

Welcome to Weardale
Things to do and places to go
in Weardale
and the surrounding area.



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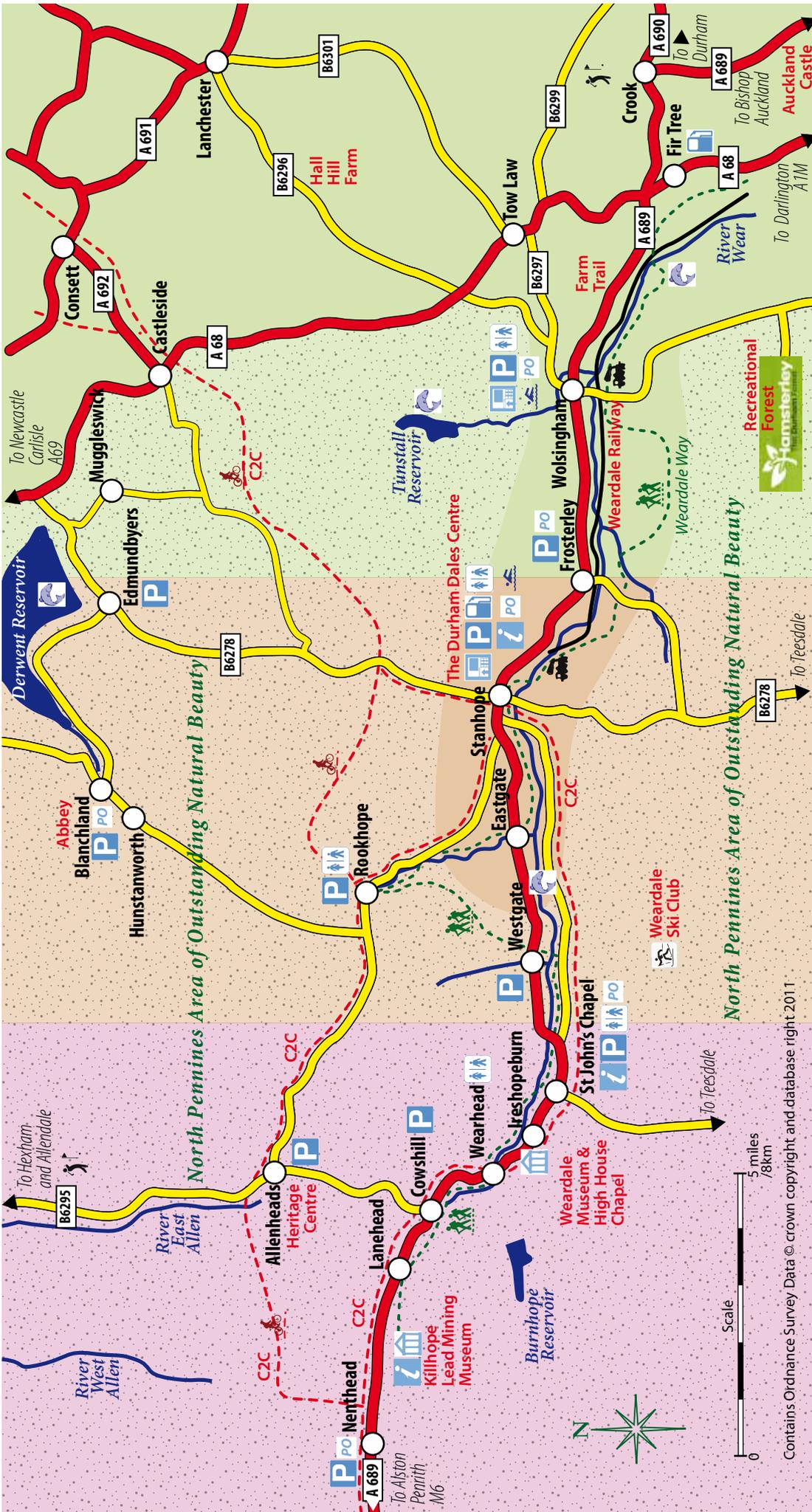
*We hope that you will enjoy your stay in Weardale
and return very soon.*

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| | Middle Weardale (hilly) | | | | Hexham |
| | Lower Weardale (gentle) | | | | Penrith |



Weardale History

Weardale's history and the lives of its people is very much entwined with its geology, and for a much greater knowledge we would encourage the visitor to go to Killhope The North of England Lead Mining Museum and The Weardale Museum at Ireshopeburn.

We need to go back to the Carboniferous period, over 300 million years ago, when vast layers of limestone and coal fractured by mineral veins were deposited, supporting centuries of mining and quarrying.

The Romans found galena and smelted lead while King Stephen's nephew, Norman Prince Bishop Hugh de Puisey, in 1153 was granted the royal right of mining lead and silver in Weardale, a gift of lasting significance.

Weardale was part of the broad frontier with Scotland which the Prince Bishops had the power to protect by raising an army, including Weardale tenants, who joined Edward III's army to fight the Scots in 1327. In return they were awarded customary rights.

When the bishopric estates were sold during the 'Commonwealth' under Cromwell, Bishop Auckland Palace and Weardale were purchased by Sir Arthur Hazelrigge. He mutilated the Bishops' Palace and angered Weardale farmers by trying to raise rents and alter leases. The Weardale tenants united to oppose Hazelrigge and travelled to London to argue their case. The documents they assembled to support them were kept in the Weardale Chest at Warden Hill, Westgate, ready if the need arose to defend their 'customary rights'.

Lead mining grew rapidly in the 18th century, scores of mines were sunk and hundreds of miners flocked to the dale. Many apparently led sinful lives leading John Wesley, the Methodist evangelist to visit frequently from 1752, when he first preached under a thorn tree in Ireshopeburn, near to which historic High House Chapel

now stands. Westgate became noted for 'ranter preachers' (all Hell and Damnation) and Bishop Shute Barrington, concerned about the decline in Church of England congregations, used uncollected royalties from lead mining to found schools and church halls.

The mining of lead and iron continued to flourish into the 19th century. Railways were needed to service the new iron industry, and an incredible railway line from South Shields to Stanhope across the open moors opened in 1834, an enterprise that almost bankrupted Robert Stephenson. Charles Attwood opened his Wolsingham Iron Works in 1864, making use of the North East Railway's new line to Frosterley (1847) and Stanhope (1862) thus enabling the extraction of vast quantities of limestone for the steel industry. It wasn't until 1895 that the Weardale Railway linked Bishop Auckland to Wearhead at the top of the valley. Before that the post and parcels had been taken from Stanhope to Wearhead by a mail coach 'Rob Roy' (below).

Lead-mining declined at the end of the 19th century because of cheap imports but were reopened later when a commercial use was found for the waste by-product, fluorspar. Limestone quarrying for the steel industry also ceased in the 1960s to be replaced in 1964 by the Blue Circle Cement Works at Eastgate; it was taken over by the French owners Lefarge but then closed in 2002.

The last mineral to be mined in Weardale was fluorspar used as a flux in steel making. The last mine, Grove Rake at Rookhope, closed in 1998 due to competition from China. Quarrying still occurs on a small scale basis mainly for road stone.

The legacy of our past is in our hillsides and can still be enjoyed in our buildings and on country walks and it is recognised in the awarding of UNESCO Global Geopark status for the North Pennines AONB. Our minerals are famous and can be found in gemshops around the world, but you don't have to go that far to find them; just call in at Gemcraft at the Durham Dales Centre Stanhope, or see the mineral collections at Killhope and at the Weardale Museum.



