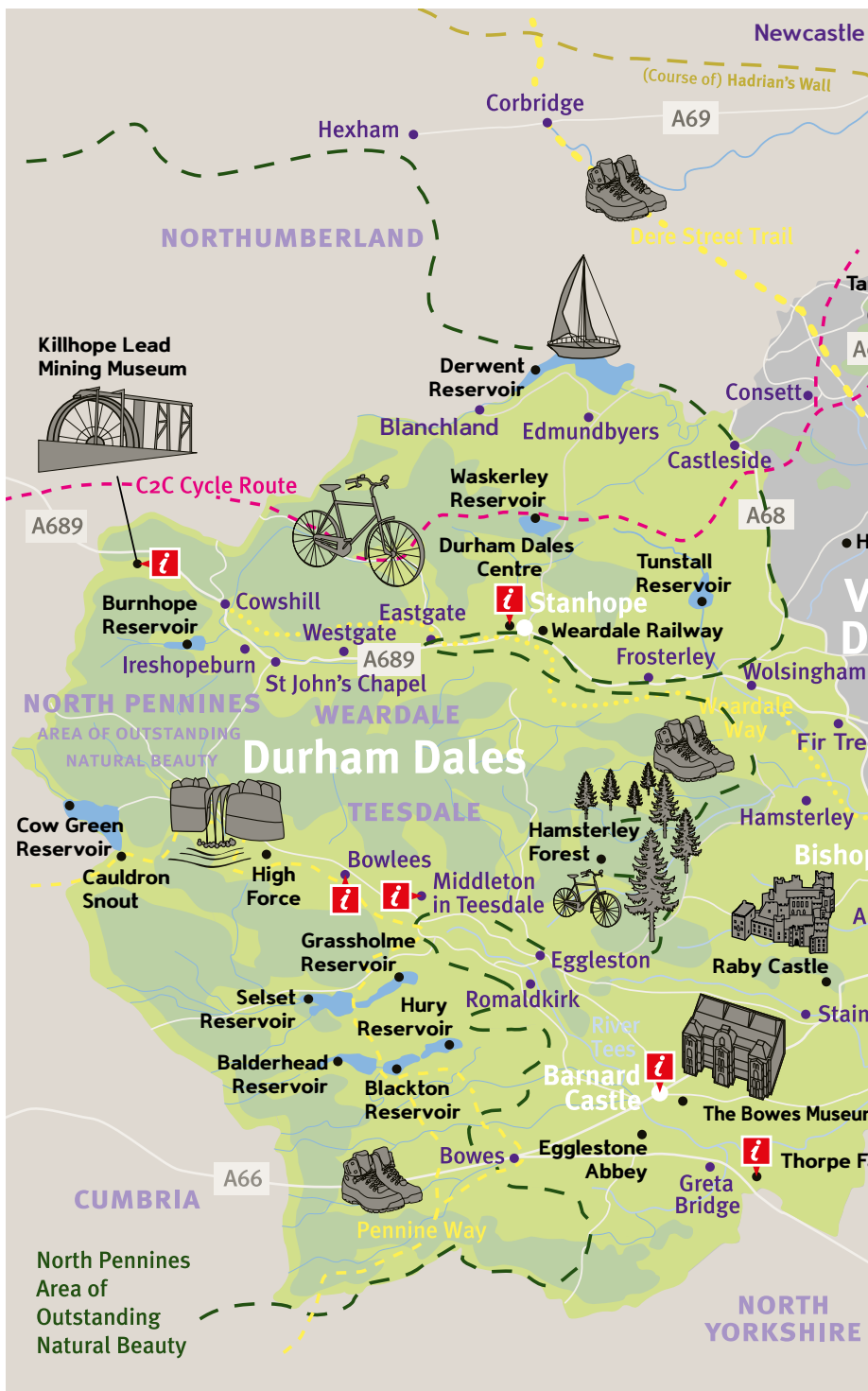
**Facebook: Knitsley-Farm-Shop Twitter: KnitsleyFarm**

## E-newsletter

Sign up to receive the Durham e-newsletter for ideas on things to see and do, events and competitions.

**[thisisdurham.com/newsletter](http://thisisdurham.com/newsletter)**





Boundary of North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Durham Heritage Coast

Pennine Way

Weardale Way

Coastal Footpath

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C2C (Sea to Sea) Cycle Route

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Places of interest

Place Names/Place Names



Visitor Information Points.  
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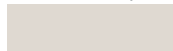
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#### Vale of Durham



#### Durham City



#### Durham Coast



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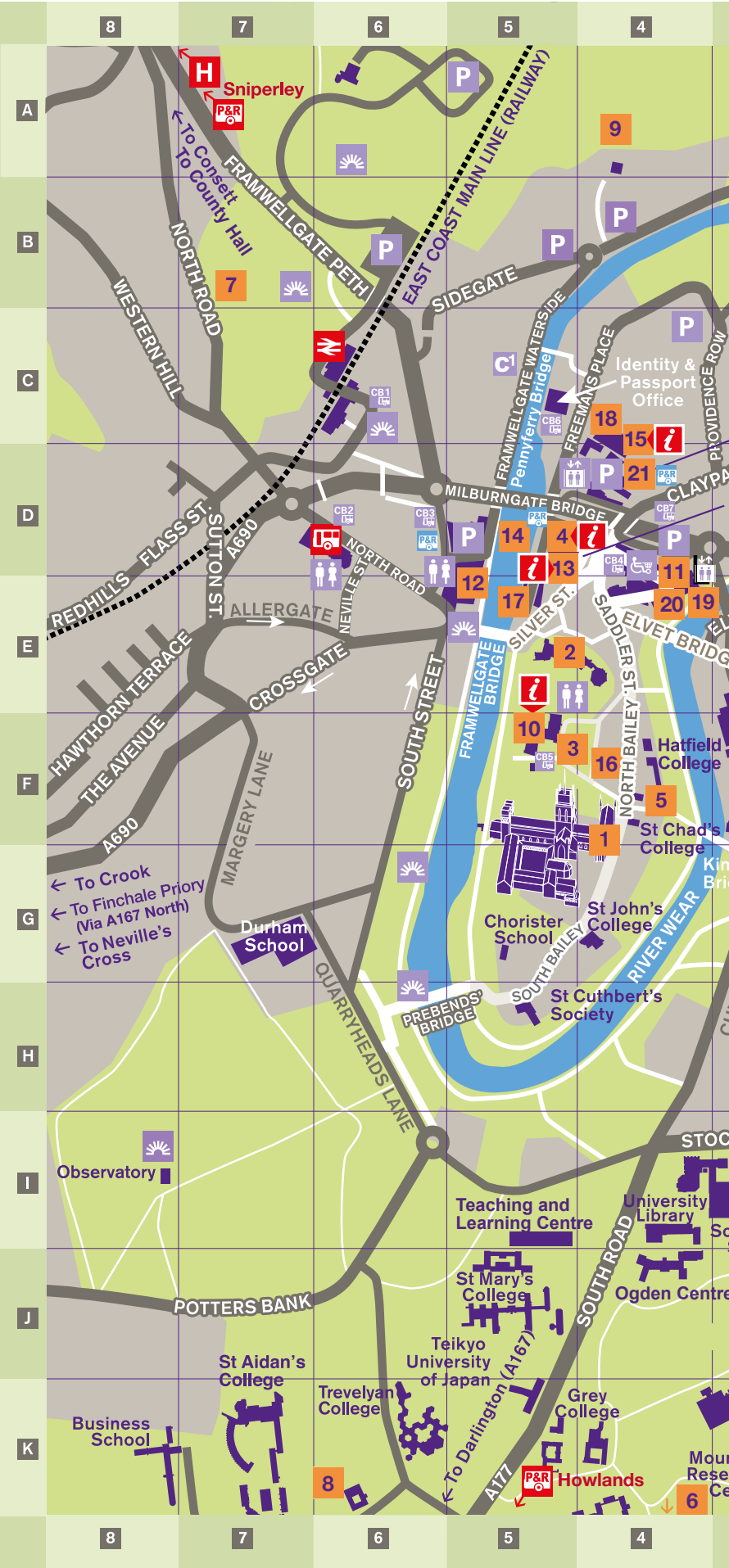
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15	40	27	12	Seaham
21	18	17	30	36 Stanhope

