Visitor Guide

# Huddersfield

and Holmfirth

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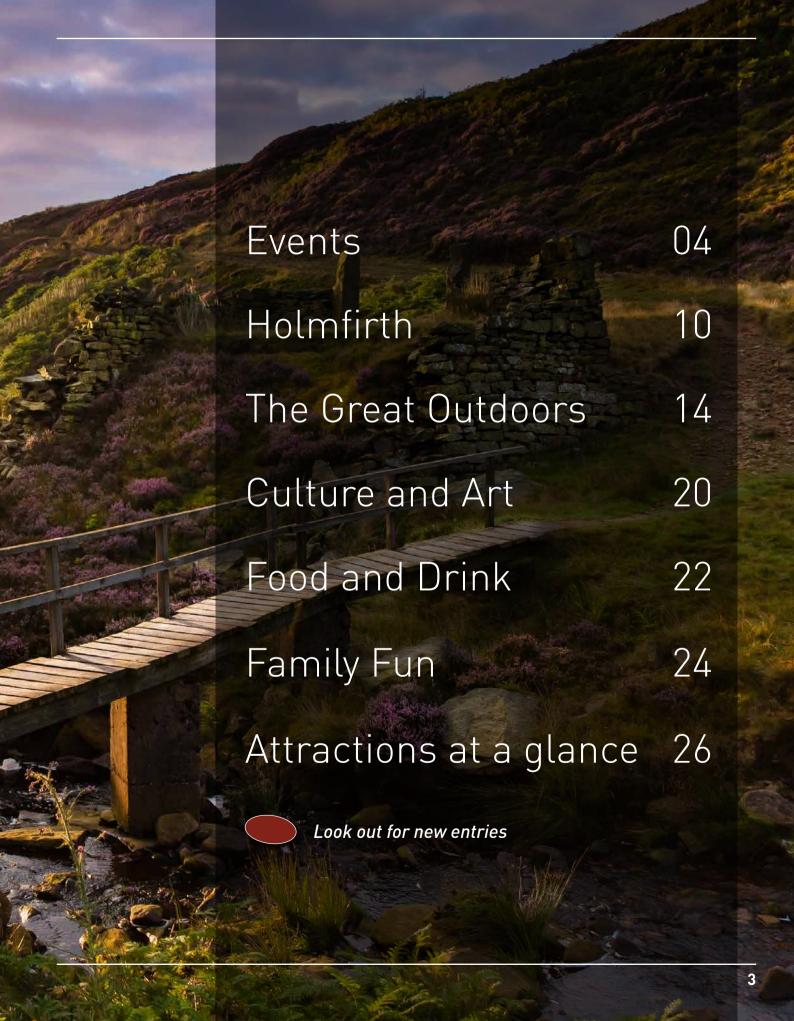
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# Accommodation

City or rural? Cosy or chic? Outdoors or in?
View our extensive list of accommodation online at
visithuddersfield.com or contact a friendly
Tourist Information Centre (see back page for details).







# HOLMFIRTH FESTIVAL OF FOLK

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# CLECKHEATON FOLK FESTIVAL

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These well-established festivals bring music and dance to all corners of the villages. A diverse mix of free and ticketed events will be held in large and intimate venues, and you'll stumble across street entertainment in local pubs and in the village squares. Workshops will give you the chance to have a go at anything from Morris dancing to ukulele playing plus children's programmes with lots of fun ways for little ones to join in.







# HOLMFIRTH ART WEEK

Featuring work of hundreds of - mainly local - artists, plus music, art, comedy, theatre and literature.



# HOLMFIRTH ARTS FESTIVAL

June

A feast of creativity, arts and entertainment. Music, theatre, art, books and comedy.





# HUDDERSFIELD LITERATURE FESTIVAL

# March

Showcasing major names alongside local authors, free family events, performance poetry, writing workshops and LGBT events – the Festival offers several free and subtitled events and was a 2016 White Rose Award finalist.

# HOLMFIRTH FILM FESTIVAL

# May

Showcases national and international films in unusual locations, plus talks, workshops and theatrical events.



