

# Plan your visit to Hadrian's Wall Country

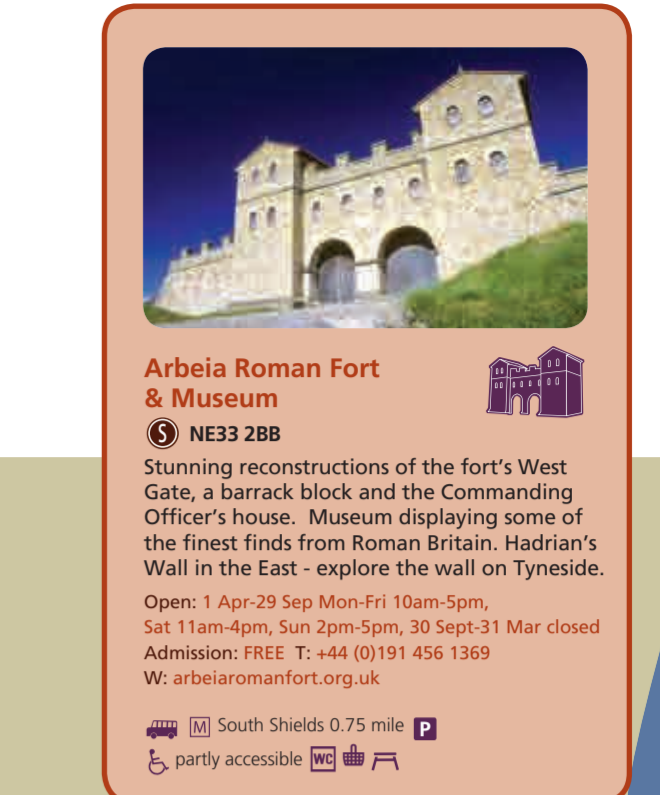
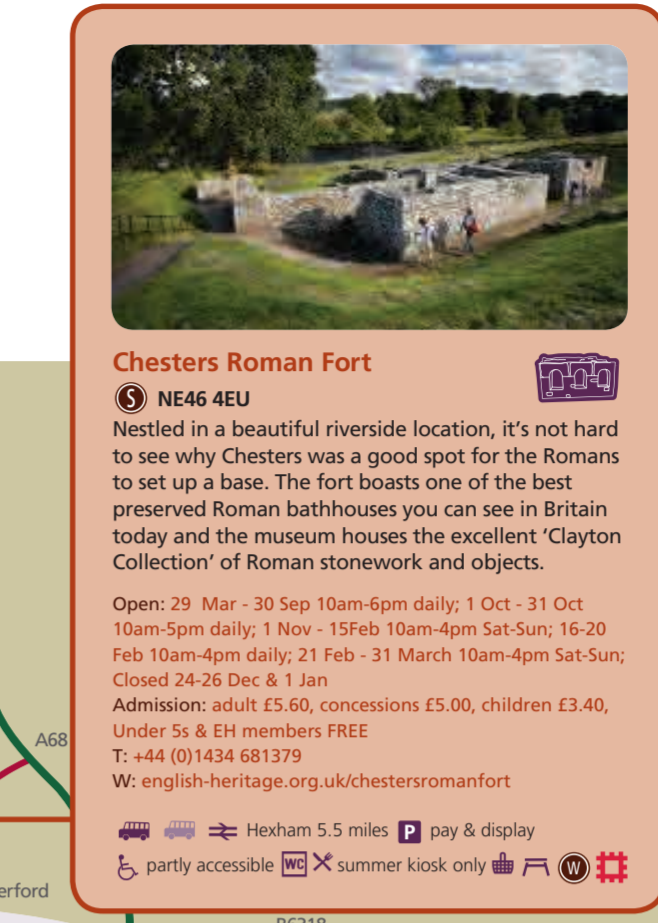
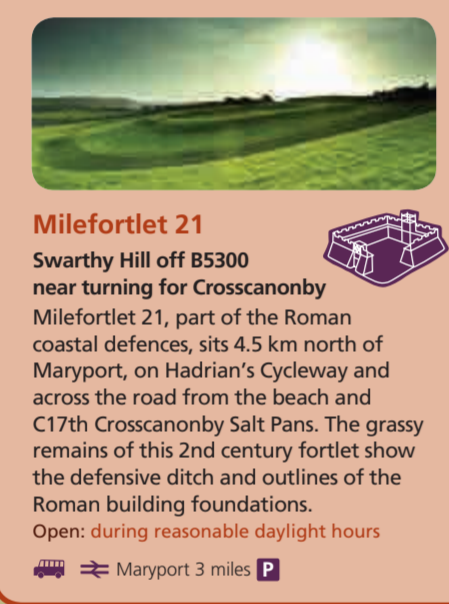
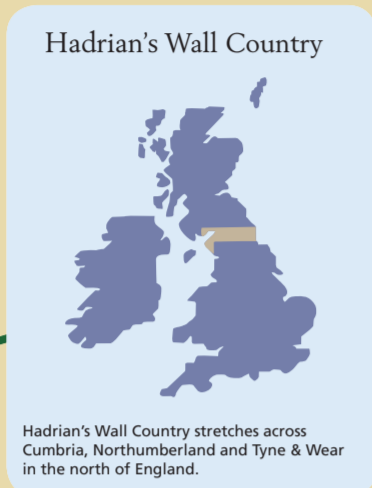
Your map to the Wall and the Cumbrian coastal defences