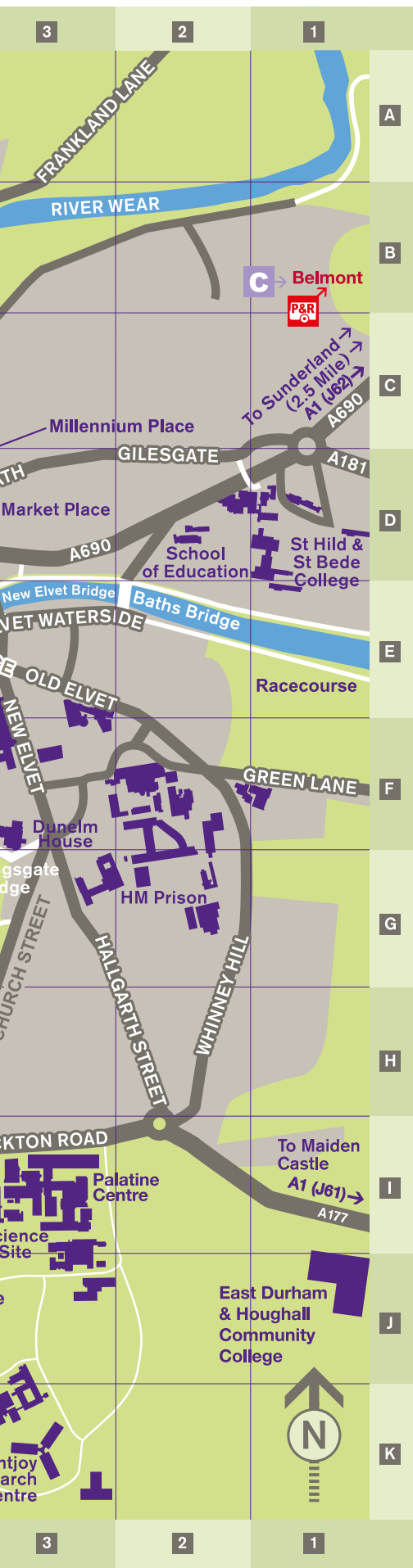
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Distances approximate, based on most direct route provided by an online route planner.







- H** A7 University Hospital
- C6** Durham Rail Station
- D6** North Road Bus Station
- P** Car Park
- C** Coach Park
- C1** Coach Drop Off / Pick Up
- Shopmobility** Shopmobility
- Toilets** Toilets
- Lifts** Lifts
- View Point** View Point

#### Park & Ride Car Parks

- P&R** A7 Sniprley
- P&R** B1 Belmont
- P&R** K5 Howlands
- P&R** Park & Ride Bus Stops

#### Cathedral Bus Stops

- CB1** Rail Station
- CB2** Bus Station
- CB3** Milburngate
- CB4** Market Place
- CB5** Cathedral & Castle
- CB6** Freemans Place Coach Stop
- CB7** Claypath

#### Heritage

- 1** F4 Durham Cathedral
- 2** E5 Durham Castle
- 3** F5 Palace Green
- 4** D5 Durham Town Hall

#### Museums & Gardens

- 5** F4 Durham Museum
- 6** K4 Botanic Garden
- 7** B7 Wharton Park
- 8** K6 Oriental Museum
- 9** F5 Crook Hall Gardens
- 10** A4 Palace Green Library and World Heritage Site Visitor Centre

#### Shopping

- 11** E4 Prince Bishops Place
- 12** E5 The Riverwalk
- 13** D5 Durham Indoor Market
- 14** D5 Fowlers Yard Creative Workspaces

#### Culture

- 15** D4 Gala Durham
- 16** F4 Assembly Rooms (Theatre)
- 17** E5 City Theatre

#### Sport and Leisure

- 18** C4 Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre
- 19** E4 Prince Bishop River Cruises (Summer)
- 20** E4 Rowing Boat Hire (April - October)
- 21** D4 Walkergate

#### Visitor Information Points

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## Lanchester Garden Centre & Potter's World



An independent garden centre with family at the heart of all it does. The Greenhouse Restaurant boasts amazing views with meals to match, complimented by the Garden Centre's extensive homeware, gift, garden, outdoor living and aquatics departments as well as the outstanding events calendar, making this a destination for a fantastic day out. The centre is also home to Potter's World, a unique attraction with birds, reptiles, fish and much more in the only registered zoo in County Durham. Accompanied by a play area and stunning gardens/grounds to explore, this is the one-stop shop for a full day out!

**Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS**

**Tel 01207 521206**

**[lanchestergardencentre.co.uk](http://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk)**

## Lumley Castle Hotel



Dare we say it, but the festive period isn't so far away! Join the team at the castle for the most magical Christmas with a variety of special events including Elizabethan banquets, tribute nights and festive afternoon teas, or even the return of the little elf's hunt. There is something for everyone!