Image : Hood Street in St John's Chapel © Weardale Museum

Emergency Services

Fire, Police, Ambulance 999 & 111



Doctors Surgery

Stanhope Health Centre, Dales St.
 St John's Chapel Surgery, Hood St.
 Wolsingham Surgery, Market Place,
 Crook Surgery, North House,
 Alston Medical Practice, Cottage Hospital, Alston,
 Tow Law Surgery, Charlton House, 42 High St.
 Suzy Cramb, (Physiotherapist & Sports Injury)
 Out of Hours :

DL13 2XD 01388 528555
 DL13 1QW 01388 537296
 DL13 3AB 01388 527691
 DL15 9HU 01388 762945
 CA9 3QX 01434 381214
 DL13 4DH 01388 730251
 DL13 3DF 01388 527878
 111



Dentist

Stanhope Health Centre, Dales Street, Stanhope,
 West End Practice, Wolsingham,
 Kirkup & Associates, Mill Street, Crook,

DL13 2XD 01388 529 945
 DL13 3AP 01388 528067
 DL15 9BE 01388 762522



Hospitals

Bishop Auckland Urgent Care Centre, Cockton Hill (No A&E)
 University Hospital of North Durham, North Rd.
 Darlington Memorial Hospital, Hollyhurst Road,
 Hexham General Hospital, Corbridge Road,
 Weardale Community Hospital & Hospice, (No A&E)
 NHS County Durham and Darlington Urgent Care Centre

DL14 6AD 01388 455000
 DH1 5TW 0191 3332333
 DL3 6HX 01325 380100
 NE46 1QJ 0344 811 8111
 DL13 2JR 01388 528233
 111



Pharmacy

Stanhope , Front Street ,
 Wolsingham 12 Market Place,
 Tow Law Pharmacy, 24 High St.,
 Boots, 8 North Terrace, Crook,
 Clemitson's, 51 Hope St., Crook,
 ASDA in Bishop Auckland (inc Sunday 10-4pm),
 Tesco Extra, St Helens Auckland Ind. Est., 8am-8pm
 Alston Pharmacy, Front St, Alston,

DL13 2TZ 01388528237
 DL13 3AE 01388 527484
 DL13 4DL 01388 730279
 DL15 9AZ 01388762726
 DL15 9HU 01388 764 939
 DL14 7LB 01388 600210
 DL14 9AB 0345 0269626
 CA9 3QP 01434 381259



Police

Bishop Auckland DL14 6LB and Crook, DL15 8NE
 Stanhope Office (occasionally manned) Front Street,

101
 DL13 2UE 101



Veterinary Surgery

Weardale Veterinary Clinic (Fellside Veterinary Group)
 34 Commercial St, Crook,
 3 Cowgarth Hill, Stanhope,
 Old Stone Vets, Dales Centre, Stanhope Surgery,
 Old Stone Vets, Alston Surgery (Clinic and Emergencies)
 Scott Mitchell Associates, 29 High St. Tow Law
 24 Hour Emergency
 Ashfield Veterinary Surgery, 1 Durham Road, Lanchester,

DL15 9HR 01388 763743
 DL13 2PA 01388 529349
 DL13 2FJ 01388 528866
 CA9 3TR 01434 381792
 01388 731911
 DH7 0LN 01207 520308



Petrol

Be sure not to run out of petrol in Weardale the nearest open filling station might be 20 miles away !

Stanhope , Weardale Motors, 8am – 6pm Mon-Fri 8am – 3pm Sat Closed Sun & Public Holidays	DL13 2YQ	01388 528235
Fir Tree Filling Station, 7am – 8pm every day	DL15 8EA	01388 762015
Crook , Helmington Service Station Ltd, West Road, 6.30am – 9pm every day	DL15 0RW	01388 762148
Tow Law , Helme Park Service Station, Bridge Rd, 7am – 7pm every day	DL13 4LD	01388 731341
Howden-le-Wear , Bridge End Garage, 7am – 9pm Mon-Sat, 8am – 8pm Sun	DL15 8ES	01388 765087
Middleton in Teesdale . Alston Road Garage, 8am – 6.30pm Mon-Fri, 8am – 6pm Sat Closed Sun	DL12 0UU	01833 640213
Alston , Moredun Service Station, Station Road, 7.30 am – 6pm Mon-Sat, 9am-6pm Sunday	CA9 3HZ	01434 381318
SPAR, Townfoot -supermarket and petrol 6am-10pm	CA9 3HY	01434 382425
Bp Auckland , Sainsbury, DL14 8LL, Tesco, DL14 9AL, Asda DL14 7LB and Morrisons, DL14 7TN		
24 Hour petrol - Stobbs P&JL High St, Stanley	DH9 0DQ	
24 hour petrol – St Giles Filling Station, Sunderland Road, Durham	DH1 1JA	
24 hour petrol – Shell Ltd Victoria Road, Penrith	CA11 8HU	
24 hour petrol – Shell Ltd , Woodland Road Darlington	DL3 9NQ	

Garages Repairs

St John's Chapel, D.L. Bainbridge, Unit 1d, Burnfoot Rural Workshops,	DL13 1RP	01388 537958
Rookhope, Boltsburn Garage,	DL13 2BG,	01388 517800
Stanhope, Bondisle Garage,	DL13 2YT,	01388 528510
Wolsingham, Andrews Auto Centre, Unit 1B, Durham Road Ind. Estate,	DL13 3JW,	01388 526084
Wolsingham, West End Garage, 84 West End,	DL13 3DJ	01388 527440
Tow Law, Ridley Exhausts, Brickflats Garage,	DL13 4AX,	01388 730455
Tow Law, Helme Park Motor Services,	DL13 4LD	01388 731998
Crook, Prince Bishop Garage, West Road,	DL15 9PD	01388 767779

Cycle Repairs (see page 14)

Taxis (Private Hire)

Savilles: 9 Hall View Gardens, Howden-le-Wear, Crook	DL15 8HT	070 9330 2498
Wolsingham Taxis - Paul Hutchinson		01388 526328
Weardale Private Hire		01388 537800
Dale Link		07927 927927
Peter's Private Hire 1 Fairfield Cottages, Stanhope,	DL13 2UU	01388 527812
HFC Taxis Wearhead	DL13 1HS	07940 338 049

Bus Stations

Weardale Motor Services ,	DL13 2YQ,	01388 528235
Traveline – Public Travel Information –		0871 200 2233

Railway Stations

Bishop Auckland,	DL14 7EJ	
Durham,	DH1 4RB,	
Darlington,	DL1 4AA	
National Rail Enquiries – http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/		0845 7 48 49 50
Traveline – Public Travel Information –		0871 200 2233





Places to Eat and Drink

The places to eat listed below are arranged geographically from Nenthead in the west to North Bitchburn in the east. Many of the restaurants offer evening meals on a booking only basis so it is always best to contact them first, to check days and hours of opening, special diets, etc. while Cafés and tea rooms may not be open during the evening.

Nenthead

Overwater Lodge, CA9 3NP	01434 381271	Restaurant - Tea Room
Miner's Arms, CA9 3PF	01434 381427	Public House
Nent Hall Country House Hotel, CA9 3LQ	01434 381584	Hotel - Pub - Restaurant - Teas
Lovelady Shield Country House Hotel, CA9 3LF	01434 381203	Hotel - Tea Room – Restaurant

Cowshill

Killhope Cafe - Lead Mining Museum, DL13 1AR	01388 537505	Café - Take Away
Cowshill Hotel, DL13 1JQ	01388 537236	Public House - Restaurant

St John's Chapel

The Golden Lion, DL13 1QF	01388 537231	Public House - Restaurant
The Blue Bell, DL13 1QJ	01388 537256	Public House
Chatterbox Café, DL13 1QF	01388 537536	Café
Maxine's, DL13 1QF	01388 537214	Café

Westgate

Hare and Hounds, DL13 1RX	01388 517212	Pub - Restaurant - Brewery
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Rookhope

Rookhope Inn, DL13 2BG	01388 517215	Bed and breakfast - Public House
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Eastgate

Cross Keys Inn, DL13 2HW	01388 517234	B&B - Public House
Horsley Hall Country House and Restaurant DL13 2LJ	01388 517239	Hotel - Tea Room – Restaurant

Blanchland

Lord Crewe Arms, DH8 9SP	01434 675 469	Hotel, Public House, Restaurant
White Monk Tea Rooms, DH8 9ST	01434 675044	Café

Edmundbyers

The Punch Bowl, DH8 9NL	01207 255545	Public House, Restaurant.
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Stanhope