HADRIAN'S WALL COUNTRY

With information on all the major Roman sites, forts and museums to be found in Hadrian's Wall Country, this handy map makes planning your visit to the World Heritage Site a simple and stress-free task.

Whether you're visiting one spot, touring the length of the Wall or exploring the surrounding area, this is the perfect guide for your holiday, especially when used together with the 2014 Hadrian's Wall Holiday Guide.



**Milefortlet 21**  
Swarthy Hill off B5300 near turning for Crosscanonby  
Milefortlet 21, part of the Roman coastal defences, sits 4.5 km north of Maryport, on Hadrian's Cycleway and across the road from the beach and C17th Crosscanonby Salt Pans. The grassy remains of this 2nd century fortlet show the defensive ditch and outlines of the Roman building foundations.  
Open: during reasonable daylight hours  
Maryport 3 miles P

**Ravenglass Roman Bath House**  
1/4 mile east of Ravenglass, off minor road leading to A595  
Never was an ancient army so clean! The bath house walls here are the tallest surviving remains along the Frontier.  
Open: all year Admission: FREE  
W: english-heritage.org.uk/ravenglass  
Ravenglass P

**Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery**  
CA3 8TP  
The family friendly Roman Frontier Gallery reveals the frontier story and the effect of Roman occupation on Britain. Other galleries explore Cumbrian history, archaeology, wildlife and art. Programme of changing exhibitions.  
Open: 1 Apr-31 Oct Mon-Sat 10am-5pm (Restaurant open 9.30am); Sun 11am-5pm; 1 Nov-31 Mar, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm (Galleries close at 4pm), Restaurant open 9.30am; Sun 12 noon-5pm (Galleries close at 4pm) Admission: charges apply  
T: +44 (0)1228 618718 W: tulliehouse.co.uk  
Carlisle 0.5 mile P local fully accessible WC X

**Carlisle Castle**  
CA3 8UR  
At the Cumbrian gateway to Hadrian's Wall Country, Carlisle Castle stands proudly, dominating Britain's most besieged border city.  
Unlock stories, sieges and secrets in the interactive exhibitions. Find out about the characters linked to the castle including Mary Queen of Scots.  
Open: 1 Apr-30 Sep daily, 10am-6pm; 1 Oct-2 Nov daily, 10am-5pm; 3 Nov-8 Feb, Sat-Sun, 10am-4pm; 9 Feb-20 Feb daily, 10am-4pm; 21 Feb-29 Mar, Sat-Sun, 10am-4pm  
Admission: adult, £5.90, concession £5.30, child (5-15 yrs) £3.50, EH members FREE T: +44 (0)1228 591922 W: english-heritage.org.uk/carlislecastle  
Carlisle limited P

**Northumberland National Park Centre, Once Brewed**  
NE47 7AN  
At the heart of Hadrian's Wall Country, this centre provides a warm welcome to all and includes interpretive displays the Emperor Hadrian himself would have found handy!  
Open: Apr-Oct 9.30am-5pm daily; winter 10am-3pm weekends only  
Admission: FREE T: +44 (0)1434 344396 W: northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk  
Bardon Mill 2 miles P fully accessible WC X

**Housesteads Roman Fort**  
NE47 6NN  
Housesteads is the most iconic of all the Wall sites. The views and Roman remains are spectacular. Delve into the Fort's story and see a stunning collection of artefacts. A CGI film flies through time and reconstructs Housesteads before your very eyes. Enjoy a warm welcome in the new visitor centre.  
Open: 29 Mar - 30 Sep 10am-6pm daily; 1 Oct - 2 Nov 10am-5pm daily; 3 Nov - 15 Feb 10am-4pm Sat-Sun; 16-20 Feb 10am-4pm daily; 21 Feb - 31 Mar 10am-4pm Sat-Sun; Closed 24-26 Dec & 1 Jan  
Admission: adult £6.40, concessions £5.80, children £3.80, Under 5s & NT members FREE T: +44 (0)1434 344363 W: english-heritage.org.uk/housesteads, nationaltrust.org.uk/hadrians-wall  
Bardon Mill 4 miles P contact site before visiting WC X