Don't delay, contact the team today and quote 'Durham Pocket Guide' on booking to be in with a chance to win an overnight stay for two.

**Lumley Castle Hotel, Chester-le-Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX**

**Tel 0191 389 1111**

**[lumleycastle.com](http://lumleycastle.com)**

**Facebook: Lumley Castle – No Ordinary Hotel**

## Locomotion



See highlights of the national collection of railway vehicles in Shildon – the world's first railway town.

Locomotion No. 1, the first steam locomotive in the world to pull a passenger train on a public railway, set off on its historic journey from Shildon in 1825.

Find out more about the rich seam of local railway history, come face to face with giant railway legends and discover how the railways have changed all our lives.

The family-friendly activities will keep you entertained throughout the school holidays. Join in with the programme of events and exhibitions throughout the year.

**Opening times:** Wednesday to Sunday, 10am–4pm (winter), 10am–5pm (summer). Extended opening in school holidays – visit the website or call for details. Closed 24–26 December.

**Locomotion, Shildon, County Durham, DL4 2RE**

**Tel 0330 058 0058 [locomotion.org.uk](http://locomotion.org.uk)**

**Facebook/Twitter/Instagram: LocomotionSHD**

## Moor House Adventure Centre



Outstanding adventurous and educational activities less than 10 minutes from Durham City centre. With 19 acres, visitors can choose from over 25 adventurous activities including crossbows, climbing, bushcraft and pioneering. Visit for an hour, stay the weekend or longer!

**Moor House Adventure Centre, Rainton Gate,  
Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 6QY Tel 0191 584 1703**

**Email [bookings@moor-house.org.uk](mailto:bookings@moor-house.org.uk)**

**[moor-house.org.uk](http://moor-house.org.uk)**

**Facebook: [Moorhouseadventure](https://www.facebook.com/Moorhouseadventure)**

**Twitter: [adventurecentre](https://twitter.com/adventurecentre)**

## South Moor Golf Club



Come and visit this Dr Alister MacKenzie-designed course in north Durham. One of only 41 heathland courses, it was originally designed in 1923. A friendly welcome awaits with 18 memorable holes, catering, pro shop, and unrivalled facilities. Membership and society deals available, weekend availability.

**The Middles, Craghead, Stanley, DH9 6AG**

**Tel 01207 232 848**

**Email [secretary@southmoorgc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@southmoorgc.co.uk)**

**Facebook: [South Moor Golf Club](https://www.facebook.com/SouthMoorGolfClub)**

**Twitter: [smgcchat](https://twitter.com/smgcchat)**

## Strawberry Hill Farm Camping & Caravan Park and Tea Room



Adam and Louise welcome you to their family run camping and caravan park. A quiet and open countryside park with magnificent views. Spacious pitches for touring caravans, motorhomes and tents. Caravan holiday homes are also available for hire. Try some delicious homemade treats in the on-site Tea Room.

**Strawberry Hill Farm Camping & Caravan Park,  
Running Waters, Old Cassop, County Durham,  
DH6 4QA Tel 0191 372 3457**

**Email [info@strawberryhillcaravanpark.co.uk](mailto:info@strawberryhillcaravanpark.co.uk)  
[strawberry-hill-farm.co.uk](http://strawberry-hill-farm.co.uk)**

## Be inspired

Visit the county's official tourism website for ideas on things to see and do, accommodation, food and drink, events and visitor information.





# ART IN



## THE CHRIS AND STEVE ROCKS, 'COMING HOME' ART EXHIBITION AT THE BOB ABLEY ART GALLERY WITHIN SPENNYMOOR TOWN HALL

Attracting visitors from around the world, the Bob Abley Gallery, in the Town Hall in Spennymoor County Durham is delighted to announce the Chris and Steve Rocks 'Coming Home' Art Exhibition.

The exhibition provides the internationally renowned Chris and Steve Rocks the opportunity to tell their story of how they started in their hometown of Spennymoor and have progressed to become providers of the 'must have art' for the rich and famous as well as providing work and prices for those of us who also appreciate the very best in contemporary art.

Included within the exhibition will be a range of hand signed limited edition prints as well as a stunning collection of new and original paintings, never seen previously or available to the public before.

Chris and Steve Rocks are previous winners of the Fine Art Trade Guild's Best New Artist

award, and the twins represent a unique phenomenon in the world of art.

Chris and Steve, born only seven minutes apart in Spennymoor, have created an extraordinary artistic partnership, due to a closeness and understanding that is beyond anyone's imagination. Both artists paint on each of their pieces of work, creating a true collaboration both in terms of technique and approach, resulting in the most spectacular examples of modern and contemporary art available.

Each piece of art is inspired by the overwhelming power of nature, whilst exploring the effects of light on land, sky, and water, resulting in an unrepeatable experience to be enjoyed by those of us lucky enough to view.

Whilst the Bob Abley Art Gallery is suitable for disabled access, the area in which the Rocks exhibition is located is accessible by stairs only.

# SPENNYMOOR



## NORMAN CORNISH IN SPENNYMOOR

Norman Cornish, the renowned national British Artist, has his work available in several ways in his hometown of Spennymoor in County Durham.

- The Bob Abley Art Gallery in Spennymoor Town Hall hosts a large permanent collection of his work as well as a large collection of original work for sale, much of which has never been seen by the public. These are complemented by a further 20 top regional artists selling their works.
- There is also the Norman Cornish Trail that takes visitors around the

town while capturing his iconic paintings at the locations in which, in many cases, they were painted. The Trail can be downloaded on an app where local people can be heard telling their stories of each painting. There is also a free 12-page booklet which is available at the start of the trail at the Town Hall in Spennymoor.

- Visitors can also enjoy the John Kitson Archway at the Town Hall in Spennymoor which hosts a large collection of Norman Cornish paintings infused in glass, backlit and displayed in the archway in a stunning and creative way.

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For more information about selling or displaying your art, please contact the Town Hall. Parking is **FREE** and is available immediately behind the Town Hall.

Opening hours Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am-4pm.

**Spennymoor Town Hall Art Gallery, High Street, Spennymoor, DL16 6DG**  
**Tel 01388 815 276 [www.spennymoor-tc.gov.uk](http://www.spennymoor-tc.gov.uk)**

## The Auckland Project



The Auckland Project is a unique collection of heritage attractions, galleries, gardens and parkland surrounding Auckland Castle. The attractions tell the remarkable story of Bishop Auckland, from the powerful Prince Bishops of Durham to the town's surprising connection with the Golden Age of Spanish Art. Begin your day at Auckland Tower, where you can learn more about the historic town of Bishop Auckland and enjoy far-reaching views.

