

FAIRBURN COTTAGES:

CHILD FRIENDLY ITINERARY



WE HAVE COMPILED A LIST OF FAMILY FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS AND PLACES TO TAKE THE CHILDREN ON A DAY OUT SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND YOUR HOLIDAY TRYING TO FIND THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO GO!

PLEASE NOTE: SOME OF THE ATTRACTIONS MAY REQUIRE ONLINE BOOKING, SO PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITES BEFORE YOUR VISIT. PLEASE CHECK SEASONAL OPENING TIMES AND COVID RESTRICTIONS. ENJOY!

BARNARD CASTLE: 10 MILES AWAY

- Barnard Castle is a pretty market town with small shops, cafes, family friendly pubs and walks by the river.
- Visit the spectacular castle and grounds and the playground in the Castle grounds! (Tickets are required for the castle / free access to the playground).
- You can also visit the Bowes Museum with the famous Silver Swan Automation. We recommend this attraction for older children.
- Parking in the market place or car parks.

RABY CASTLE: 5 MILES AWAY

- Walk around the beautiful grounds and gardens of Raby Castle. (Online booking required).
- Spot the Deer roaming in the Deer Park and enjoy the tractor rides around the grounds!
- Indoor and Woodland outdoor play areas. Family friendly events are run throughout the year such as treasure hunts etc.
- Dogs are permitted. Cafe and facilities available along with picnic benches. Suitable for pushchairs.

HAMSTERLEY FOREST: 20 MINUTES DRIVE

- Huge adventure playgrounds in the forest and smaller play areas for younger children.
- Gruffalo trail. Family friendly Stickman trails. Family friendly activities throughout the year.
- Riverside activities. Bike trails. Pay for car parking and then free access. Café and facilities.

HIGH FORCE WATERFALL AND GORGE: NEAR BARNARD CASTLE

- A pushchair friendly woodland walks down to the spectacular waterfall.
- Child friendly activities. Tickets required. Food available at the High Force Hotel.

BEAMISH: 30 MINUTES DRIVE

- Take a journey back in time! Excellent family friendly day out.
- Dogs are welcome too but not in the exhibits. Tickets required before arrival. Large Café & plenty of facilities.

LOW BARNES NATURE RESERVE: 10 MINUTES AWAY

- Large nature reserve for walks, bird & animal spotting. Pushchair friendly paths.
- Café & facilities. While you're in Witton-Le-Wear, why not catch the heritage train...

WEARDALE HERITAGE RAILWAY LINE: ACCESS FROM BISHOP AUCKLAND

- Weardale railway station platform or from the platform in Witton-Le-Wear (pay on the train if you get on here). Lots of cheap car parks in Bishop Auckland and free on street parking in Witton-Le-Wear.
- Hop on/off tickets available on the 18 miles route up into Upper Weardale. Have a look at the website for timetables and ticket prices. Family tickets available.
- Stop off in Stanhope (café and facilities are at this main train station) and visit the Durham Dales Visitor Centre & Secret garden or the outdoor swimming pool and large playground nearby! The outdoor pool is heated and there is a small children's pool with a slide.

DURHAM: TAKE THE HOWLANDS PARK AND RIDE INTO DURHAM (20 MINUTES DRIVE)

- Boat trips (age 4+) and river cruises available. Cafes & shops.
- Visit Durham Cathedral (we recommend this for older children) and its family friendly children's activity zone near the café.

SEAHAM: 40 MINUTES DRIVE

- Visit the beaches of the Durham Heritage Coast at Seaham and spend the day collecting the World Famous Seaham Glass. The glass is often used to make jewellery and artwork with. Don't worry...it's not sharp or dangerous!
- Ice creams on the beach. There's also the Funshack soft playcentre.
- Seaham food festival tends to happen in August so do go if it's on when you are here. Dates can be found on the internet.

BINCHESTER ROMAN FORT: 10 MINUTES AWAY

- If you have a little one who is interested in all things Roman, this is the place for you!
- A cheap and cheerful place to go. Often they run children's activities such as a treasure hunts. Check on line before you go.

LOCOMOTION: 10 MINUTES AWAY

- The National Railway Museum at Shildon.
- If you have a little one who wants to be a train driver or is obsessed with trains this is train heaven!! Play area, Café and facilities. Free entry too!