**Chesters Roman Fort**  
NE46 4EU  
Nestled in a beautiful riverside location, it's not hard to see why Chesters was a good spot for the Romans to set up a base. The fort boasts one of the best preserved Roman bathhouses you can see in Britain today and the museum houses the excellent 'Clayton Collection' of Roman stonework and objects.  
Open: 29 Mar - 30 Sep 10am-6pm daily; 1 Oct - 31 Oct 10am-5pm daily; 1 Nov - 15 Feb 10am-4pm Sat-Sun; 16-20 Feb 10am-4pm daily; 21 Feb - 31 March 10am-4pm Sat-Sun; Closed 24-26 Dec & 1 Jan  
Admission: adult £5.60, concessions £5.00, children £3.40, Under 5s & EH members FREE T: +44 (0)1434 681379 W: english-heritage.org.uk/chestersromanfort  
Hexham 5.5 miles P pay & display partly accessible WC X summer kiosk only P

**Arbeia Roman Fort & Museum**  
NE33 2BB  
Stunning reconstructions of the fort's West Gate, a barrack block and the Commanding Officer's house. Museum displaying some of the finest finds from Roman Britain. Hadrian's Wall in the East - explore the wall on Tyneside.  
Open: 1 Apr-29 Sep Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, 30 Sept-31 Mar closed  
Admission: FREE T: +44 (0)191 456 1369 W: arbeiaromanfort.org.uk  
South Shields 0.75 mile P partly accessible WC X

**Senhouse Roman Museum**  
CA15 6JD  
Unique collection from the adjacent Roman fort and the Solway coastal defences. Stunning views of the Solway Firth and Scottish coast.  
Open: Apr-Jun 10am-5pm daily except Mon & Wed; Jul-Oct 10am-5pm daily; Nov-Mar 10.30am-4pm Fri, Sat, Sun; closed 25-26 Dec, 1 Jan  
Admission: adult £3.00, children £1.00, family ticket £8.00 T: +44 (0)1900 816168 W: senhousemuseum.co.uk  
Maryport 0.5 mile P WC fully accessible X kiosk only

**Birdoswald Roman Fort**  
CA8 7DD  
Built in one of the most picturesque places in Cumbria, Birdoswald is where you can see the longest continuous stretch of Hadrian's Wall. Inside the visitor centre, discover more about the 1000+ soldiers who were once based here.  
Open: 29 Mar-30 Sep 10am-6pm daily; 1 Oct-31 Oct 10am-5pm daily; 1 Nov-15 Feb 10am-4pm Sat-Sun; 16-20 Feb 10am-4pm daily; 21 Feb-31 Mar 10am-4pm Sat-Sun; Closed 24-26 Dec & 1 Jan  
Admission: adult £5.60, concessions £5.00, children £3.40, Under 5s & EH members FREE T: +44 (0)16977 47602 W: english-heritage.org.uk/birdoswald  
Brampton 8 miles/Haltwhistle 7 miles P partly accessible WC X

**Roman Army Museum**  
CA8 7JB  
Extensive museum which gives the whole family a fantastic introduction to the Roman Army and Hadrian's Wall. Be transported back 2000 years when you put on your 3D glasses to watch the award winning Eagles Eye film!  
Open: 8 Feb-31 Mar 10am-5pm daily; 1 Apr-30 Sept 10am-6pm daily; 1 Oct-31 Oct 10am-5pm daily. Please contact for winter opening times.  
Admission: adult £5.25, concessions £4.50, children £3.00, family £15.00 Joint ticket with Roman Vindolanda available  
T: +44 (0)16977 47485 W: vindolanda.com  
Haltwhistle 3 miles P fully accessible WC X

**Roman Vindolanda**  
NE47 7JN  
Stunning excavated fort and civilian settlement with extensive museum displaying amazing artefacts from the site including some of the world famous Vindolanda Writing Tablets. Live excavations from April to September.  
Open: 8 Feb-31 Mar 10am-5pm daily; 1 Apr-30 Sept 10am-6pm daily; 1 Oct-31 Oct 10am-5pm daily. Please contact for winter opening times.  
Admission: adult £5.50, concessions £5.50, children £4.00, family £19.00 Joint ticket with Roman Army Museum available  
T: +44 (0)1434 344277 W: vindolanda.com  
Bardon Mill 1.75 miles P WC X partly accessible/museum fully accessible