The Auckland Project is a regeneration charity with a difference, working with local people to build a brighter future for Bishop Auckland. By visiting The Auckland Project's attractions, you will become part of this story.

Venture beyond Bishop Auckland to explore Weardale Railway, also part of The Auckland Project.

**Opening times:** visit [aucklandproject.org](http://aucklandproject.org)

**Tel 01388 743750 Email [enquiries@aucklandproject.org](mailto:enquiries@aucklandproject.org)**  
**[aucklandproject.org](http://aucklandproject.org)**

**Facebook/Twitter: [aucklandproject](https://www.facebook.com/aucklandproject)**

**Instagram: [theaucklandproject](https://www.instagram.com/theaucklandproject)**



## The Auckland Project – Auckland Castle



Auckland Castle is one of the best-preserved Bishop's palaces in the whole of Europe – once home to England's only Prince Bishops. Nowadays you can make yourself at home in this unique palace. Highlights include St Peter's Chapel, the Georgian Gothic state rooms, and Francisco de Zurbarán's 'Jacob and His Twelve Sons' – a must-see for art enthusiasts. Auckland Castle sits at the heart of 150 acres of parkland and 10 acres of gardens, including the 18th Century Walled Garden. The lower Walled Garden is now blooming and ready to explore, while restoration work continues on the upper Walled Garden.

## The Auckland Project – Faith Museum



The Auckland Project's eagerly anticipated Faith Museum will open in autumn 2023, the first museum to contemplate the impact of faith in Britain. Through works of art preserved for centuries and everyday objects with powerful meanings, the museum will tell the story of how Faith has shaped the history of Britain over thousands of years.

## The Auckland Project – Mining Art Gallery



The intimate and awe-inspiring art collection in The Mining Art Gallery gives a unique insight into the lives and souls of coal miners and their communities, showing how human creativity and spirit can shine even in the darkest places. The Mining Art Gallery provides a permanent home for the renowned Gemini Collection of Mining Art, including works by prominent local artists such as Tom McGuinness and Norman Cornish.

## The Auckland Project – Spanish Gallery



The Spanish Gallery is unique in Britain, telling the story of the Spanish Golden Age. The gallery houses the UK's largest collection of 16th and 17th Century Spanish artworks outside London, including works by El Greco, Velázquez and Murillo. With exhibitions spread over four floors, you could spend a whole day immersed in the curious world of Spanish art. Complete your day by sampling delicious Spanish food in El Castillo, the tapas restaurant next door.

## Thomas Wright House & Restaurant & The Old Hall Cottages



Guest Accommodation ★★★★★ silver ★★★★★ Self Catering



Stay in rural Byers Green, near Durham and Bishop Auckland. There are eight individually styled en-suite rooms – choose luxury in Aquila with a private patio and outdoor hot tub, or Phoenix with double spa bath – in-room dining in both. Dogs welcome in Columba.

Dine in the Restaurant, on the Terrace or in the rear Garden. Licensed for weddings. **Opening times:** Thursday to Sunday noon–8pm.

**Old Hall Cottages** nearby each have private hot tubs.

**Hall Farm Cottage** is a romantic hideaway for two.

**No.1 Old Hall Cottage** has two double bedrooms, master en-suite and dogs are welcome.

**Thomas Wright House, High Street, Byers Green, DL16 7PF**

**Old Hall Cottages, Byers Green, DL16 7PS Tel 01388 664716**

**enquiries@thomaswrightshouse.com**

**thomaswrightshouse.com**

## Mess Charcuterie



A short distance from Hardwick Park, offering a cosy, yet contemporary setting. Charcuterie boards or sandwiches can be paired with hot chocolate, coffees, wine or cocktails ensuring a welcoming visit whatever time you visit.

**Opening times:** Wednesday to Saturday noon-late, Sunday noon-6pm.

**Tel 01740 472 242**

**Facebook: Mess Charcuterie**



## The County Restaurant with Rooms



Perfectly situated just off the A1 in the heart of Aycliffe Village, overlooking the picturesque village green, this restaurant with rooms offers an exquisite dining experience serving quality fresh food and real ale along with seven spacious luxury guest rooms, all in a friendly, relaxed environment.

**13 The Green, Aycliffe Village**

**Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6LX**

**Tel 01325 312 273**

**[thecountyaycliffevillage.com](http://thecountyaycliffevillage.com)**

**Facebook: countyaycliffe**



## Get a taste of Durham

From fine dining destinations to hearty pub lunches, tempting tearooms and tasty local produce, it's all on the menu in Durham.

**[thisisdurham.com/eat](http://thisisdurham.com/eat)**



## The Stables Beamish



After a long day exploring Beamish Museum and the surrounding area, the perfect place to retire is the Stables Bar and Restaurant to enjoy drinks in the courtyard or sample something from the delicious fresh and seasonal menus, prepared from the very best local ingredients.

Featuring everything from light-lunches and salads to pub classics and decadent desserts, the Stables has a reputation for great quality food and drink in a cosy, relaxed environment.

Food is served from noon–8.30pm all year round (8pm on Sunday) and the bar is open late. The team looks forward to welcoming you and your friends and family to The Stables.

**Beamish Hall Hotel, County Durham, DH9 0YB Tel 01207 288 750**

**Email [stables@beamish-hall.co.uk](mailto:stables@beamish-hall.co.uk) [beamish-hall.co.uk](http://beamish-hall.co.uk)**

**Facebook: [TheStablesBeamish](#) Twitter: [BeamishHall](#)**

**See Durham and the North East in a new light as you explore the Northern Saints Trails.**

Six themed walking routes which stretch over 200 miles and weave their way through some of the region's best landscapes, taking in exciting attractions and great places to eat and drink along the way.

**[northernsaints.com](http://northernsaints.com)**

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# Durham Dales

Stroll through a stunning landscape  
home to buildings as breathtaking as  
the treasures within.

Durham Dales: See & Do

The Bowes Museum



## Bowlees Visitor Centre



Bowlees Visitor Centre is the perfect introduction to the nature and landscape of the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and UNESCO Global Geopark. Enjoy walks to Low Force and High Force waterfalls, explore the grounds up to Gibson's Cave, get closer to nature in the wildlife areas, and picnic and play in the attractive woodland site. Packed with visitor information on what to do and see in Upper Teesdale and the wider North Pennines, Bowlees is the ideal place to start your outdoor adventure. The café offers great food and drink, and local produce, art and gifts are available in the shop. Visitor Information – Events – Family Activities – Walking and Nature Trails – Wildlife Garden – Gift Shop – Gallery – Exhibitions – Café – Picnic Area – Car Parking (donation).