Durham Dales Centre, DL13 2FJ	01388 527650	Tea Room
The Old Weardale Tea Room and Bakery, DL13 2TS	01388 526113	Bakery - Café - Tea Room
Fish and Chips and Chinese Take Away, DL13 2NT	01388 528179	Take Away
Roots of India, DL13 2TS	01388 526242	Take Away
Freddies Fish and Chips, Market Plaice, DL13 2UJ	01388 526676	Take Away
Everyday Café, DL13 2TS	07760490297	Café - Ice cream parlour - Take Away
The Pack Horse Inn, DL13 2UJ	01388 528407	Public House
The Paper Shop, DL13 2TS	01388 528 413	Take Away
The Grey Bull, DL13 2PB	01388 526 663	Public House
Number 40 Cafe, Stanhope Station, DL13 2YS	01388 526 203	Café - Take Away
Parkhead Station, DL13 2ES	01388 526434	B&B and Tea-room

Frosterley

The Village Chip Bar, DL13 2QW	01388 526235	Take Away
Black Bull Inn, DL13 2SL	01388 527784	Public House - Restaurant
The Frosterley Inn, DL13 2RH	01388 528493	Public House

Wolsingham

Number 10, DL13 3AF	01388 528 344	Café
Buon Appetito, DL13 3AP	01388 529124	Restaurant
The Black Lion, DL13 3EN	01388 527360	Public House only (no food)
Black Bull, DL13 3AB	01388 527332	Café - Public House – Restaurant
The Bay Horse Hotel, DL13 3EX	01388 527220	Public House - Restaurant
Peggoty's Café and Bakery, DL13 3AR	01388 527093	Café
Lau's Chinese, DL13 3AF	01388 527 983	Take Away
Craven's Fish and Chips, DL13 3AH	01388 527092	Take Away
Bradley Burn Farm Shop, DL13 3JH	01388 529 488	Café - Farm Shop

Hamsterley

The Cross Keys, DL13 3PX	01388 488457	Public House - Restaurant
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Fir Tree

Duke of York, DL15 8DG	01388 767429	Public House - Restaurant
Fir Tree Country Hotel, DL15 8DD	01388 760777	Hotel – Bar - Restaurant

Tow Law

North Point Hotel, DL13 4DL	01388 731087	Hotel - Restaurant
The Brown Horse, High Stoop, DL13 4HJ	01388 730498	Public House - Restaurant
Utterley Scrumptious, DL13 4DP	07909 397378	Take Away, teas and coffees

Crook

Viva, Church Street, DL15 9BG,	01388 762424	Italian Restaurant
The Carriage Restaurant, Hope St, DL15 9HU	01388 762859	Restaurant
The Copper Mine 26 High Jobs Hill, Crook DL15 0UL	01388 763333	Pub and Restaurant

North Bitchburn

The Red Lion, North Bitchburn, DL15 8AL	01388 767071	Public House - Restaurant
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Bishop Auckland

Park Head Hotel & Restaurant, Bishop Auckland	01388 661727	Hotel and Restaurant
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Shopping for Gifts



Killhope

Killhope Lead Mining Museum, DL13 1AR 01388 537505

St John's Chapel

Chatterbox Café : Information Point, maps books, local history DL13 1QF 01388 537536
The Post Office DL13 1QF 01388 537214

Stanhope

Durham Dales Centre DL13 2FJ 01388 527650

Information Point: Maps, walking and cycling routes and local books including history, geology.

Durham Dales Centre Gift Shop: Gifts, cards, jewellery, clothing and much more.

Durham Dales Centre Tearoom: Local ales, homemade ginger wine, Jams, pickles, chutney's, biscuits and cakes.

Durham Dales Crafts, a wide variety of locally crafted gifts 01388 526666

Dales Floral Art, local hand crafted gifts, silk flowers, bespoke floral displays 07828 145881

Gemcraft: minerals, fossils, semi-precious stone jewellery 01388 526233

Green Valley Crafts 07857139906

Information Point and Shop, crafts, cards, maps, books, gifts etc. 01388 527650

Truly Scrumptious, sweet shop DL13 2TS

Lime Tree Gallery: (Alex Clark Artwork), Butts Head Stanhope DL13 2UF 01388 526110

Weardale Gazette, Our local news magazine DL13 2UJ 01388 527706

Daisy Chain, Florist DL13 2UJ 01388 528868

Woollyback, Wools, haberdashery, craft kits and supplies, gifts and more 01388 527700

Fondant and Apron Strings: Cake supplies, Classes, Bespoke Wedding Cakes. 01388 527268

Simply Chic , Front Street Stanhope DL13 2TS

Village Lanterne, 65a Front Street, Fashion, Accessories and Gifts DL13 2TS 01388 528200

Frosterley

G. Gardiners and Son Country Store DL13 2SE 01388 527295
– Country Sports and Outdoor Pursuits - Unit 1 The Batts ,Frosterley

Wolsingham

Sixes and Sevens Gift Shop DL13 3AF 01388 527969

Rams Head Antiques DL13 3DF 07769 255544

Brambles Vintage and Secondhand Emporium DL13 3AB 07901672509

Bradley Burn Farm Shop, DL13 3JH 01388 529488

Fresh dairy produce, locally reared meat, home baked scones and lots of lovely produce to take home as gifts.

Shopping for everyday items

Nenthead: Community Shop and Post Office, convenience store, groceries etc. cash machine,

Opening Times: 8.00am – 5.30pm Mon - Fri. Sat: 8.00am – 3.00pm Sun: 9.00am – 2.00pm

Post Office: 9.00am – 1.00pm Mon – Fri.

Wearhead: Lakes and Dales Co-operative store is at St. John's Chapel (1 mile)

A full range of shops is available at Stanhope (9 miles)

St John's Chapel: Lakes & Dales co-operative store, DL13 1QF convenience store including: groceries, fresh dairy, fruit & vegetables, fair trade products, organic and gluten free products, fine range of beers, wines & spirits, small electrical. Cashpoint. Open 8am – 8pm Mon – Sat and 09am – 5pm Sunday

The Post Office - open 9am – 5pm Mon – Sat

Westgate: Lakes and Dales Co-operative store is at St. John's Chapel (1 mile)

A full range of shops is available at Stanhope (6 miles)

Stanhope:

Lakes & Dales co-operative store, groceries, fresh dairy, fruit & vegetables, fair trade products, organic and gluten free products, fine range of beers, wines & spirits. There is a cash machine on site for convenience. Open Mon - Sat: 8am - 10pm and Sun: 9am - 8pm

DL13 2TS 01388 528219

Joan Woodhall, fruit and vegetables shop

DL13 2TS 01388 528398

The Bakery (Old Weardale Tea Room)

DL13 2TS 01388 526113

Castle Bank Butcher

DL13 2TS 01388 528579

W. E & J. Rowell, ironmonger and hardware shop

DL13 2TY 01388 526182

The Paper Shop & Post Office

DL13 2TS 01388 528413

Stanhope Farmers Market - 3rd Saturday of the month.

Frosterley: Lakes & Dales co-operative store, post office, groceries, fresh dairy, fruit & vegetables, fair trade products, organic and gluten free products, fine range of beers, wines & spirits, small electrical & household goods, instore bakery, newspapers & magazines, phone top up facility, Lottery. Opening Times: 8.00am – 7.30pm Mon – Sat Post Office 9.00am – 5.30pm Mon – Fri (9.00am – 12.30pm Sat) Closed for lunch 1.00 – 1.30.

DL13 2QS 01388 527321

Wolsingham:

Paper Shop : newspapers, magazines, cigarettes, stationery, stamps, mobile phone electronic top-ups, maps & tourist information photocopying, faxing, dry cleaning milk, eggs, health foods - open early each day.

DL13 3AA

Shuttleworth's: tobacco, sweets, gifts for all occasions, ice cream in addition to Sunday papers

DL13 3EW

SPAR shop, convenience store - Open 8am - 10pm every day including Sundays.

DL13 3AF

K. S. & Sons

DL13 3AF

Sixes and Sevens: cards, stationery and womenswear.

DL13 3AF

John Keenan Butcher,

DL13 3AF

Bradley Burn Farm Shop - a Taste Durham Quality Assured and Local Produce Champion

specialising in the best of local and regional food and offering a wide variety of quality fresh food.