KYNREN: BISHOP AUCKLAND, 5 MINUTES AWAY

- Visit the daytime attractions at the 11 Arches Park or stay all day into the evening and watch the epic night time show. With Horse stunts shows, immersive attractions and playgrounds the 11 Arches Park is a fabulous place to take the kids.
- Food available. Stay into the evening and take your seats to experience the epic Kynren show. With live jousting, pyrotechnics, battles, dancing and loads of other features, it really is worth a visit.
- Take a look at the website www.kynren.com to see the full range of attractions and ticket prices. You won't be disappointed! If you do go to the evening show- a word of advice from experience- take some warm throws or blankets with you as you can get cold on an evening as the show is outside. You'll be glad of it!

AUCKLAND CASTLE & BISHOP AUCKLAND MARKET PLACE: 10 MINUTES AWAY

- Lots of cheap parking. Wetherspoons or small cafes for food in the market place.
- Visit the viewing tower in the market place (weather permitting), stroll around the grounds of the castle and take a picnic.
- Sit by the river through the woodland walk near the Deer Park and watch the sheep roaming free! Pushchair friendly.
- Bishop Auckland food festival is a must if you happen to be visiting at the time. Check out the internet to find out dates because it really is a great day out!

BROOM HOUSE FARM FOREST ADVENTURE PARK AT NEWTON GILBERT: 30 MINUTES AWAY

- A full day of playgrounds, Zip Wires, Cart Races, parks, woods, treasure hunts and puzzles. (Family tickets available approx. £20) Café and facilities.

SPENNYMOOR LEISURE CENTRE: 11 MINUTES DRIVE

- Tropical indoor waterpark with slides and a beach style design with a wave pool (subject to times). Children's pool. 0-12 years. Check times before arrival.

ARCHERS ICE CREAM PARLOUR: WALWORTH ROAD, 10 MINUTES DRIVE

- Home -made Ice cream with a wide variety of flavours. Indoor seating area. A small enclosed playground & picnic tables. See the Cows!

THE DAIRY BARN ICE CREAM SHOP: NORTH BITCHBURN, 15 MINUTES DRIVE

- Ice creams, homemade cakes and coffee. Play areas.

WETHERIGGS ANIMAL RESCUE CENTRE: GRETA BRIDGE AT BARNARD CASTLE 30 MINUTES DRIVE

- On the A66 between Barnard Castle and Scotch Corner. Handling sessions & playground. Café and farm shop.

DIGGERLAND THEME PARK DURHAM: 30 MINUTES DRIVE

- Suitable for 4-14 years. Quite expensive but a full day out.

TYNEMOUTH BLUEREEF AQUARIUM: 35 MINUTES DRIVE (TOLLS ON THE ROAD)

- Ocean tunnels, sharks, Stingrays and all things aquatic!

NEWHAM GRANGE LEISURE FARM: MIDDLESBROUGH. 36 MINUTES AWAY

- Tractor rides, Mazes, Play area, picnic zone. Cheap and cheerful!

ADVENTURE VALLEY DURHAM: 16 MILES AWAY

- Children's Adventure Park with animals, Indoor & Outdoor soft play areas, Trampoline, Crazy golf & café. Booking online essential.

HALL HILL FARM: LANCHESTER, DURHAM, 13 MILES AWAY

- Tractor rides, Animal petting, Lamb feeding, Donkey rides, puppet shows, outdoor play and play barn, crazy golf, feed the animals. Café and facilities. Booking essential.

PLANET LEISURE: NEWTON AYCLIFFE, 9 MILES AWAY

- Fun for all ages. Older and younger children. Trampoline park, Bowling, Lazer Quest, Axe Throwing (12+), Roller Skating. Book online!

RUFF N TUMBLE ADVENTURE WORLD; NEWTON AYCLIFFE, 9 MILES AWAY. JUST OFF J59 OF THE A1

- Up to 12 years old. Soft play area, Indoor activity centre, Climbing wall, Bowling, Café and facilities.

LOCAL PLAYGROUNDS: LOCATED IN SURROUNDING AREAS

- Opposite Aldi at Tindale Crescent is the best one or in St Helen Auckland next to the skate park near the Spa shop on Maude Terrace (If you are staying at Bishop's Cottage 5 minutes away). McDonalds is at the retail park at the side of the road.
- Through Copley and out of the village into Woodland, around the sharp bend on the right hand side of the road (5 minute drive if you are staying at Kingfisher Cottage). Eggleston recreation park, around the back of the 3 Tuns pub (approx. 20 minutes drive).