**Corbridge Roman Town**  
NE45 5NT  
A crucial supply base for the legions based on Hadrian's Wall, Corbridge developed into a bustling civilian settlement. Here you can walk real Roman streets and see the Corbridge 'Hoard', one of the most influential Roman 'Time Capsules' ever discovered in Hadrian's Wall Country.  
Open: 29 Mar-30 Sep 10am-6pm daily; 1 Oct-31 Oct 10am-5pm daily; 1 Nov-15 Feb 10am-4pm Sat-Sun; 16-20 Feb 10am-4pm daily; 21 Feb-31 Mar 10am-4pm Sat-Sun; Closed 24-26 Dec & 1 Jan  
Admission: adult £5.60, concessions £5.00, children £3.40, Under 5s & EH members FREE T: +44 (0)1434 632349 W: english-heritage.org.uk/corbridge  
1.25 miles P partly accessible WC X

**Great North Museum: Hancock**  
NE2 4PT  
The museum features a large-scale interactive model of Hadrian's Wall and is Europe's only venue with objects from every major site on the frontier. Hadrian's Wall in the East - explore the wall on Tyneside.  
Open: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 11am-4pm  
Admission: FREE T: +44 (0)191 222 6765 W: greatnorthmuseum.org.uk  
Newcastle upon Tyne 1 mile P local fully accessible WC X

**Segedunum Roman Fort, Baths & Museum**  
NE28 6HR  
Visit the most excavated fort along Hadrian's Wall and see some of the UK's best reconstructions including the only reconstructed Bath House in the UK. Visit the museum and learn more about Roman life along the wall. Hadrian's Wall in the East - explore the wall on Tyneside  
Open: See the website for up-to-date details.  
Admission: See the website for up-to-date details.  
T: +44 (0)191 236 9347 W: segedunumromanfort.org.uk  
Wallsend P fully accessible WC X

## Drive time between attractions

Source: www.theaa.com

	Senhouse	Tullie House	Birdoswald	Roman Army Museum	Vindolanda	Housesteads	Corbridge	Arbeia
Senhouse		0 hr 41 min	1 hr 15 min	1 hr 14 min	1 hr 24 min	1 hr 30 min	1 hr 40 min	2 hr 24 min
Tullie House	0 hr 41 min		0 hr 36 min	0 hr 35 min	0 hr 45 min	0 hr 51 min	1 hr 2 min	1 hr 45 min
Birdoswald	1 hr 15 min	0 hr 36 min		0 hr 16 min	0 hr 27 min	0 hr 33 min	0 hr 43 min	1 hr 27 min
Roman Army Museum	1 hr 14 min	0 hr 35 min	0 hr 16 min		0 hr 10 min	0 hr 26 min	0 hr 40 min	1 hr 24 min
Vindolanda	1 hr 24 min	0 hr 45 min	0 hr 27 min	0 hr 10 min		0 hr 8 min	0 hr 28 min	1 hr 12 min
Housesteads	1 hr 30 min	0 hr 51 min	0 hr 33 min	0 hr 26 min	0 hr 8 min		0 hr 33 min	1 hr 17 min
Corbridge	1 hr 40 min	1 hr 2 min	0 hr 43 min	0 hr 40 min	0 hr 28 min	0 hr 33 min		0 hr 50 min
Arbeia	2 hr 24 min	1 hr 45 min	1 hr 27 min	1 hr 24 min	1 hr 12 min	1 hr 17 min	0 hr 50 min	

### Key to map

Approximate line of Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site  
Wall Remains  
Major Roman Site  
Hadrian's Wall Path  
National Trail  
Hadrian's Cycleway

Tourist Information Centre (year-round)  
Tourist Information Centre (seasonal)  
Motorway  
A Roads (major)  
A Roads (dual carriage)

A Roads (minor)  
B Roads  
Minor Road  
Parking  
Rail station\*  
Tyne & Wear Metro station  
Airport

\* Only rail stations relevant to the line of the World Heritage Site are shown. Major conurbations (eg Newcastle upon Tyne, Carlisle) have rail stations but these are not indicated for the sake of clarity.

### Key to Roman sites

Sat nav location  
Fort with Wall remains  
English Heritage  
The National Trust  
Scheduled bus service(s)  
Hadrian's Wall Country Bus AD122

Rail station  
Metro station  
Parking  
Accessible  
Public toilets  
Food and drink  
Shop  
Picnic tables

### Local Tourist Information Centres

Maryport T +44 (0) 1900 811 450  
Carlisle T +44 (0) 1228 625 600  
Hexham T +44 (0) 1434 652 220  
Newcastle T +44 (0) 191 277 8000

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# Edge of an Empire

The Roman Empire once covered the known world, encompassing northern Africa, the Middle East, the Iberian Peninsula, central Europe and northern Britannia.