DL13 3JH

Tow Law:

Cathy's, general dealers

DL13 4DL 01388 730020

The Co-operative Food

DL13 4DL

Green Newsagents

DL13 4DL 01388 731025

J. C. Dobson Butchers

DL13 4AA 01388 730447

Post Office

DL13 4DN 01388 730247

Robinson's Butchers,

DL13 4DP 01388 730196

V & K News Food & Wine

DL13 4DP 01388 730277

Utterly Scrumptious, bakery and take away selling, pies, cakes and artisan breads.

DL13 4DP 07909 397378

It also offers a catering service for various functions.

Crook Town Centre: Many shops provide for everyday needs, Crook has a market on Tues and Sat.

Other Services



Level One Tourist Information providers

Durham Dales Centre Gift Shop, Stanhope - open 10-5 summer, 10-4 winter	DL13 2FJ	01388 527650
Chatterbox Café - St. John's Chapel - , open 9am-5pm	DL13 1QF	01388 537536
Killhope Lead Mining Museum , – open 30 March - 28 October (2018)	DL13 1AR	01388 537505

Other places to seek information

The Weardale Gazette Office, Stanhope,	DL13 2UJ
The Hub, Stanhope,	DL13 2UY
The Library, Wolsingham Market Place,	DL13 3AB
The Civic Centre, Crook,	DL15 9ES
The Weardale Museum	DL13 1HD

Banks and cash points

Outside cash points at Stanhope, Wolsingham and Crook
 Barclays: Stanhope, Crook, Bishop Auckland, Durham, Hexham, Barnard Castle.
 HSBC: Bishop Auckland, Consett, Darlington
 St John's Chapel Coop (inside)
 TSB: Crook Civic Centre, Bishop Auckland, Sacriston, Hexham, Consett, Durham
 Nat West cash point: inside Stanhope Post Office
 Co-operative Bank cash point: Stanhope Coop
 Post Offices, cash withdrawals for all major banks (see below)



Post offices

Stanhope, DL13 2TS; Wolsingham, DL13 3AF; St John's Chapel, DL13 1QF; Frosterley (Co-op), DL13 2QS;
 Tow Law, DL13 4DH; Crook DL15 9BJ .



Hairdressers

Stanhope: Christine's Unisex Hairdressers, 4 The Butts	DL13 2UF	01388 528348
Stanhope: Helen's Hair Design, Front Street	DL13 2TY	01388 528307
Wolsingham: Haircare By Alma, 34 Front Street	DL13 3DD	01388 527469
ME Hair and Beauty, 13 Market Place	DL13 3AE	01388 527087
Tow Law: Ann's Hairdressers, 126 Dans Castle	DL13 4AZ	01388 730460
Tow Law: Hers & Sirs Hair & Beauty, Wolsingham Road	DL13 4EB	01388 730930
Tow Law: Gent's stylist, 12, High Street	DL13 4DL	



Newsagents

Weekdays

St John's Chapel: The Post Office and The Co-op	
Stanhope: The Paper Shop, Front Street,	
Frosterley: Co-op	
Wolsingham: The Paper Shop - 14 Front Street,	
Wolsingham: SPAR, Market Place	
Tow Law: Green Newsagents ,	
Crook: Your Local Store, Bridge St.	01388 762271

Sunday Papers

St John's Chapel: Scot Mid Coop
 Stanhope: The Paper Shop, Front Street
 Wolsingham: SPAR, Market Place and V. Shuttleworth, Angate Street
 Tow Law: Green Newsagents , & The Coop
 Crook: Your Local Store, Bridge Street



Places of Worship



Cowshill	St Thomas Heathery Cleugh, DL13 1DD	10am
Ireshopeburn:	High House Methodist, DL13 1HD	10.45am
St John's Chapel	St John the Baptist, DL13 1QQ	10am
Westgate	St Andrew's, DL13 1SE	3pm
Eastgate	All Saints, DL13 2YG	10.30am
Stanhope	High Street Methodist Chapel, DL13 2UP St Thomas The Apostle, DL13 2YZ	10am 10am
Frosterley	St Michael and All Angels, DL13 2RP	3pm
Wolsingham	St Mary & St Stephen, DL13 3AN Baptist Church, DL13 3AB Methodist Chapel, DL13 3DD St Thomas of Canterbury RC, DL13 3AG	8am & 10.45am Holy Com. 3pm 10.30am Saturday Vigil 5.30pm Holy Day 10am
Tow Law	St Phillip and St. James, DL13 4ET St Joseph's RC, DL13 4AU	10am Sunday Mass 9am Holy Day Mass 7pm
Thornley	St Bartholomew, DL13 4PB	9.30am
Stanley, Crook	St Thomas Church of England, DL15 9QW	8.30am
Crook	Our Lady Immaculate & St Cuthbert's, DL15 9DL St Catherine's Church, DL15 9BG Salvation Army Citadel, DL15 8QQ St Andrew's Methodist & URC, DL15 8NH	Mass 10.30am Holy Day Vigil 7pm. Sunday 10am Wed 10.30am 4.30pm 10am

Contacts:

Church of England:

Vince Fenton (Rural Dean)	Vincent.Fenton@durham.anglican.org	01388 760939
Revd John Peter Lambert Whalley,	14 Rectory Lane, Wolsingham,	01388 527340
The Revd Vincent Thompson Fenton,	14 Hartside Close, Crook,	01388 760939

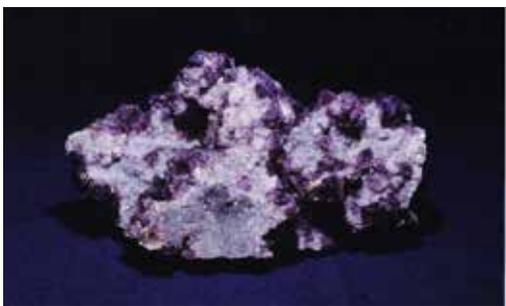
Methodist: Deacon Sue Peat East End, Stanhope 01388 528245,
Wolsingham 01388 527297, Frosterley 01388 527668, Stanhope 01388 528686, High House 01388 537417

Roman Catholic:

Father Michael Gordon O'Ryan, 01388 762724

Baptist: Pastor Paul Harris, 0191 487 6386

Places to go Killhope Lead Mining Museum



Killhope Lead Mining Museum is a fully restored nineteenth century Victorian lead mine which lies high up in the stunning North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty a UNESCO Global Geopark.

Stunning Landscape, underground adventure, fascinating lead mining history, scenic trails, and amazing wildlife, there's so much to see and do.

Explore the dark underground world of a 19th century Pennine lead miner on our award winning guided tour of Park Level Mine. From the moment you put on your hard hat, cap-lamps and wellingtons, your visit becomes an unforgettable adventure.

Experience life above ground working as a washer boy and see what gems you can find amongst the silt - shiny bits of quartz, fluorspar or galena perhaps?

Enjoy all that Killhope has to offer including - breathtaking scenery, lots of wildlife, a gift shop and cosy cafe. Hire one of our yurts and experience the outdoor living and amazing dark sky setting,.

Open daily from 11am to 5pm

from Good Friday or the 1st April (whichever is earliest) to the Last Sunday in October.

Killhope





Three attractions in one place amongst the beautiful scenery of the North Pennines

A truly amazing little museum. The smallest in the North of England and run entirely by volunteers but you wouldn't know it.

Variouly called a "Tardis" or that "BIG! Little Museum" it is always looking to pack more into its small space. As well as its Weardale Miners' Kitchen where all of the **objects can be handled** and examined, there is a lovely collection of local minerals, displays about the railway and lead-mining, a beautiful tribute to those who were lost in the Great War.

Did I mention the **Weardale Tapestry** - a 15 foot embroidery of the History of Weardale with over 200 fascinating stories told in stitches.

Then there is the **genealogy resource** for those with Weardale Ancestors, over 60,000 people in the database, and fascinating stories of some of them displayed for those who don't have family connections.

Next door there is a **heritage Methodist Chapel** often visited by John Wesley himself and now the oldest Methodist Chapel to have had continuous weekly services. The story of the chapel, John Wesley and the Methodists is told in a downstairs room and the chapel is open for visitors.

This year the Museum has just added a '**virtual museum**' to its collection. Objects from the North Pennines which have been lost to the area, in other Museums or private hands, brought together to be viewed on a touch screen. What will they think of next?