**Opening times:** Daily from March to 31 October (10am–4pm during March and October, 10am–5pm during April to September). Weekends only from 1 to 30 November (10am–4pm).

**Newbiggin, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 0XE**

**Tel 01833 622 145 [visitbowlees.org.uk](http://visitbowlees.org.uk) / [northpennines.org.uk](http://northpennines.org.uk)**

**Facebook: [VisitBowlees](#) Twitter: [NorthPennAONB](#)**



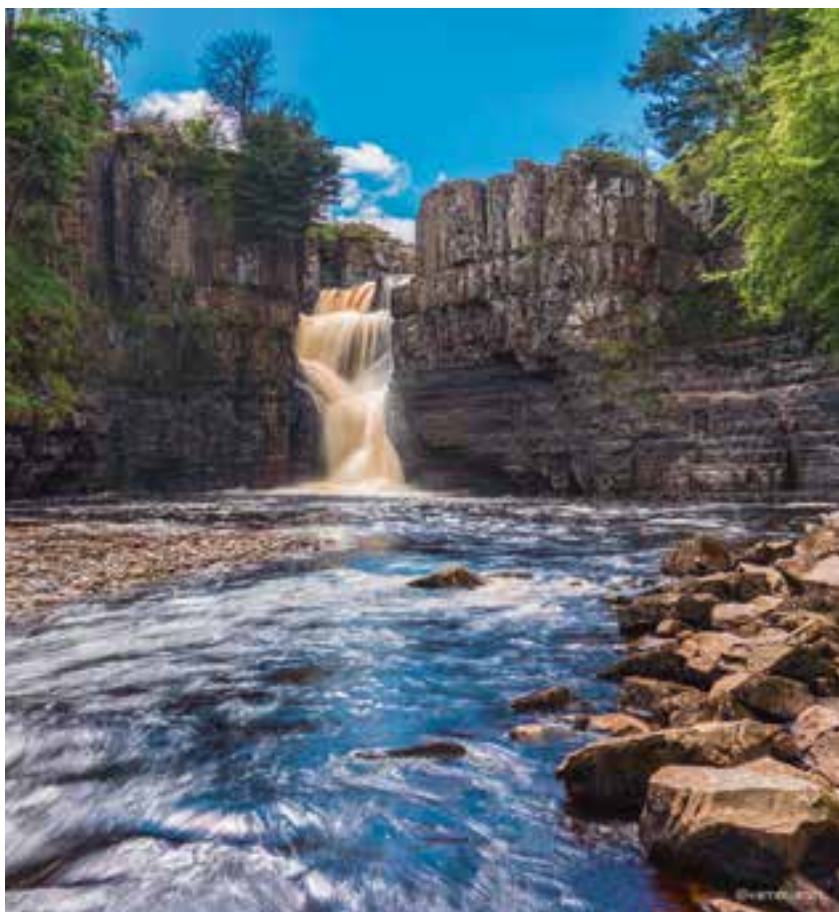
# Explore TEESDALE



- 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 dale.
- Explore **Raby Castle's** superb interiors and picturesque parkland.
- Visit outstanding collections of art, fashion and design at **The Bowes Museum**.
- Enjoy the great outdoors at **Hamsterley Forest** from a gentle walk to a challenging MTB ride.
- At **The Hub** why not try fishing, water sports, high ropes and indoor family activities.
- Visit **The Witham**, Barnard Castle's Arts Centre to enjoy a wealth of events, food and drink, gift shop and gallery.
- Discover the Fortress of Teesdale, **Barnard Castle**, which stands proudly over its market town namesake with spectacular river views.
- **Egglesstone Abbey**, visit the charming ruins of a monastery set above a bend in the river.
- Uncover stories of King Richard III at **St Mary's Parish Church**.

More information on Teesdale in the Durham Dales @ [www.thisisdurham.com](http://www.thisisdurham.com)

## High Force Hotel & Waterfall



High Force Waterfall is one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the UK situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a day out to this fantastic location will not disappoint. Make sure to take part in the new Magical Waterfall Woodlands Trail and meet woodland creatures along the way!

High Force Hotel is the perfect rural retreat which has recently been transformed with new individually designed en-suite bedrooms, combining country charm with fresh, modern facilities. Alongside this, the hotel has a popular restaurant that serves the most delicious, locally sourced dishes from light lunches through to evening meals.

High Force is an incredibly popular destination for a country walk, hearty Sunday lunch and a superb stay in the most stunning surroundings of Upper Teesdale.

**High Force Hotel, Alston Road, Forest-in-Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0XH Tel 01833 622336 [admin@raby.co.uk](mailto:admin@raby.co.uk) [raby.co.uk/high-force](http://raby.co.uk/high-force)**  
**Facebook: High Force Hotel & Waterfall**  
**Twitter: [highforcewater](https://twitter.com/highforcewater)**  
**Instagram: [highforcehotelwaterfall](https://www.instagram.com/highforcehotelwaterfall)**

## Raby Castle, Deer Park & The Plotters' Forest



Raby Castle is a landmark location in County Durham. Visit one of the most impressive intact castles in the North of England, with a powerful exterior and superb collections. The castle is steeped in history, built by the powerful Nevilles in the 14th Century, it has been the family home of the Vanes for nearly 400 years.

Explore the picturesque parkland and meet the herds of red and fallow deer. Discover a hideaway playground at The Plotters' Forest, built within a Christmas tree plantation, where 'close to nature' takes on a whole new meaning. Enjoy a delicious lunch at the Plotters' Pantry or Yurt Café and complete your day by heading over to the Hunters Yard to browse the beautiful Stables Shop.

**Raby Castle, Staindrop, Darlington, County Durham, DL2 3AH**

**Tel 01833 660202 [admin@raby.co.uk](mailto:admin@raby.co.uk)**

**[raby.co.uk/raby-castle](http://raby.co.uk/raby-castle)**

**Facebook: [Raby Castle](#)**

**Twitter: [rabycastle](#)**

**Instagram: [rabycastleofficial](#)**



## Hamsterley Forest



Get back to nature as you explore County Durham's largest forest by foot, bike or even horse! There's something for everyone at Hamsterley, including the Wellbeing trail designed to help you stop, reflect and connect during your visit, and the Viking WildPlay trail – perfect for young adventurers with plenty to enjoy along its pushchair-friendly route.