Hadrian's Wall, a stone barrier commissioned by Emperor Hadrian in AD122 to keep northern barbarians out of Roman Britain, stretched across Northern England from coast to coast, covering 80 miles and reaching in parts a height of 6 metres. The Wall, along with its milecastles, barracks, ramparts and forts, was completed by three legions (approximately 15,000 men) in only six years – a truly amazing feat of military engineering.

For the greater part of 3 centuries - until the Romans left Britain in AD400 - Hadrian's Wall represented the northern edge of the vast Roman Empire, and was a bustling, multi-cultural military zone.

Rest assured a trip to Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site is not one of visiting piles of old stones or dusty cabinets in dull museums, far from it. Stretching across the Wall, ancient Roman culture and heritage comes alive through stories and treasures.

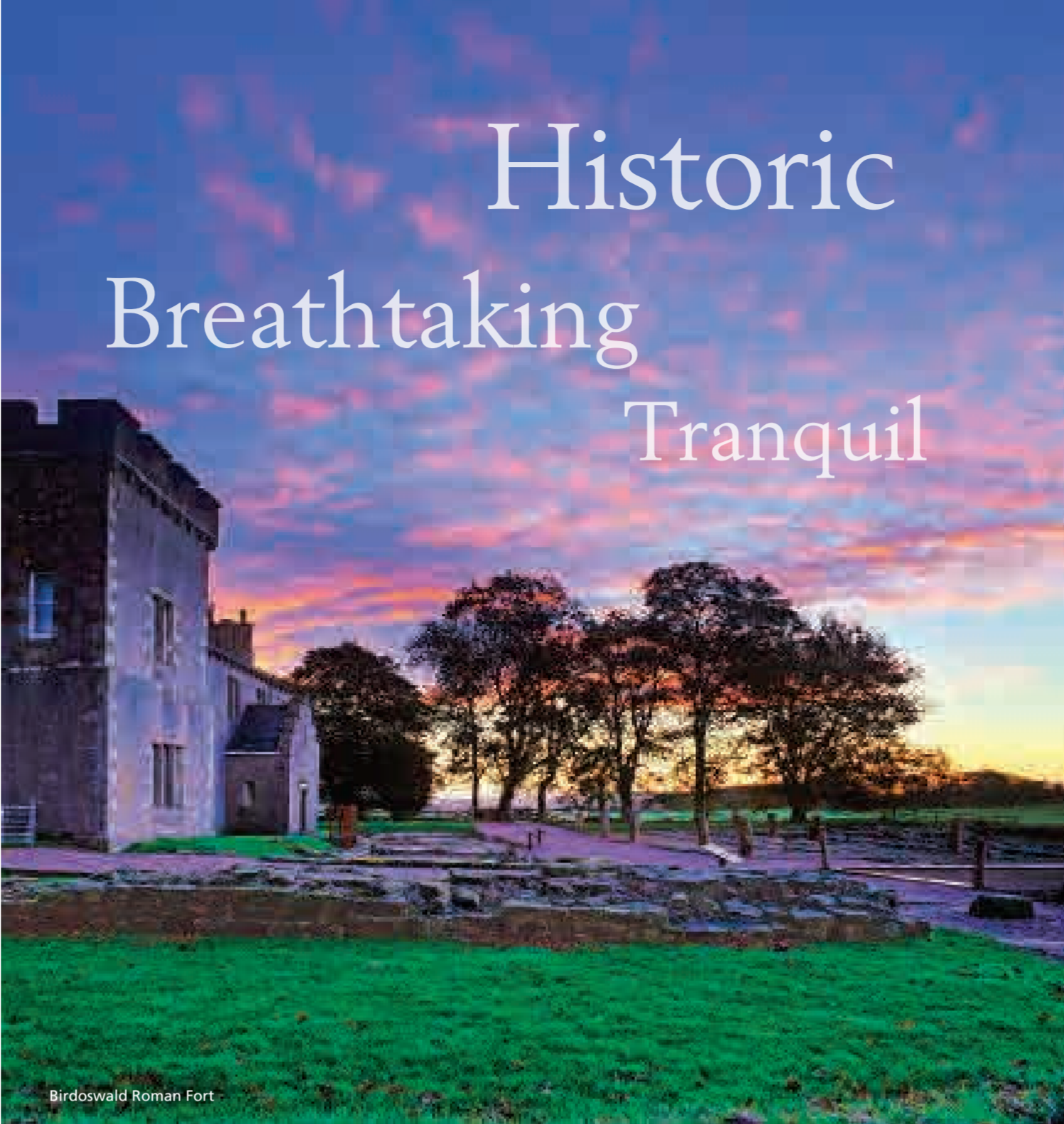
Explore modern and contemporary galleries and museums with CGI/3D films and digital avatars, as well as precious artefacts; wander around full-sized building reconstructions and get a real sense of life as a Roman; experience archaeology in action with live excavations; enjoy hands-on history with the likes of children's Roman soldier training events; and of course discover the Wall and its associated ruins in person and in situ – forts, bath houses, turrets, shrines...there's so much to discover.