Bring your children and grandchildren to play with our toys or to try their hand with microscope and deerstalker **investigating like Sherlock Holmes**.

Open : afternoons 1.30 -4.30 pm

Easter Weekend and bank holidays

May, June, September and October - Wednesday - Sunday

July and August - Every afternoon



Stations at Stanhope and Wolsingham

Tel: : 07719 757755

Weardale is the heart of the North Pennines and is probably the least known major dale of the English uplands. The views are magnificent and unspoilt; the area is also known for its footpaths and bridleways, and the Weardale Railway will allow you to enjoy it all un-hindered by traffic. The railway also provides a useful base for walks between stations along the banks of the beautiful and gentle river Wear. Your journey will take you at a leisurely pace beside the river with magnificent views of the dale.

The Railway runs between Wolsingham and Stanhope from the beginning of April to the end of October.

Summer holiday - Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday

Other times - Weekends only



All Aboard! The Train to Christmas Town

A magical experience for the whole family to enjoy this festive season.

Stanhope Station, Weardale, Co. Durham DL13 2YS

Call For Tickets 08000 232383

Agents are available from 1pm to 1am



What is it?

Hamsterley Forest is a delightful 2000 hectare oasis, sprawling along the sides of a sheltered valley. Visitors to Hamsterley have no shortage of options when it comes to forest adventure or a tranquil getaway from the hustles of modern living. From wildlife watching and dark sky gazing to adventure play and high octane mountain biking, there is something here for everyone. Go on, explore!

Where is it?

Hamsterley DL13 3NL, (A mile north-west of Hamsterley village on the Wolsingham Road)

How much does it cost?

A £6 toll is charged for each car visiting the forest to access the Forest Drive and car parks (a short stay option of £1.50 for one hour is also available). On Bank Holiday weekends during Easter, May and August this toll will be £10 per car.

Where to find out more

<https://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6vyg9a>

Phone 01388 488312

Viking Wild Play

Five Guided Forest Walking Trails from easy to moderate

Hamsterley Forest MTB and Cycling Trails

Hamsterley Forest Horse Riding Trail

The Forest Drive



THE UK'S MOST SPECTACULAR OPEN-AIR LIVE SHOW

Taking place in Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham every summer, 'Kynren – an epic tale of England' is a mesmerising live action extravaganza that takes you on a whistle stop tour of 2,000 years of history, myth and legend.

Taking place on a vast landscaped stage with a huge lake at its centre hiding a host of surprises, you'll meet many of the characters and events that have shaped the north east - and the country as a whole - as the 29 scenes, encompassing the Roman occupation to World War II, unfold in front of your eyes.

With a cast and crew of almost 1,500 performing on a vast open-air stage alongside horses, sheep, oxen, donkeys, goats and geese, the scale of the show must be seen to be believed. Spectacular sets appearing as if by magic, mass choreography and fierce battles are illuminated with dazzling special effects, effervescent lighting and pyrotechnics, set to a spine-tingling original score which you'll experience in movie-like surround sound.

2018 Dates

June		August		August		For the latest ticket information contact https://elevenarches.org/
Saturday 30th	9.30pm	Friday 3rd	8.30pm	Sunday 26th	8.30pm	
		Saturday 4th	8.30pm	Friday 31st	8.00pm	
July		Friday 10th	8.30pm	September		
Saturday 7th	9.30pm	Saturday 11th	8.30pm	Saturday 1st	8.00pm	
Saturday 14th	9.30pm	Friday 17th	8.30pm	Saturday 8th	7.30pm	
Saturday 21st	9.00pm	Saturday 18th	8.30pm	Saturday 15th	7.30pm	
Saturday 28th	9.00pm	Saturday 25th	8.30pm			



The new Mining Art Gallery in Bishop Auckland will provide a permanent home for the renowned Gemini Collection of Mining Art, which includes more than 420 works by prominent local artists such as Tom McGuinness and Norman Cornish.

Using this powerful imagery the site will help visitors to understand what it felt like to work in the coalmines and shed light on why some miners felt it necessary to paint the dark, clamorous, claustrophobic and arcane world, otherwise denied to the gaze of those above ground.

As well as preserving a vital aspect of coalfield heritage for future study and appreciation, the Mining Art Gallery will also offer a wide range of opportunities to explore the history of mining and the impact it had, not just on those who worked there, but on the County Durham community as a whole.

Visitor information

Mining Art Gallery, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7NP

Opening times

Open daily from 10am to 4pm

Last entry at 3.30pm

Ticket prices

Adult: £4

Concessions: £3 (over 60s, full-time students, unwaged)

Under 16s: Free

A NEW DESTINATION COMING SOON

With Auckland Castle as its centrepiece, The Auckland Project is now building a brand new visitor destination in Bishop Auckland. Located in and around the 900-year-old Prince Bishop's Castle, its gardens and the beautiful historic Market Place beyond, it will include new, world-class galleries, restaurants, museum and parkland.

Up and Running

In October 2017, The Auckland Project opened its first new attraction in Bishop Auckland, the Mining Art Gallery.

The only gallery in the country dedicated to Mining Art, the gallery is a permanent home to more than 400 artworks by celebrated mining artists such as Norman Cornish and Tom McGuinness. The artworks on display explore how miners used art to respond to their experiences, both underground and in the close-knit mining communities.

Doors Opening

This summer will see a warm welcome rolled out to visitors to Bishop Auckland with the opening of Auckland Tower on Saturday, July 21. The purpose built visitor centre in the Market Place will welcome people to the town and offer a chance to collect information and tickets.

Standing at 29 metres high, the groundbreaking structure has been designed by award-winning architect, Niall McLaughlin, with a viewign platform 15 metres up, offering unparalleled views of the stunning County Durham countryside,

December 2018 will mark the completion of a four-year conservation project at Auckland Castle. On December 1, 2018 the castle will re-open to the public, offering the opportunity to step back in time and enter the palace of the Prince Bishops of Durham.

For 900 years, Auckland Castle was home to the powerful Prince Bishops, second in command only to the king. A symbol of their lofty status, the Castle is considered one of the most significant medieval bishops' palaces in Europe.

Visitors to the newly re-opened Castle will be able to tour the Castle's State Rooms, returned to their Georgian Gothic splendour and take in an atmospheric presentation of the history of the Prince Bishops and their lives at Auckland Castle over the centuries.

Next Steps

Over the next two years we will see the opening of the Faith Museum and Spanish Gallery in Bishop Auckland.

The redeveloped 17th century Walled Garden at Auckland Castle will open to the public in 2018 with a restaurant featuring contemporary glass domes by Japanese architects, SANAA to follow in 2019.

To stay up to date with The Auckland Project's plans, visit: aucklandproject.com



Cycling has a new home: **WEARDALE**

The North Pennines is The Roof of England — and Weardale takes you right to the top



QUIET LANES

Sane people are welcome too!

You don't have to be super-fit to enjoy cycling in Weardale. Quiet roads run the entire way from Stanhope to Wearhead — and if you're really not fit we even have electric bikes you can hire.



ON ROAD

Weardale

...with a capital **WHEEEE !**

With the highest roads in the country, the most exhilarating descents, chain-snapping climbs and a plethora of cycle friendly cafés,



OFF ROAD

What's Black, Blue and Red all over?
The off road tracks of Weardale

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the home of www.winkingsheepsportive.org.uk

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Cycle routes



North Pennines C2C (Café to Café)

From wherever you start and wherever you want to go, there will be a quiet road and a cycle-friendly café along that road. Hundreds of miles of lanes up and over some of the most glorious countryside all with a scone waiting for you.

The Chapel Challenge

Is this the most intense and brutal 50 mile cycling challenge in the Country? (7400' in 52 miles)



Designed as a figure of 8, done Twice in both directions, *The Chapel Challenge* plays with your mind as much as sapping your legs.



The Roof of England Sportive

At the end of August, Weardale hosts its own Sportive cycle event – The Winking Sheep.

Starting and Finishing in St John's Chapel the 30, 50 and 90 mile routes take you on a grand tour through Allendale, Alston Moor, Teesdale and Weardale.



The Weardale Alternative on the C2C

You now have 2 choices when doing the C2C – via the splendid isolation of Allenheads and Rookhope, or through the villages of Upper Weardale.