Adrenaline seekers have plenty to enjoy as well with miles of mountain bike routes to explore, or why not enjoy a run through acres of peaceful woodland? However you choose to enjoy the great outdoors be sure to finish the day with a delicious treat at Hamsterley Forest café.

**Hamsterley Forest, Bedburn, County Durham, DL13 3NL**

**Tel 01388 488 312 Email [enquiries.hamsterley@forestryengland.uk](mailto:enquiries.hamsterley@forestryengland.uk)**  
**[forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest](http://forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest)**

**Facebook: [HamsterleyForest](https://www.facebook.com/HamsterleyForest) Instagram: [Hamsterley.forest](https://www.instagram.com/Hamsterley.forest)**

## Killhope Lead Mining Museum

A Durham County Council venue



Museum, Gift Shop and Café

FREE entry

Please see website for details and events for 2023.

**Opening times:** 1 April to 5 November 2023, 7 days a week from 10am (last admission 3.30pm, close at 4.30pm).

**Killhope, Upper Weardale near Cowshill, County Durham, DL13 1AR**

**Tel 01388 537 505**

**Email [info@killhope.org.uk](mailto:info@killhope.org.uk)**

**[killhope.org.uk](http://killhope.org.uk)**

**Twitter: [@KillhopeMuseum](https://twitter.com/KillhopeMuseum)**

## Mission Hall Antiques



Located on The Bank in the heart of Barnard Castle's conservation area and ideally placed for specialist shopping, Mission Hall Antiques is home to 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.

Also pay a visit to 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.

**51 The Bank, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8PL**  
**Tel 01833 631 101**  
**[missionhallantiquescentre.co.uk](http://missionhallantiquescentre.co.uk)**

## The Bowes Museum



Set in 22 acres of parkland, this family friendly museum, created just for you, makes a day out to remember. This year, enjoy an exciting exhibition and events programme celebrating the 250th birthday of the world's most famous Silver Swan. Escape in galleries with masterworks by Canaletto, Goya, Turner and Gainsborough to name just a few; and explore the unique collection of furniture, fashion and textiles, ceramics, silver and metals, and sculpture too.

**Opening times:** Daily 10am–5pm (except 25, 26 December & 1 January). Pre-book your tickets and discover this jewel in the heart of Teesdale.

**Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP**

**Tel 01833 690 606 [thebowesmuseum.org.uk](http://thebowesmuseum.org.uk)**

**Facebook: [TheBowesMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheBowesMuseum) Twitter: [TheBowesMuseum](https://twitter.com/TheBowesMuseum)**

**Instagram: [thebowesmuseum](https://www.instagram.com/thebowesmuseum)**

## The Witham



Barnard Castle's Community Arts Centre offers something for everyone – theatre, music, comedy, film, dance, art and spoken word. Socialise and relax in the Café Bar and large outdoor garden whilst enjoying good food and drink with plenty of space around you. Enjoy a show in the fully renovated Victorian Music Hall. The Georgian building to the front houses an ever-changing art gallery and gift shop, with box office and Visitor Information Point for the area. Free WiFi throughout. See website for opening details, events and ticket information.

**The Witham, 3 Horse Market, Barnard Castle, DL12 8LY**

**Tel 01833 631 107 Email [info@thewitham.org.uk](mailto:info@thewitham.org.uk)  
[thewitham.org.uk](http://thewitham.org.uk)**

**Facebook: [TheWitham](https://www.facebook.com/TheWitham) Twitter: [BarneyWitham](https://twitter.com/BarneyWitham) Instagram: [the\\_witham](https://www.instagram.com/the_witham)**



## The Weardale Museum



A small folk museum celebrating the history and heritage of Weardale. Victorian kitchen, mining, WWI, Methodism, tapestry, family history and much more.

**Opening times:** April, May & October: Wednesday to Sunday & June to September: 7 days. 1pm–4.30pm.



**On A689 at Ireshopeburn, DL13 1HD**  
**Tel 01388 335 085 or 07990 786 220**  
[weardalemuseum.org.uk](http://weardalemuseum.org.uk)  
**Facebook/Twitter: The Weardale Museum**

## Café Bowes



Enjoy a menu that caters for all and changes with the seasons as the chefs make the most of the very best locally produced food and drinks. Delight your taste buds with daily homemade cakes and scones, freshly prepared lunches or treat yourself to a sumptuous afternoon tea.

**Opening times:** Daily 10am–5pm (except 25, 26 December & 1 January). Pre-book your tickets for the museum and discover this jewel in the heart of Teesdale.

**Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP**  
**Tel 01833 690 606** [thebowesmuseum.org.uk](http://thebowesmuseum.org.uk)  
**Facebook: TheBowesMuseum**

## Clarendon's of Barnard Castle



Quintessentially British, this classic tearoom serves traditional breakfasts, lunches, afternoon teas and cake. Local produce is always on the menu and all cuisine is freshly prepared, homemade and delicious! Takeaways are available. **Opening times:** Monday to Friday 9.30am–3.30pm, Saturday 9am–4pm.

**29 Market Place, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NE** **Tel 01833 690 110**  
**Email** [info@clarendonsofbarnardcastle.co.uk](mailto:info@clarendonsofbarnardcastle.co.uk)  
[clarendonsofbarnardcastle.co.uk](http://clarendonsofbarnardcastle.co.uk)  
**Facebook: Clarendons of Barnard Castle**

## Teesdale Cheesemakers



Café Cheesedale is the home of multi-award-winning Teesdale Cheesemakers, a cheese-centric café offering amazing views and quality food. Also tours, tastings and cheese making days (advance booking required). See website for opening times. **Pond Farm, 11 Copley Lane, Butterknowle, Bishop Auckland, DL13 5LW**

**Tel 07887 676 397**  
[teesdalecheesemakers.co.uk](http://teesdalecheesemakers.co.uk)  
**Facebook: Teesdale Cheesemakers**  
**Twitter: teesdalecheese**  
**Instagram: teesdale\_cheesemakers**

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Durham Heritage Coast

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**Opening times:** Monday to Friday 10am–6pm, Saturday 9.30am–6pm, Sunday 10.30am–4.30pm.