Travel from one end to the other, or dip in and out as suits your visit. Whatever you choose, Hadrian's Wall and its numerous stories across numerous sites will give you a fascinating insight to life on the Roman frontier.

For more information please go to [visithadrianswall.co.uk](http://visithadrianswall.co.uk)



Birdoswald Roman Fort



# Historic Breathtaking Tranquil

## Hadrian's Wall Country

Though the Romans may be long gone their legacy remains. The UNESCO World Heritage Site stretches from the North Sea to the Irish Sea, and continues down the Cumbrian coastline. Fascinating and surprising Roman stories await discovery throughout the World Heritage Site.

And yet there's even more to Hadrian's Wall.

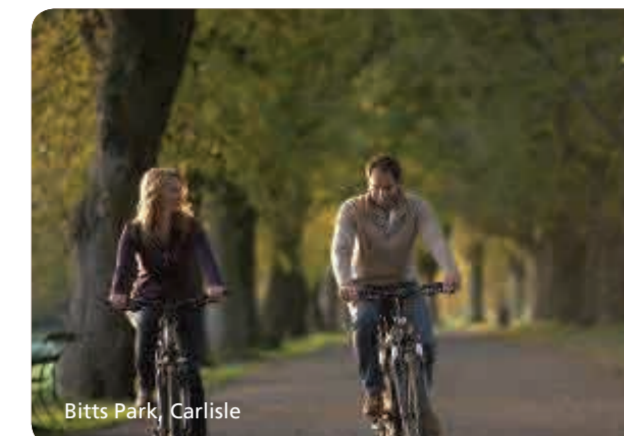
The Wall transverse an ever-changing and often breathtaking scenery, from coast to city to countryside and back again, offering visitors numerous landscapes to explore. The sheer scale of Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site gives visitors the chance to discover 2,000-year old history and to enhance and complement their Roman adventure besides.

Why not add a long or short walk or bike ride? Try bird watching and nature trails, or pop along to family-friendly attractions whatever the weather. Choose from a wide selection of quality accommodation that caters for all budgets. Fancy a little shopping? Our local shops and high street brands are bound to have what you're after. And don't forget to tuck into all the delicious local food and drink.

There's so much more to Hadrian's Wall Country than you might expect.



Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail



Bitts Park, Carlisle



Dining in Carlisle



Roman Frontier Gallery, Tullie House

### Support the Wall

Did you know that every yard of the 150-mile long World Heritage Site costs £5 each year to look after?

As you can imagine, the Wall needs your help and support.

#### So how can you help?

Why not 'adopt' a digital stone in the online Hadrian's Wall? From as little as £3, you can be the proud owner of a virtual stone in the virtual Wall. If you want to give a monthly donation, your stone can be enhanced with a digital Roman soldier. There are even turrets and forts which can be sponsored. Visit [adoptastone.co.uk](http://adoptastone.co.uk) to make a donation.

If you're on the go, you can give with your phone. Simply text Wall22 with your £ donation (eg Wall22 £10) to 70070 and your contribution will go straight to conserving and protecting the Wall. Or if you see a Hadrian's Wall collection box while visiting, please pop in any spare change.

Thank you

Hadrian's Wall is an ancient monument. So it needs TLC and you can do your bit please, by...



- Not walking on the Wall itself
- Take your litter home
- Follow signposted paths
- Walk side by side
- Keep gates closed
- Control your dog
- Use public transport
- Support local businesses
- Consider circular walks and Roman site visits instead of the Trail
- Avoid worn patches on the Trail

Thank you. Every little bit helps

Cawfields Crags

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



## Travelling to and around Hadrian's Wall Country



You can invade Hadrian's Wall Country from almost any angle and by almost any mode of transport. We're a great eco-tourism destination.

Hadrian's Wall Country is only 3 hours from London by train, with connections from most major UK cities stopping in either Carlisle or Newcastle. The fabulously scenic Hadrian's Wall Country line runs from Newcastle to Carlisle via Hexham and links up with local bus services. When roaming the west coast the Cumbrian Coast Line is just the ticket for Maryport and Ravenglass. Within Newcastle, the Tyne and Wear Metro is particularly useful for Arbeia and Segedunum. Walks and cycleways link most stations and bikes can be taken on the train subject to availability.