Let's Play





Bike Spares, Repairs

Hamsterley Forest

Sales, repairs, accessories & parts
Group rides for with trained guide

Wood n Wheels, Hamsterley Forest, DL13 3NL
T: 0333 8008222
E: info@woodnwheels.org.uk
W: www.woodnwheels.org.uk

Nenthead

Fully Park Tool equipped, with a wide range of parts and accessories.
Rescue and call-out service with 3-bike rack.
Cytech 2 qualified mechanic.

North Pennine Cycles,
The Old Post Office, Nenthead, CA9 3PF
T: 01434 381324
E: northpenninecycles@gmail.com
W: www.northpenninecycles.co.uk

Witton-le-Wear

Mobile bike mechanic
CYTECH Level 3 Mechanic

T: 07429491953 or 01388 488745
E: drspokes@live.com
W: www.drspokes.co.uk

North Pennines Electric Bike Hire Network

Discover the glorious North Pennines by electric bike. Explore the North Pennines AONB by electric bike, and let the chain take the strain.

To help you get the best out of this glorious landscape our fleet of electric bikes, which have the luxury of assisted pedal power, will allow you to experience the sights and sounds of the North Pennines close-up and at your leisure.

Hire Points

You'll find hire points at:

The Old Village Shop

Edmundbyers,
Derwent Valley,
Co. Durham
DH8 9NN
T. 01207 255394
E. Theoldvillageshop@gmail.com

Blanchland Post Office

Blanchland,
Derwent Valley,
Northumberland
DH8 9SR
T. 01434 675209

Bikes available

The network has a variety of KTM bikes available – including full sus mountain bikes. Route maps and basic equipment (helmet, charger, pannier, pump, lock) are included in the hire.

More information

Visit www.electricbikenetwork.co.uk for more details.

Bike Transport

Wood n Wheels

T: 0333 8008222

North Pennine Cycles

Rescue and call-out service with 3-bike rack.
T: 01434 381324

DaleLink

Taxi with Bike Rack
T.01388 527766





Get off road explorenorthpennines.org.uk

The North Pennines is The Roof of England – and Weardale takes you right to the top

Miles and Miles of Ups and Downs ... and Throughs and Overs

From the bottom of the Dale in Hamsterley Forest to the top of England on “The Causeway”, Weardale has all the off-road cycling you could ever want.

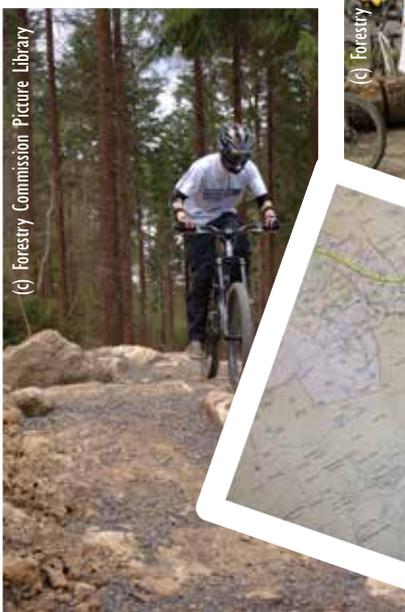
From single tracks across high moorland to family friendly traffic-free roads in beautiful woodland.



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The Sky's the Limit

At over 2000ft our roads and tracks are higher than many of the peaks of the Lake District. So when we say you'll feel on top of the world – we mean it.

Pop into any of the Visitor Information Points, or ask your accommodation provider for details of off roads routes across Weardale

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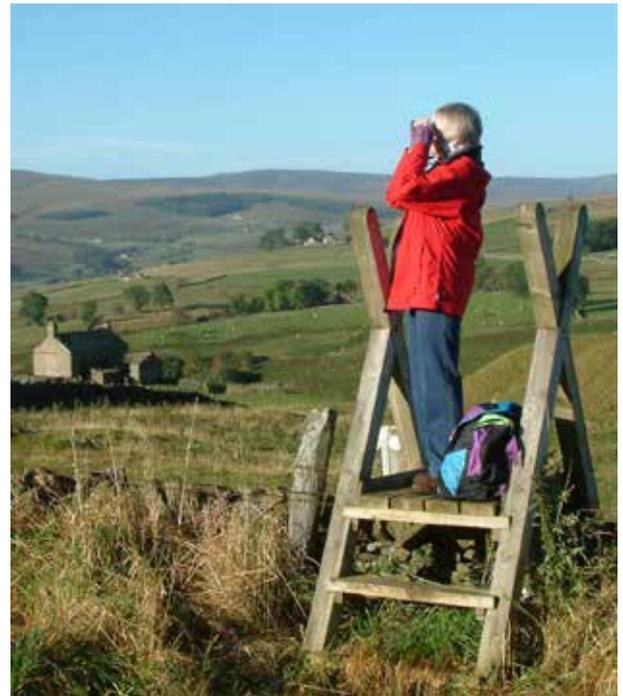
Walking



Walking is a great way to explore Weardale, the Durham Dales and The North Pennines to experience tranquillity, stunning countryside, magnificent views plus varied wildlife and flora.

Hundreds of miles of public footpaths, former industrial railway lines and quiet country lanes provide a huge range of walking opportunities, from peaceful family strolls to strenuous hill walking and long distance trails.

The North Pennines is a great walking destination. There's everything from challenging long distance routes like Wainwright's Pennine Journey and the nearby Pennine Way to gentle riverside rambles along the Weardale Way or up Slitt Wood at Westgate. You'll find a good network of Public Rights of Way throughout the dale, integrated with the expansive rights of open access.



Leaflets and guides

A large number of walking guides are available for the area from The Durham Dales Centre Gift Shop, Stanhope, DL13 2FJ or as downloadable guides from www.exploreweardale.org.uk.

WEARDALE WAY BOOK

"A Guided Tour along the River Wear through County Durham & Sunderland" by Joe Watson published by Durham Cow Publishing www.durhamcow.com.





The Open Air and Heated Swimming Pool, Stanhope DL13 2LY 01388 528466

For current opening times: Tel 01388 528466 or visit www.stanhopepool.co.uk

- 25 x 13 m pool
- Toddler pool
- Springboard
- Waterslide
- Café
- Wood fired Sauna
- Soft play area
- Shop
- Hot showers



Wolsingham Swimming Pool, Leazes Lane, Wolsingham, DL13 3DN, 01388 528198

This indoor swimming pool is part of the Community Sports Hall facility offered at Wolsingham School and Community College. It is open to the public every evening after school, at weekends and during school holidays. It also offers a wide range of classes including: aqua aerobics, lifeguard, canoeing, parents and toddlers.

For more information, including opening times and pricing: Tel. 01388 528198



or visit <http://wolsingham sportshall.com/pages/swimming-pool/poolopentimes.html>

Low Barnes Nature Reserve

One of the county's most important wildlife sites, this 50- hectare wetland site located adjacent to the River Wear also contains mixed woodlands and species rich grasslands with a Visitor Centre and Coffee shop.

Bird life is varied and abundant including kingfisher redstart, bittern (right) pied flycatcher and several warbler species. In winter large numbers of wildfowl can be seen, including tufted duck, mallard and mute swan. Grey heron occur in large numbers at various times of the year. Patient visitors to the reserve may be rewarded by sightings of otter, red fox, roe deer and stoat. The small ponds on the reserve are excellent places to view damselflies and dragonflies, including the impressive southern hawker. Amphibians are also found, including the common frog and the smooth newt. Many species of butterfly occur including dingy skipper and small copper. The plant life is extremely rich and is too numerous to list, but includes burnet rose, centaury, restharrow and viper's bugloss.



Witton-le-Wear, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 0AG, Tel: 01388 488728
www.durhamwt.com/reserves/dwt-reserves-list/low-barns/

Wild North Discovery

"We run a wide range of nature based activities from dark skies star gazing to wildlife and nature exploration to bushcrafts and ancient craft skills using natural materials including the pole lathe and willow basketry. From black grouse to animal tracking, fire lighting and wilderness cooking to making a rolling pin or a chair, there is something for everyone who loves nature and the natural world. The activities range from half a day to a full week and can be booked for just two people or a group of friends. Family activities are also available including family bushcrafts for a half day introduction to something different."