**Dalton Park, Murton, County Durham, SR7 9HU**

**Tel 0191 526 6500** [dalton-park.co.uk](http://dalton-park.co.uk) **Twitter:** dalton\_park

**Facebook:** DaltonParkOutlet **Instagram:** dalton\_park

## East Durham Heritage & Lifeboat Centre



Welcome to the East Durham Heritage & Lifeboat Centre. Explore Seaham's rich heritage and see the historic lifeboat The George Elmy, which was wrecked in November 1962 with the loss of its crew. View the photographic and document archives, perhaps see where your grandparents lived. Enjoy the safe sandy beach and the various cafés and shops. The group are keen to attract additional enthusiastic volunteers to help manage the Heritage Centre.

**Opening times:** Thursday to Sunday 10am–3pm (11am in winter).

**Seaham Harbour Marina, Seaham, SR7 7EE**

**Tel 0191 581 8904** **Email** [EDHandLC1874@outlook.com](mailto:EDHandLC1874@outlook.com)

[eastdurhamheritagegroup.co.uk](http://eastdurhamheritagegroup.co.uk)

**Facebook:** East Durham Heritage & Lifeboat Centre

## Plan the perfect staycation

Everything you need to plan the perfect staycation – things to see and do, places to stay, and more.

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## Seaham Marina



The multi-award-winning Seaham Marina – County Durham's one and only marina – offers an excellent safe haven for family visits. The marina provides facilities for 96 boats, on-site cafés, ice cream parlour and other retailers in the Waterside and Castleside buildings. The activity centre offers fantastic opportunities for water sports and outdoor adventures. **Opening times:** 9am–5pm (Retail opening times may vary).

**Seaham Marina, The Waterside, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7EE Tel 0191 581 8998**  
[seahammarina.com](http://seahammarina.com)

## The Seaton Lane Inn



Visit The Seaton Lane Inn in Seaham for great food, tempting drinks and an outstanding place to stay. With style and quirky charm in abundance, the inn is open all day, every day, offering laid back dining with delicious, homemade fare, a welcoming bar and comfortable boutique-style en-suite accommodation.

**Seaton Lane, Seaton, Seaham, SR7 0LP**  
**Tel 0191 581 2038**

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## Seaham Hall and Serenity Spa



Seaham Hall is an award-winning hotel and spa, set in 37 acres of gardens on Durham's glorious heritage coastline. Dating back to 1791, the boutique five-star hotel marries stately grandeur and modern luxury perfectly. Just a short drive from Durham City centre, visit The Dining Room for a delicious, regionally sourced five-course tasting menu or enjoy a beautifully British afternoon tea. Unwind and watch the sunset in a twilight spa experience, go all out zen with a full day of pampering at Serenity Spa, or why not indulge in an overnight stay in one of its 21 individually-designed, chic suites?

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

**Tel 0191 516 1400**

**[seaham-hall.co.uk](http://seaham-hall.co.uk)**

**Facebook: [SeahamHall](#)**

**Instagram: [seahamhall](#)**

**TikTok: [SeahamHall](#)**

# Visitor Information

Local knowledge to make the most of your visit

## Visitor Contact Centre

With excellent knowledge of the area, the experienced, professional staff in Durham's official Visitor Contact Centre are on hand to help before and during your visit.

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

Call: 03000 26 26 26

Email: [visitor@thisisdurham.com](mailto:visitor@thisisdurham.com)

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

**Monday to Friday 9am–5pm. Closed weekends and Bank Holidays.**

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

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## Visitor Information Points

During your stay, call into one of the Visitor Information Points at 18 locations across the county. They offer the latest information face-to-face or via a touch screen information point, plus access to a wide selection of leaflets and guides.

## Durham City

**Durham Indoor Market** Market Place, Durham, DH1 3NJ

**Durham Town Hall** Market Place, Durham, DH1 3NJ

**Gala Durham** Millennium Place, Durham, DH1 1WA

**World Heritage Site Visitor Centre**, Palace Green Library, Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RN

**Durham Pointers (seasonal)** Market Place, Durham, DH1 3NJ

Look out for the volunteer 'Pointers' in their distinctive pink tabards located by the map in Durham City Market Place. Assisting visitors with directions to attractions, places to eat, leaflets and maps, the North East 'Visitor Information Provider' 2017 & 2018 winners are present seven days a week from Easter to early October.

## Vale of Durham

**Auckland Tower** Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP

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

**Hardwick Park Visitor Centre** Sedgfield, County Durham, TS21 2DN

**Holiday Inn Darlington North** Newton Park, County Durham, DL1 3NL

**Locomotion** Shildon, County Durham, DL4 1PQ

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## Durham Dales

**Bowlees Visitor Centre** Middleton in Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 OXE  
**Durham Dales Centre** Castle Gardens, Stanhope, County Durham, DL13 2FJ  
**Killhope Lead Mining Museum** Near Cowshill, Upper Weardale, County Durham, DL13 1AR  
**The Teesdale Mercury Shop** 24 Market Place, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NB  
**The Witham** 3 Horse Market, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LY  
**Thorpe Farm Centre** Thorpe Farm, Greta Bridge, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 9TY  
**UTASS Building**, 9–11 Chapel Row, Middleton in Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0SN

## Durham Coast

**Dalton Park** Murton, County Durham, SR7 9HU

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## Durham City Park & Ride

Secure CCTV-controlled sites at Belmont, Sniperley and Howlands. Park & Ride users park free and travel into the city centre for £2. Open Monday to Saturday 7am–7pm (excluding Bank Holidays).

- Belmont DH1 1SR.      Route: Belmont – City Centre – Sniperley
- Sniperley DH1 5RA.      Route: Sniperley – City Centre – Belmont
- Howlands DH1 3TQ.      Route: Howlands – City Centre – Howlands

Simply turn up and park your car for free, then buy your ticket at one of the easy-to-use payment machines with coins, notes or a card by following the on-screen instructions. For more details visit: [durham.gov.uk/parkandride](http://durham.gov.uk/parkandride)

## Durham Cathedral Bus

The Cathedral Bus is a dedicated service covering three routes linking the rail station, principal city centre bus stops, coach drop off point and the Market Place with the Durham Cathedral and Castle UNESCO World Heritage Site. Buses run Monday to Saturday (excluding Bank Holidays).