National Express coaches run from all over the country to Newcastle and Carlisle.

The award winning Hadrian's Wall Country AD122 bus takes you to many of the Roman sites and is handy for walkers. The bus runs spring to autumn and connects with other local and regional bus and rail services. Buy a rover ticket through the [visithadrianswall.org](http://visithadrianswall.org) website and use the bus as often as you like over several days.

By car there are good motorway and trunk roads leading to Hadrian's Wall Country, such as the M6, M1, A69, A74 and A68. Once here, the journey continues to remain stress free, with all Roman forts and museums, and many sections of the Wall being accessible by car, with parking at all major sites. And why not try the new World Heritage Site tourist driving trail in Cumbria?

Go to [visithadrianswall.co.uk](http://visithadrianswall.co.uk) for more information.



## Walk the Wall

To truly appreciate the scale of Hadrian's Wall, you need to walk along it.

Fully immerse yourself in Hadrian's Wall Country and walk the 84-mile long Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail. Voted the nation's favourite, this tranquil route takes you from Bowness-on-Solway in the west to Newcastle and Wallsend in the east, or vice versa. Usually lasting about a week, walking the Trail in its entirety will give you chance to experience the ever-changing landscapes and time to visit many of the Roman sites. As the path is mainly grass, the best time of year to enjoy the route is May to October, when it should be drier, and the impact to the sensitive archaeology beneath your boots is lessened. Pick up a Trail 'passport' and have it stamped along the way to record your achievement!

If a seven-day trek sounds too much, you're in luck as there are over 80 circular and linear do-in-a-day walks available for all abilities, allowing you to stride across town and country, taking in nature, history and panoramas galore.

Be sure to visit the Hadrian's Wall e-shop to get your Trail Passport, guides and maps before setting off.

[visithadrianswall.co.uk/nationaltrail](http://visithadrianswall.co.uk/nationaltrail)  
[nationaltrail.co.uk/hadrianswall](http://nationaltrail.co.uk/hadrianswall)  
[hadrianswallshop.co.uk](http://hadrianswallshop.co.uk)



Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail in Cumbria

## Cycle the Wall



Maryport

Hadrian's Wall Country is perfect for exploring on two wheels with 'do in a day rides' for all ages, a unique long distance route, and bike hire for adults and children, with power assisted 'electric' bikes to help the grown-ups keep up!

The Maryport to Allonby cycle path is brilliant for a family adventure, with nature reserves and beaches, museums and milefortlets, and ice cream and fish and chip shops to keep everyone happy! More experienced cyclists can enjoy quiet roads around Hadrian's Wall, or even venture beyond the Wall to the site of an outlying fort at Bewcastle.

Looking for a challenge? Hadrian's Cycleway (NCN 72) starts in Ravenglass and follows the line of the Cumbrian coastal defences and Hadrian's Wall for 174 miles. It's the only national route set entirely in a World Heritage Site. Information panels tell some of the stories along the way or stop and visit unique museums and galleries.

[visithadrianswall.co.uk/things-to-do/cycling](http://visithadrianswall.co.uk/things-to-do/cycling)  
[sustrans.org.uk](http://sustrans.org.uk) and search for Hadrian's Cycleway.



## Locally produced

Food and drink plays an important role in any enjoyable holiday. In fact it's vital throughout the day! You can't sightsee on an empty stomach.

Let's begin with breakfast. No stay is complete without a full English of eggs laid locally, farm-reared bacon and sausage, and artisan marmalades; the perfect start to the day. You'll need to break the morning with Barista-made coffee and then it's onto lunch. Try an award-winning gastropub, accompanied by a tasty local brew; in the beer garden in summer or in front of a roaring fire in winter. Build up an appetite for an afternoon tea with homemade cakes and then end the day with fine restaurant dining or hearty inn fayre.

Keep an eye out for the Hadrian's Wall Country 'Locally Produced' sign. When you see this at farmers' markets, events and farm shops, you'll know that whatever you're buying has been lovingly crafted by passionate locals somewhere along the Wall.

Hadrian's Wall Country isn't just a feast for the eyes. It's pretty tasty too!

[visithadrianswall.co.uk/food-and-drink](http://visithadrianswall.co.uk/food-and-drink)



Bessilow Guesthouse

## Solway Coast



Senhouse Roman Museum, Maryport

Hadrian's Wall Country begins (or ends, if you like) on the Cumbrian coast. Though the Wall stopped at Bowness-on-Solway, the coastal fortifications went as far as Ravenglass where today you can visit the tallest Roman remains in northern Britain, the bath house.