Harehope Quarry, Frosterley, DL13 2SG, Tel. 01388 529154
www.natureholiday.co.uk



The North Pennines offers a range of opportunities for horse riding, from leisurely, guided pony rides for beginners to technical upland hacks across historic packhorse trails for the more experienced.

Hamsterley Riding School: Hamsterley

Lessons while trekking in beautiful countryside, safe and happy horses, low prices, everyone welcome. Trekking suitable for all ages (4+) along a quiet single track country lane. Association of British Riding Schools (ABRS) approved. Families and beginners welcome - happy steeds and friendly staff! Open all year.

Contact: Judy Dennis, Dixon Carr Farm, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, DL13 3NH,
Tel: 01388 488328 or 07774 971423

West Hoppyland Trekking Centre: Hamsterley

West Hoppyland offers trekking over the high moors and along tree-lined tracks in Hamsterley Forest. Groups of up to three riders can be taken for treks of an hour or more. Four hour rides with picnic lunches are also available. Open all year.

Contact: Carole or Bill Atkinson, West Hoppyland Farm, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham DL13 3NP
Tel: 01388 488196, info@westhoppyland.com, www.westhoppyland.com

Hole In The Wall Horse Riding School: Crook

From beginners to advanced horse riders, there's something for everyone at Hole In The Wall Horse Riding School. Activities include: horse riding lessons, camp week, stable management, horseback riding, show jumping and games. If you are an experienced rider, then instead of a horse riding lesson you may want to ride out on a hack / trek around The Deerness Valley Bridle way, which is a short ride away from the horse riding school. We can provide everything for the horse and rider from clothing and horse riding accessories to tack and feed.

Church Hill, Crook, DL15 9DN, Tel: 01388 764835 or 07989835985, info@crookridingschool.co.uk
www.crookridingschool.co.uk/

Sinderhope Trekking Centre: East Allen Valley

Trekking suitable for all types of riders over moorland and along country roads: 1hr, 1.5hrs, 2hrs and 3hrs, experienced riders only; all day (approx 5 hours). Lessons in indoor arena also available. Min age 4 for lessons and age 6 for trekking. Arena (including show jumps) also available for hire. Open all year

Contact: Lisa or Robert Philipson, High Sinderhope, Sinderhope, Allendale, Northumberland NE47 9SH
Tel: 01434 685266, theponytrekkingcentre@btconnect.com,
www.sinderhopeponytrekking.co.uk/

Middle Bayles Livery and Riding School: Alston

Middle Bayles Livery is a Horse Riding School offers horse-riding lessons and/or other equine facilities, stables, dressage, saddlery or livery.

Contact: Middle Bayles Farm, Alston, Cumbria, CA9 3BS, Tel 01434 382426
<http://www.riding-schools.com/c/cumbria/alston/middle-bayles-livery/>

Outdoor Adventure



Weardale Adventure Centre,

Ireshopeburn, Co Durham, DL13 1HB

Email weardaleadventure@outlook.com

Website: www.weardaleadventurecentre.co.uk

Phone: 01388 537387

Weardale Adventure Centre is an outdoor activity centre in the heart of Weardale, County Durham. We provide high quality adventure activities such as: high ropes, rock climbing, gorge walking, underground exploration, canoeing, archery, and more. Our comfy and spacious Centre can sleep us to 80 people, however we often host smaller groups including corporate groups, youth groups, families, stag and hen parties and birthday parties. We welcome both day visitors and residential guests and also offer accommodation only whether that is catered or self-catered.

high ropes, rock climbing, gorge walking, underground exploration, canoeing, archery, and more



The North East Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Castlewood Farm, Helme Park, Tow Law, DL13 4NN

Booking and Information Hotline - 01388 731777

www.north-east-outdoor-centre.co.uk

The North East Outdoor Pursuits Centre offers a full range of exciting outdoor adventure and activities including Clay pigeon shooting, Paintball, Zorbing and Archery.

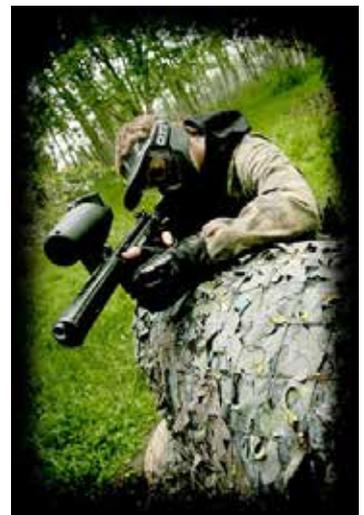
All occasions can be catered for. Activities are perfect for group outings, stag groups and hen parties, school holidays, family groups, birthday parties, individuals and corporate team building days.

Paintball

Archery

Zorbing

Clay Pigeon Shooting





The North Pennines has some of the best winter sport opportunities in England, with well established ski clubs in Weardale, Allenheads and Yad Moss. Both day skiing/snowboarding and annual memberships are available from the clubs. There are also great opportunities for cross-country skiing and winter walking.

Skiing and Snowboarding

The Weardale Ski Club, Swinhope Fell, Westgate, Grid ref OS Sheet 91 NY 895 343.

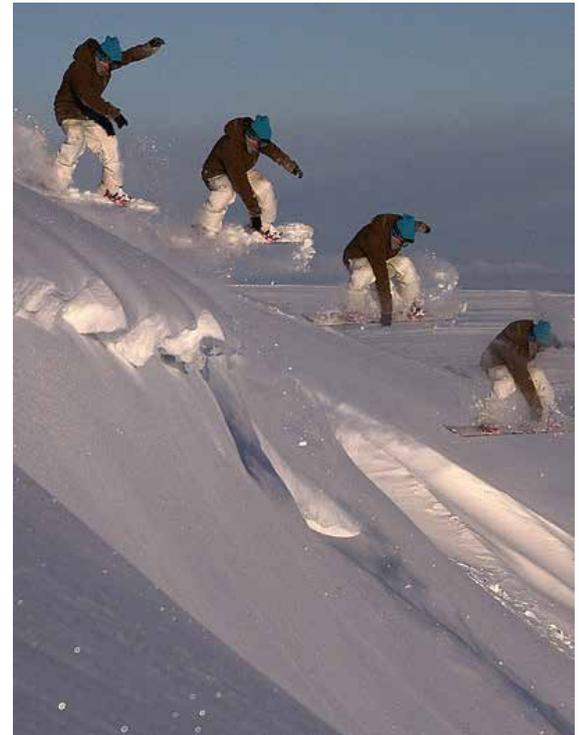
Weardale Ski Club is a small but vibrant club, with up to 750 members, offering skiing on real snow at Swinhope Moor above Westgate. Of course this cannot be guaranteed but most years the club manages a few days, often more than 14 and even as much as 45. The skiing suits most skiers and boarders of all abilities except the absolute beginner. It is often said that if you can ski all the slopes at Weardale you can manage just about anywhere! There are 2 button tows and up to 6 pisted runs, the rest of the area is not pisted. However when conditions are good, it is possible to ski almost anywhere. "Pisted" is a very loose description, as we do have a Piste Basher that pistes the runs, but they are rarely to the quality you would expect in the Alps!

Don't forget to check conditions first, pack a shovel, your skis, park considerately and you may need snow tyres or chains.

You can join as a member at the website for a very reasonable annual fee, this is restricted to a maximum of 750 people. Alternatively you can come during the week and just pay for the day by downloading an entry form from the website.

Tel: 01388 317767

Web site www.skiweardale.com



Yad Mass Ski Slope, Alston, Cumbria : Tel 01228 561634

www.yadmoss.co.uk

Yad Moss Snow Slope is run entirely by volunteers. We offer outstanding and accessible opportunities to enjoy snow sports in England and every penny we take gets ploughed back to improve the experience.

The ski area is served by a fast Poma button tow which is unsuitable for inexperienced skiers and snowboarders. Length 600m: Vertical rise 120m: Top Station 725m: Uplift 600 people per hour.

Depending on snow cover there are runs up to half a mile in length.