# FOOD & DRINK FESTIVALS

# August - Huddersfield September - Holmfirth

Delicious local produce and international cuisine. Must-visit events for food lovers.





# HUDDERSFIELD CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

### November

Experience the UK's largest international festival of new and experimental music. Enjoy concerts, music, theatre, dance, multi-media, and films. Plus free talks and discussions with some of the world's most distinguished performers. Get involved in creative workshops which will inspire musicians of all ages, ranging from absolute beginners to emerging new artists.



# Other events not to miss...

# MELTHAM SCARECROW FESTIVAL

# May

Follow the Scarecrow trail around this quirky Pennine village for a fantastic display of creativity.

# EAST PEAK OUTDOORS

# June

A celebration of the gorgeous East Peak, with walking, cycling, horse riding, workshops and cultural events. For all the family.

# HOLMFIRTH DUCK RACE

# July

Lots of fun for the whole family. Fairground, stalls, adventurous activity zone, classic cars, food, drink, live music and entertainment.

# SLAITHWAITE MOONRAKING FESTIVAL

# February (Bi-annual)

Lantern making workshops during festival week lead to a grand Moonraking finale at the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

# SOUTH PENNINES WALK AND RIDE FESTIVAL

### September

Themed events, walks, cycle rides and horse rides throughout the area.

# SLAITHWAITE ART FESTIVAL

### September

Celebrating artists mainly local to the Colne Valley.



# MARSDEN CUCKOO FESTIVAL HUDDERSFIELD

# April

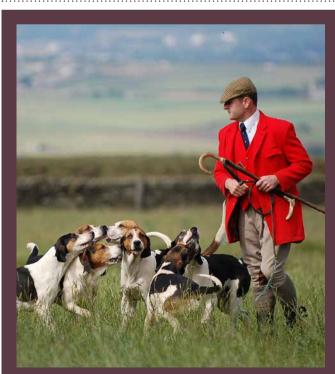
Celebrate the return of the cuckoo with traditional dancing, music and a village procession.



# HUDDERSFIELD CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL

July

A riot of colour, music and dance in the streets of Huddersfield for the whole family to enjoy.



# **AGRICULTURAL SHOWS**

June - Honley

August - Emley

August - Mirfield

June - Harden Moss Sheepdog Trials

Prestigious rural and agricultural shows with animal classes, stalls and handicrafts, as well as children's activities.





# Holmfirth

Against the stunning backdrop of the Peak District National Park, Holmfirth is a thriving town. With speciality shops and markets, bespoke art and tempting treats, plus a packed events programme from May to November, Holmfirth is a great place to stay.

# **Quench your thirst**

# **Holmfirth Vineyard**

Taste award-winning English wine as you take in panoramic views of the Holme Valley at one of the highest vineyards in Britain. Take a vineyard tour to whet your appetite.

### The Pure North Cider Press

Bursting with flavours, you'll taste the love in this natural cider made from a blend of traditional apples. Take a tour of the orchard and cider house and enjoy a sup or two of this local artisan product in the café.

### The Nook

A traditional ale house with lovely food but most importantly award-winning real ales brewed onsite.

# Oscar's Café and Wine Bar

Unique menu including charcuterie, and specialist wines, beer and gins.



# **Eating treats**

### Catch

Seafood restaurant serving the best seafood that the UK coasts have to offer.

# The Winking Stag

A little taste of Japan including ramen, dumplings and shushi.

# Longley's Ice Cream and Coffee Shop

Enjoy scones with jersey cream, fantastic ice creams and fudge all made by the farm just up the road.

### Bloc

Kitchen café serving local produce with dog-friendly outside seating area with heating and blankets.

### **Enroute Café**

Cycle, family and dog friendly café with waffles!

### The Black Cat Bistro

French inspired home-style cuisine served with local, ethical or Fairtrade produce.



# The Whippet and Pickle

For something unusual, book in advance for a popular film and food night. Dog-friendly during the day.

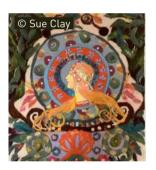




# Cycle and walk

- Delight at the landscapes that have inspired local artist, Ashley Jackson, as you follow the 'A Walk with Ashley Jackson' trail.
- Explore Digley and Yateholme Reservoirs.
- Follow Holmfirth's Blue Plaque Trail for a tour of Holmfirth's heritage
- The iconic 'Holme Moss' climb remains a favorite with road cyclists.