Further north is Maryport and the Senhouse Roman Museum overlooking the earthworks of the fort Alauna. It is home to a unique collection including 23 military altar stones found on the site. An exciting programme of excavations takes place each summer; join guided tours and talks to get involved.

The Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is worthy of exploration – beautiful nature reserves, important wildlife to spot, peaceful beaches to amble, and amazing coastal walking and cycling routes. Don't forget your camera and binoculars. On a clear day, the views and the famous Solway sunsets will take your breath away. The dunes and marshes are ideal bird watching spots too.

For a great day out, hire a bike from the Wave Centre in Maryport and cycle to the Senhouse Roman Museum before following the newly completed cycle path north, passing milefortlet 21, the salt pans and Crosscanonby nature reserve. Keep pedalling as far as Allonby and reward yourselves with local fish and chips or an ice cream.

Go to [visithadrianswall.co.uk/explore](http://visithadrianswall.co.uk/explore) for more itinerary suggestions.  
[western-lakedistrict.co.uk](http://western-lakedistrict.co.uk)



## North Cumbria

For a city-break steeped in history, visit Carlisle and take in the cathedral and castle, both with over 900 years of history, as well as Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery, where you can enjoy the Roman Frontier Gallery with interactive displays and collections owned by the British Museum.

The kids will enjoy Walby Farm Park with indoor and outdoor adventures such as electric mini-quads, mega-slides, maize maze, trampolines and a petting zoo.

Pay a visit to Lanercost Priory founded in 1169 and built with stones pilfered from the Wall. The Priory is just a mile from Banks East turret, where you can see a section of the Wall. Then head northwest to Birdoswald Roman Fort, the base of the First Aelian Cohort of Dacians from the 3rd century. Overlooking the river Irthing, the ruins include two well preserved granaries, most of the outer walls, and gates and interval towers. Nearby and easy to visit is one of the most spectacular and best preserved stretches of Hadrian's Wall. With farmhouse style accommodation, Birdoswald offers groups the opportunity to spend the night on a Roman site.

Bike hire is available from Bitts Park in Carlisle, the starting point of many fabulous routes. Head west to Burgh by Sands and the Solway Coast; east to Brampton and Lanercost; or north to Bewcastle, famous for its Anglo-Saxon cross and site of a Roman fort.

Go to [visithadrianswall.co.uk/explore](http://visithadrianswall.co.uk/explore) for more itinerary suggestions.  
[golakes.co.uk](http://golakes.co.uk)



Lanercost Priory

## Central Hadrian's Wall



Housesteads Crag

When picturing the wild, majestic landscapes of Hadrian's Wall Country, you're more than likely thinking of Northumberland and the dramatic crags and gaps of the Whin Sill.

The central section of the Wall is home to iconic Roman places such as Housesteads, Vindolanda and Chesters Roman Forts, and Corbridge Roman Town. Visit these sites and see Roman writing tablets with firsthand accounts of life on the frontier, trace the footsteps of Roman soldiers and view the artefacts they left behind, stand in the remains of a Roman bath and imagine using oil rather than soap!

Enjoy stunning vistas from atop the Cawfields and Walltown crags, stopping along the way at the turrets and milecastles that still adorn the length of Hadrian's Wall. Or walk the classic route of Steel Rigg to Sycamore Gap for a memorable Wall experience.

[visithadrianswall.co.uk/explore](http://visithadrianswall.co.uk/explore)  
[visitnorthumberland.com](http://visitnorthumberland.com)  
[northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)

## Eastern gateway to Hadrian's Wall

The eastern end of the Wall is home to two forts with spectacular reconstructed Roman buildings including a section of Hadrian's Wall itself: Segedunum in Wallsend where you can also get a bird's eye view of the site; and Arbeia in South Shields where you can explore the reconstructed West Gate, Barracks and Commander's house.

In the west end of Newcastle-upon-Tyne are hidden three Roman treasures: Benwell Roman Temple, Benwell Vallium Crossing and Denton Hall Turret 7b, all well worth seeking out.

When you're finished soaking up Roman history, enjoy some of the modern day distractions; cheer on your team at St James' Park, chill at a concert at The Sage, get in some retail therapy at the Metro Centre, lose yourself in the vast Great North Museum with its Hadrian's Wall Gallery, or just stop and take in the breathtaking Tynemouth Priory and Castle, perched high above the North Sea.

[newcastlelegateshead.com](http://newcastlelegateshead.com)  
[visithadrianswall.co.uk/explore](http://visithadrianswall.co.uk/explore)



Newcastle Quayside