## 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 [durham.gov.uk/busmap](http://durham.gov.uk/busmap). A printed copy of the transport map can be obtained by calling 03000 268 667 or emailing [passengertransport@durham.gov.uk](mailto:passengertransport@durham.gov.uk)

Arriva and Go North East are the main bus service providers for the area, visit: [arrivabus.co.uk](http://arrivabus.co.uk) or [gonortheast.co.uk](http://gonortheast.co.uk)

The Explorer North East Ticket is the only region-wide integrated public transport ticket, providing great value travel. For more information visit: [networkonetickets.co.uk/tickets/explorer](http://networkonetickets.co.uk/tickets/explorer)

## 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, or visit their website at [traveline.info](http://traveline.info)

# Have an eventful time in Durham

Whether it's a food festival getting your taste buds tingling, music and dance getting your toes tapping, drama and sport putting you on the edge of your seat, exhibitions that enlighten or a festival that entertains – you're certain to have an eventful time in Durham.

Durham is the culture county, and in November, Lumiere, the UK's light art biennial, is set to return and transform Durham City's historic streets and iconic buildings with spectacular light installations.

In Spring, events will be taking place across the county to mark the Coronation of His Majesty the King in May.

Summer gets into full swing with the Durham Brass Festival, and a real treat for foodies with the return of Seaham Food Festival. Get a taste of rural life at the Wolsingham Show or journey through 2,000 years of history, myth and legend at the spectacular outdoor live action show Kynren – An Epic Tale of England. And for sports fans, England Men's and Women's teams head to Chester-le-Street for international cricket at the Seat Unique Riverside ground.

In Autumn, reach for the stars with the annual North Pennines Stargazing Festival. And for literary lovers, the Durham Book Festival is not to be missed. Winter will see the return of the Durham Christmas Festival, while festive fun is to be had at attractions across the county.

Throughout the year, attractions host world-class exhibitions and events, and for the best in live entertainment, head to Gala Durham.

Find out what's on across the county at: [thisisdurham.com/events](https://thisisdurham.com/events)



Lumiere

## Spring Highlights

The Power of Image – Ushaw: Historic House, Chapels & Gardens	1 April–25 June
Durham World Heritage Day	10 April
Bishop Auckland Food Festival	22–23 April
Beamish Museum – Coronation Weekend	6–8 May
Durham Pride	25–29 May

## Summer Highlights

Durham Regatta	10–11 June
Sin: Exhibition organised by the National Gallery, London with The Auckland Project	17 June–1 October
Durham Miners’ Gala	8 July
Movement: The Magic of the Silver Swan – The Bowes Museum	8 July–7 January
Durham Brass	9–16 July
Gaia – Durham Cathedral	10 July–10 September
Durham City Run Festival	13–15 July
Durham Fringe Festival	26–30 July
Adventure Cinema – Raby Castle	28–30 July
Kynren – An Epic Tale of England	Saturdays, 29 July–9 September
Seaham Food Festival	5–6 August
Hardwick Festival	18–20 August
T20 cricket – England Men v New Zealand	30 August
Wolsingham Show	2–3 September
T20 cricket – England Women v Sri Lanka	9 September

## Autumn/Winter Highlights

Heritage Open Days	8–17 September
Durham Book Festival	13–15 October
North Pennines Stargazing Festival	20 October–5 November
Lumiere	16–19 November
Durham Christmas Festival	1–3 December
Flying Scotsman Centenary Festival – Locomotion	16 December–2 January

\*Festival and event details were correct at time of print, however, events may be cancelled or changed at short notice. We advise that you check directly with the event organiser, or view their website or social media channels, prior to your visit.



# LUMIERE

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# Further afield

There's so much to discover on Durham's doorstep.

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

For fun family days out, head to NewcastleGateshead for the Life Science Centre, Seven Stories – The National Centre for Children's Books and Great North Museum: Hancock. Get back to nature at the WWT Washington Wetland Centre, or soak up the seaside atmosphere in the lively towns of South Shields, with its award-winning beaches and funfair, Whitley Bay and Tynemouth, with its Priory and Aquarium.

Culture lovers will be in their element at Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens, the BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art in Gateshead, or modern art gallery MIMA – Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art in Tees Valley.

Discover heritage at The Holy Island of Lindisfarne, Bamburgh Castle, Alnwick Castle and Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site in Northumberland. In Tees Valley, visit HMS Trincomalee at Hartlepool's National Museum of the Royal Navy, or discover the Land of Iron at the new state-of-the-art attraction.

Enjoy a breath of fresh air at the Northumberland National Park or Kielder Water & Forest Park, or splash out at Tees Barrage International White Water Centre, Stockton-on-Tees.

To find out more about what's on Durham's doorstep, visit:  
[thisisdurham.com/further-afield](http://thisisdurham.com/further-afield)



Gateshead Millennium Bridge

## Nationalrail.com



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**Wheldon House, 32 Front Street,  
Chester-le-Street, DH2 1LX**  
[nationalrail.com](http://nationalrail.com)  
Facebook: [nationalrailcom](https://www.facebook.com/nationalrailcom)

## Rokeby Park



Rokeby Park was designed by Sir Thomas Robinson between 1725 and 1730. An important early example of the neo-Palladian style, the house contains a rare 18th Century print room, period furniture and paintings, and a unique collection of needlework pictures by Anne Morritt (1726–1797). **Opening times:** 1 May and each Monday & Tuesday from 29 May to 5 September 2pm–5pm (last admission 4.30pm). Please note: wheelchair access is to the ground floor only. See website for further details.

**Rokeby Park, Barnard Castle, DL12 9RZ**  
Email [enquiries@rokebypark.com](mailto:enquiries@rokebypark.com) [rokebypark.com](http://rokebypark.com)

## RSPB Saltholme



RSPB Saltholme is the perfect place if you're new to birdwatching or want to get out in nature. The family-friendly wetlands have a helpful visitor centre and hides which let you get up close to water rail, avocet and terns, plus a café, play area and accessible trails.

**RSPB Saltholme, Seaton Carew Road,  
Middlesbrough, TS2 1TU**  
Tel 01642 546 625  
[rspb.org.uk/saltholme](http://rspb.org.uk/saltholme)  
Facebook: RSPB Saltholme  
Twitter: RSPBSaltholme

## Sunderland Empire



Just 30 minutes from Durham City centre, the Sunderland Empire is the biggest theatre in the North East and stages season after season of dazzling entertainment featuring West End musicals, classical ballet and opera, cutting edge comedy and drama, plus concerts and family shows including pantomime. An on-site Pizzeria is available for pre-theatre dining. **Opening times:** Check website for full details. **4–5 High Street West, Sunderland, SR1 3EX**  
[atgtickets.com/sunderland](http://atgtickets.com/sunderland) [atgtix.co/pizzeriasunderland](http://atgtix.co/pizzeriasunderland)  
Facebook/TikTok: SunderlandEmpire  
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