# Arts and crafts



Holmfirth is home to many artists, galleries and studios. Explore your creative side and take part in a workshop.

Mick Kirkby-Geddes runs 2-day courses and specialises in metal working. One day felting workshops are run by *Sue Clay*.

www.mkg.me.uk www.feltgood-holmfirth.co.uk

# Cast of the Summer Wine





# Festival Town

Holmfirth Festival of Folk Mav Holmfirth Film Festival May Harden Moss Sheepdog Trials June Holmfirth Arts Festival June Holmfirth Art Week Julv Holmfirth Duck Race July Holmfirth Food & Drink Festival September Brass Factor November

# Holmfirth gems

# The Carding Shed at Washpit Mills

A lovely place to visit for the car, coffee, and vintage enthusiast!

### **Nellies Wooden Workshop**

Bespoke wooden gifts, keepsakes and momentos.



### **Booth House Gallery**

Brimming with sculpture and ceramics.

# Ashley Jackson Gallery

Displaying the work of one of the country's most successful landscape water-colourists.

### **Lost and Found interiors**

Up-cycled, vintage and refurbished furniture.

### **Picturedrome**

Spend the evening at this intimate music venue.

# **Daisy Lane Books**

The shelves are stacked with quality second hand books.

# **Holmfirth Tourist Information Centre**

Holmfirth Library, 47 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3JH 01484 414868 holmfirth.tic@kirklees.gov.uk

# Local highlights

Take a trip to Huddersfield with high street and independent shops nestled in and amongst its listed buildings and explore local villages offering speciality shops, markets and delicious food and drink.



# Honley

Home to cobbled streets, quaint shops and some fabulous restaurants. *Uno Cucina Italiana* is a relaxed, family friendly Italian restaurant. Enjoy home made ice cream at *Gallery Café Bar* and tea and cake at *Cafe Loom*. Choose *Mustard and Punch* for the best in local and seasonal produce, or *Punch Bar & Tapas* for family friendly Spanish Tapas. It's a lovely walk to local beauty spot *Magdale dam*.



# **Denby Dale**

The pretty town of Denby Dale was named 'Pie Village' after the huge pies made to celebrate special events. You'll know you're in the right place when you spot the striking stone-built viaduct which spans the Dearne Valley. Kids will love **Yummy Yorkshire** Icecream bar and the **Kirklees Light Railway**, both nearby. Follow the many heritage trails that criss-cross the area.



### Marsden

Quirky village surrounded by National Trust's *Marsden Moor*. Packed with independent shops selling handmade goods and local produce. Enjoy artisan ice-cream (and other homemade food) at *A Month of Sundaes*, real ale at *The Riverhead Brewery Tap*, or British fayre with a modern twist at *The New Inn*.



### Meltham

Popular with walkers and part of the *Peak District National Park*, stock up with cheese, and meat pies at the *Two Valleys Deli*, then head up to *Blackmoorfoot Reservoir*, easily accessible for wheelchairs and buggies. Enjoy Tapas at *The Fox Hole*, or fine dining at *Quirky II*. *The David Brown Tractor Museum* is a must for tractor enthusiasts.



### Slaithwaite

Discover independent boutiques and specialist stores stocking locally made products. You'll find delicious bread at *The Handmade Bakery*, just down by the canal side. *Rumpus Artisan Burger Bar* sells freshly made burgers using meat from family farm just half a mile away. For art, crafts and head to *The Gallery*, or *Globe Arts*. Visit in September for Slaithwaite Art Festival.



# **Discover Huddersfield**

Home to grand listed buildings and small independent shops; a place for radicals from the Luddites to the Sex Pistols; the birthplace of Rugby League; a town rich in creativity, stories and heritage. Discover spooky happenings on the *Shuddersfield Trail*. www.discoverhuddersfield.com



Pick up a bargain at *The Mill*, Batley, the largest retail mill in the UK with over 40 stores. Don't miss *Redbrick Mill*, home to cutting-edge design and stunning homeware stores. *Kingsgate shopping* centre in Huddersfield has the latest fashion and high street stores.





