



### ATTRACTIONS in and around the NORTH PENNINES

- 1 **Acorn Bank** - Temple Sowerby, National Trust Garden, watermill and walks. 017683 61893.
- 2 **Allen Banks and Staward Gorge** - National Trust woodland walks and riverside picnic site. 01434 344218.
- 3 **Allensford Picnic Area** - near Consett, Picnic site, play area. 01207 505572. 1 mile walk from frequent buses at Castleside.
- 4 **Ark on the Edge** - near Woodland. Animal rescue centre and sanctuary. 01833 630505.
- 5 **Armstrong Power House** - Allenheads. Water powered heritage engine.
- 6 **Auckland Castle** - Bishop Auckland. Bishop of Durham's residence and Bishop's Park. 01388 601627.
- 7 **Barnard Castle** - Barnard Castle. Imposing Norman ruin overlooking river. 01833 638212.
- 8 **Beamish** - near Chester-le-Street. Insight into 18th and 19th Century life in the North East. 0191 370 4000.
- 9 **Binchester Roman Fort** - near Bishop Auckland. Features best Roman military bath-suite in Britain. 01388 663089.
- 10 **Blanchland Abbey** - Blanchland. Former Abbey in historic village.
- 11 **Bowes Castle** - Bowes. 12th Century stone keep. 0870 333 1181.
- 12 **Bowes Museum** - Barnard Castle. French style chateau housing nationally important collections. 01833 690606.
- 13 **Bowlees Visitor Centre** - Teesdale Time Trail and Picnic Area, Teesdale. Short walks to Gibson's Cave and Low Force waterfalls. 01833 622292.
- 14 **Brough Castle** - Brough. 0870 333 1181.
- 15 **Derwent Reservoir** - near Blanchland. Picnic areas, walks, fishing. 01207 255250.
- 16 **Durham Dales Centre** - Stanhope. Craft workshops, cafe and information centre. 01388 527650.
- 17 **Egglestone Abbey** - near Barnard Castle. 12th Century ruin overlooking river. 0870 333 1181. Pleasant walk from Barnard Castle.
- 18 **Eggleston Hall Gardens** - Eggleston. Attractive walled garden. 01833 650115.
- 19 **Escomb Church** - near Bishop Auckland. Saxon Church.
- 20 **Geltsdale RSPB Reserve** - Nature reserve near Hallbankgate. Trails and information point. 0191 2334300
- 21 **Grassholme Visitor Centre** - Grassholme Reservoir. Visitor Centre and exhibition. 01833 641121
- 22 **Hall Hill Farm** - near Lanchester. Family farm open to the public. 01388 731333.
- 23 **Hamsterley Forest** - Visitor Centre, cycling, walking and horse riding trails, children's play area. 01388 488312.
- 24 **Hannah's Meadow** - Blackton Reservoir. Nature reserve. 0191 584 3112.
- 25 **Harehope Quarry Project** - Frosterley. Restored quarry, geology trail, eco-classroom. (Visits are strictly by prior arrangement). 01388 528633.
- 26 **Hexham Abbey** - Hexham Abbey and parish church of Hexham with Saxon origins. 01434 602031.
- 27 **High Force** - Upper Teesdale. England's largest waterfall. 01833 640209.
- 28 **Killhope, the North of England Lead mining Museum** - Lead mining centre, woodland walks, activities. 01388 537505.
- 29 **Lambley Viaduct** - Lambley, impressive arched railway viaduct carrying South Tyne Trail. 01434 382726.
- 30 **Low Barns Nature Reserve & Visitor Centre** - Witton-le-Wear. 01388 488728.
- 31 **Moorhouse - Upper Teesdale National Nature Reserve** - Upper Teesdale. 01833 622374.
- 32 **Newbiggin Methodist Chapel** - Chapel and local history displays. 01833 641001.
- 33 **Nenthead Mines Heritage Centre** - Lead mining centre, walks and activities. 01434 382037.
- 34 **Raby Castle** - near Staindrop. Medieval castle, collections, gardens. 01833 660202.
- 35 **Rheghed Discovery Centre** - Penrith. Shops, displays, soft play and large format cinema. 01768 868000.
- 36 **South Tynedale Railway** - Alston, see timetable overleaf. England's highest narrow gauge railway. 01434 381696.
- 37 **Talkin Tarn Country Park** - Talkin. 016977 3129.
- 38 **Tanfield Railway** - near Stanley. Heritage railway. 0191 388 7545.
- 39 **The Garden Station** - Langley. Restored Victorian railway station, garden, cafe and courses. 01434 684391.
- 40 **The Hub Museum** - Alston. Local history and transport museum. 01434 382272.
- 41 **Thortergill Forge and Tearoom** - Garigill. Waterfall walks, Blacksmith forge and tearoom. 01434 381936.
- 42 **Weardale Railway** - Wolsingham & Stanhope. Heritage railway line. 01388 529566.
- 43 **Weardale Museum and High House Chapel** - Ireshopeburn. folk museum telling Weardale's story. 01388 537417.

### TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

- Alston**, 01434 382244
- Appley-in-Westmorland**, 017683 51177
- Barnard Castle**, 01833 690909
- Bishop Auckland**, 01388 604922
- Brampton**, 016977 3433
- Corbridge**, 01434 632815
- Haltwhistle**, 01434 322002
- Hexham**, 01434 652220
- Kirkby Stephen**, 017683 71199
- Middleton-in-Teesdale**, 01833 641001
- Penrith**, 01768 867466
- Rheged**, 01768 860034
- Stanhope**, 01388 527650

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### Out and About in the North Pennines

This guide includes details of public transport and community transport within and around the North Pennines.

The guide will help you to plan your journey cross-referencing the attractions of the area with the map information and detailed timetables.

For more information about things to see and do in the North Pennines contact:

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### Where to go - What to do

The map shows the location of attractions within and around the North Pennines, with details shown in the adjacent list.

The North Pennines is an excellent place to walk, cycle, horse-ride and fish. For more detailed information on these and other opportunities to explore the North Pennines:

Visit: [www.northpennines.org.uk](http://www.northpennines.org.uk), or telephone: **01388 528801** for a **free Visitor Guide**. email: [info@northpenninesaonb.org.uk](mailto:info@northpenninesaonb.org.uk) or **contact a local Tourist Information Centre**

### Suggested Trips

- From Barnard Castle (Bus 73)**  
Walk the Pennine/Teesdale Way from High Force to Middleton-in-Teesdale  
Visit England's largest waterfall - High Force - before following the River Tees downstream beyond Low Force to Middleton-in-Teesdale.
- From Bishop Auckland (Bus 101)(request stop to Killhope)**  
Visit Killhope, the North of England Lead Mining Museum  
Go underground and experience life as a North Pennines miner.
- From Penrith (Bus 887, 888, 889)**  
Enjoy a day visiting first the Nenthead Mines Heritage Centre and then a ride on the South Tynedale Railway.

- From Hexham (Bus 688)**  
Visit Allendale for a walk along the River East Allen (free self guided leaflet available [www.northpennines.org.uk](http://www.northpennines.org.uk), 01388 528801)
- From Leeds/Settle/Kirkby Stephen ('Settle - Carlisle' railway)**  
From Appley walk to Dufton and up to the breath-taking High Cup Nick.
- From Newcastle/Hexham (Bus 888)**  
Discover the shops, galleries and cafes of the historic Alston market place.

**NORTH PENNINES PUBLIC TRANSPORT MAP**

	Regular bus service - at least 4 days per week for which timetables are shown on the reverse of this map.		Bus Terminus
	Bus service less than 4 days per week or seasonal service for which timetables are shown on the reverse of this map.		Passenger rail service and station.
	Other bus routes, details of which are not shown - contact North East Traveline 0871 200 22 33.		Long distance footpaths
	Bus services provided by Fellrunner, see timetable for details.		Selected attractions - for details see key.
	Other roads without bus service.		Tourist Information Centre
	AONB		Youth Hostel

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BISHOP AUCKLAND-BARNARD CASTLE via Staindrop. Only through journeys, or journeys with connections, to/from Barnard Castle shown.

LANGDON BECK - MIDDLETON IN TEESDALE-BARNARD CASTLE

DARLINGTON (STAINDROP)-BARNARD CASTLE-MIDDLETON IN TEESDALE

MONDAY TO SATURDAY Service 75/76

BISHOP AUCKLAND-STANHOPE-COWSHILL

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

WEARDALE TRAVEL STANHOPE-ROOKHOPE

STAGECOACH IN CUMBRIA CARLISLE - PENRITH

THE FELLRUNNER CARLISLE/PENRITH, EDEN VALLEY

TUESDAY

CLASSIC COACHES NEWCASTLE - BLACKPOOL

CUMBRIA CLASSIC COACHES RAVENSTONDALE-BARNARD CASTLE

TYNEDALE GROUP TRAVEL ALSTON-HALTWHISTLE

ARRIVA NORTHUMBRIA / STAGECOACH IN CUMBRIA NEWCASTLE-CARLISLE (BUS)

ARRIVA NORTHUMBRIA / STAGECOACH IN CUMBRIA NEWCASTLE-CARLISLE (BUS)

TYNEDALE GROUP TRAVEL HEXHAM-ALLENHEADS

WEARDALE TRAVEL CONSETT-TOWNFIELD

WEARDALE TRAVEL CONSETT-HEXHAM

WEARDALE TRAVEL NEWCASTLE-HEXHAM-ALSTON - PENRITH-KESWICK

STAGECOACH IN CUMBRIA TYNEDALE/WRIGHT BROS. NENTHEAD-ALSTON

WEARDALE TRAVEL NENTHEAD-ALSTON-HEXHAM

WEARDALE TRAVEL NEWCASTLE-STANHOPE

WEARDALE TRAVEL SOUTH TYNEDALE RAILWAY ALSTON-KIRKHAUGH

NORTHERN DARLINGTON-BISHOP AUCKLAND

NORTHERN CARLISLE-HEXHAM-NEWCASTLE

NORTHERN LEEDS-SETTLE-KIRKBY STEPHEN-LANGWATHBY-CARLISLE

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