The stone daylodge provides warmth and shelter for your lunch (we have no catering facilities so bring your own food and drinks) and is equipped with composting toilets. PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE NO HIRE EQUIPMENT

Ski Allenheads

<http://ski-allenheads.co.uk/>

Experience the exhilaration of skiing and snow boarding when we have snow – on your own doorstep in the beauty of Northumberland. Based on the edge of the Northumbrian village of Allenheads, we offer excellent skiing and boarding whenever there is snow. For more information about how you can join us and the membership discounts & other benefits, see our webpage.



(For availability it is always wise to telephone beforehand)

Crook Golf Club,

18 hole 6070 yards – par 70
Crook , Low Jobs Hill Crook, DL15 9AA
Tel 01388 762429,

Bishop Auckland Golf Club,

18 hole - 6420 yards – par 72
Bishop Auckland, High Plains, DL14 8DL,
Tel 01388 661618,

Barnard Castle Golf Club,

18 holes, 6406 yards par 71
Harmire Road, Barnard Castle, Durham, DL12 8QN,
Tel. 01833 638355

Alston Moor Golf Club,

10 holes, - the highest golf course in England – Challenging !!
The Hermitage, Alston, Cumbria, CA9 3DB,
Tel 01434 381675

Allendale Golf Club,

9 holes
High Studdon, Allendale, Northumberland, NE47 9DH,
Tel 01434 683438

Slaley Hall Golf Club,

36 holes, 'Hunting' 7000 yards par 72, 'Priestman' 7000
Slaley Hall, Hexham, North East, England, NE47 0BY
Tel. 01434 673154





The North Pennines boasts some of the finest upland reservoirs and rivers, renowned for the quality of their fishing. You can choose to fish in some of England's most spectacular landscapes and opportunities abound for complete beginners as well as experts.

"The River Wear is now established as one of the top sea trout rivers in the country and also has an improving run of salmon that can often be seen leaping at the waterfalls of both the Wear and its tributaries." Simon Hepinstall, Director Fairfield House Ltd., Stanhope.

Licences and Permits

Valid national trout licences are required from March 22nd - September 30th

Sea trout and salmon licences March 22nd to October 30th

You can be fined up to £2500 for fishing without a rod licence.

Licences are available from local Post Offices and online www.gov.uk/fishing-licences

Daily and weekly permits

Upper Weardale Anglers: St John's Chapel Post Office and Blue Bell

Stanhope Anglers Stanhope Paper Shop (David Reay, Tel 01388 526267)

www.gov.uk/fishing-licences



Rivers & lakes

River Wear (Stanhope Gauging Station to Rookhope Burn, Eastgate): Weardale Fly Fishers Club: Fly until 1st Sept then also worm and spinning: Day permits from: Stanhope Newsagents, Front Street, Stanhope.

Frosterley Angling Club 01388 528429 (Peter Elsbury)

Eastgate 01388 747110

Westgate-Cowshill 01388 537482

River Tees (Barnard Castle) : Barnard Castle Angling Club:

Day and week permits from F E Wilkinson, Horse Market, Barnard Castle. 01833 631118

River Tees (Upper Tees, North Bank): Raby Estate: Fly only : Day permits from: Raine's Ironmongers and Raby Estate Office in Middleton-in-Teesdale or the shop at High Force Waterfall.

Reservoirs	Tunstall Reservoir,	Wolsingham,	www.go-fish.co.uk/venue_1907.htm
	Austin Lowery	T. 01388 818242,	M 07825951525
	Witton Castle Lakes,	Witton-le-Wear	http://fishingnet.com/angling/fish/trout/witton-castle-lakes/

Northumbrian Water

In Balderhead, Cow Green, and Selset we are fortunate to have three of the very best wild brown trout fisheries in the country. All based in Teesdale, they are full of fighting fit trout, providing excellent sport. The trout in these reservoirs are 100% native, having descended from the original upland brownies which lived in the streams before the dams were built. Lightning quick and very hard fighting these fish are a joy to catch.

Day permits for Balderhead, Selset and Cow Green are available to buy from Grassholme visitor centre only. Permits can also be bought in advance using your debit or credit card by calling on 01833 641 121 or online at www.fishpal.com. Please note, the honesty box system will not be available at Cow Green.

Learn to Fish at Derwent Reservoir

Courses cost £30 for adults and £15 for under 18s for a three hour session and all of the tackle is provided. Try it days are held on Tuesdays and Saturdays starting Tuesday 9 April and will alternate between any method and fly fishing. For more information and to book a Try it day call 01207 255 250.



Welcome to the North Pennines
One of England's most special places...
...a peaceful, unspoilt landscape
...with a rich history and vibrant natural beauty

Stunning!

You'll find tumbling waterfalls, sweeping moorland views, dramatic upland dales, stone-built villages, snaking stone walls, colourful hay meadows and stunning imprints of a mining and industrial past. In recognition of the area's national significance it was designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1988. The AONB is also a UNESCO Global Geopark.

Gateway

Bowlees Visitor Centre in Upper Teesdale is the perfect place for finding more about the area's history, its people, its landscape and the fantastic wildlife found here. Eat... Meet... Discover... Explore www.visitbowlees.org.uk for info on events, activities, exhibitions and more!

Explore

The North Pennines AONB Partnership runs a series of events and activities to help you discover the area's stunning wildlife, landscape, geology and history. Take a look at our events programme at www.northpennines.org.uk

Visit www.explorenorthpennines.org.uk for downloadable walking and cycling routes and information on other activities in the North Pennines.

The North Pennines is one of the darkest places in England and is in fact the darkest mainland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty! The area is therefore great for stargazing and has more officially designated Dark Sky Discovery Sites than anywhere else. The North Pennines Observatory is also based nearby in Allenheads – www.northpenobservatory.org.uk. To find out more about stargazing opportunities visit www.northpennines.org.uk/exploring/stargazing

Guides galore

We also publish leaflets, guides, walk and cycle routes and a variety of other publications to help you explore and understand the North Pennines.

Visit www.northpennines.org.uk

Follow us on...  [/NorthPennAONB](https://twitter.com/NorthPennAONB) and  [/NorthPenninesAONB](https://facebook.com/NorthPenninesAONB)

WVN - Join Our Team

Who are we?

The Weardale Visitors Network is a partnership of businesses, both large and small, who have a passion and commitment for developing the tourism trade and visitor experience within Weardale. Established in 2004 we aim to work collaboratively to promote and market the area as a sustainable tourist destination. Together we can do more than we could alone.

What do we do?

- We meet monthly in a variety of Weardale locations.
- Share experiences and information.
- Provide a voice for Weardale Tourism Businesses with decision makers.
- Participate in tourism projects for the benefit of all members and the wider visitor economy.
- Listen to and learn from guest speakers.
- Ensure our exceptional visitor offer is recognised by those with marketing budgets to spend.
- Promote high standards and best practice to enhance the Weardale Visitor's experience.
- Lobby for and support any Partnership initiatives to raise the profile and visibility of Weardale.
- Work with North Pennines AONB, Weardale AAP and neighbouring tourist organisations.

The benefits

- FREE, comprehensive entry for your business on the website www.discoverweardale.com
- Networking with other visitor facing businesses .
- Share experiences and problems and find solutions.
- Opportunity to make your voice heard, lobby with a common purpose.
- Learn from guest speaker professionals about new business opportunities.
- Combine with like-minded people to undertake projects that make a difference.

Our projects

- A Bedroom Browser for accommodation providers
- A Visitor Map of Weardale
- The Discover Weardale website development
- A full page advertisement in Visit Durham Pocket Guide
- Stalls at local events

Who can join?

Any business with an interest in developing the visitor economy in Weardale and improving the experience of visitors. We welcome members from a wide range of businesses including accommodation, attractions, activities, retail and support businesses.

For details about how to Join WVN contact our Secretary.

Tel: 01388 762473 or Email enquiries@dowfoldhouse.co.uk

W Jobs and Employment is the Weardale Action Partnership's main priority.

Tourism is a major employer in Weardale and the local spend by visitors to the Dale helps to sustain many of our valued shops and services together with the people they employ.

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Through our Bedroom Browsers the **Weardale Visitor Network** seeks to encourage visitors who are stopping over for a few days to support the local economy by using shops, cafes, pubs, and restaurants as well as enjoying some of the attractions and activities which Weardale has to offer.

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