# **Great for independent shops**

- Denby Dale
- Holmfirth
- Honley
- Huddersfield centre Bryam Arcade
- Kirkburton
- Lindley
- Marsden
- Slaithwaite



# Relax at a spa

- Alexandra House Huddersfield
- Dream Spa Gomersal
- Eastthorpe Hall Mirfield
- My Little Farm Spa Liversedge
- The Old Coach House Healing Centre Marsden
- Titanic Spa Linthwaite
- 315 Health Spa Lepton







# From the northern fringes of the Peak District National Park. to Yorkshire's South Pennines, you'll find an eclectic mix of steep-sided valleys and rolling green fields.



### The South Pennines

Spectacular, inspiring and dramatic - that's how locals describe this wild and wonderful landscape of steep-sided valleys, heather-covered moorland, canals, reservoirs and packhorse trails. Visit: www.southpennines.co.uk

# **Peak District National Park**

OK, so maybe The Dark Peak doesn't sound like the most welcoming of places, but we promise it's well worth the visit. The village of Holme has unsurpassed views, and the Fleece Inn serves delicious home produce around crackling log-fires. There are reports of ghost planes and a magical vista around West Nab on the remote Meltham Moor can you find the remains of the US B-17 'Flying Fortress' which crashed in 1945?

# Summerwine Walks

Book a Summer Wine Walking Holiday or landscape photography workshop with local expert Andy Leader. Explore lesser known routes around the Peak District National Park, leading to spectacular views of the Holme Valley, and the perfect shot of your own.

### National Trust Marsden Moor

A landscape steeped in history, from prehistoric man to historic trans-Pennine transport routes. The National Trust Marsden Moor Information Room brings the Moor to life for you. Experienced hang-gliders and paragliders can get a birds-eye view of the estate from Buckstones - this rocky outcrop is a natural airsports and rock climbing magnet.

# **Dewsbury Country Park**

Enjoy the thrill of mountain biking whatever your ability on the Mountain Trike Ramble, take part in den building, or build a scrap wood sculpture. There are 1,000 metres of footpath, including an accessible route for wheelchairs and prams.



# Favourite routes

# Transpennine Trail

For walkers and cyclists, the Kirkburton to Penistone section of the Trans Pennine Trail is a popular route.

# **Pennine Cycleway**

Not for the faint hearted, National Cycle Route 68 winds through the Holme and Colne Valleys before continuing North.

### Stanza Stones Trail

The walking trail between Marsden and Ilkley links seven stones carved with poems written by internationally renowned poet and Marsden local, Simon Armitage CBE.

# Spen Valley Greenway

7 miles of flat, traffic free pedalling, passing a selection of sculptures including metal sheep, giant hoops and Tour de France themed mileposts.

# Kirkburton Parish Walks

This quirky series of heritage walks takes you on a journey of exploration around the East Peak.

Find more walking and cycling routes online at **www.visithuddersfield.com** 



# Water, water, everywhere

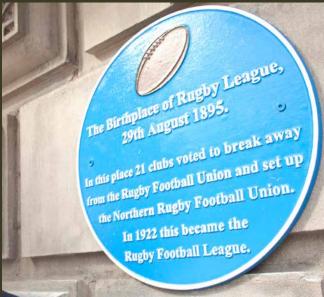
### Reservoirs

The area is awash with reservoirs, most sitting in their own lush beautiful valleys and wildlife havens. Perfect for circular, long and short walks, some like Blackmoorfoot can cater for pushchairs and wheelchairs too. Yorkshire Water manages the sites; its website gives routes for reservoir walks and fishing opportunities www.yorkshirewater.com/thingstodo

# **Canals**

Lovingly restored canals that once brought the riches of the Industrial Revolution, are now great walking, cycling, leisure boating and fishing playgrounds. The Huddersfield Narrow Canal travels from Huddersfield to Standedge Visitor Centre in Marsden. Savile Town Wharf and Shepley Bridge Marina are beautiful locations on the Calder and Hebble Navigation.



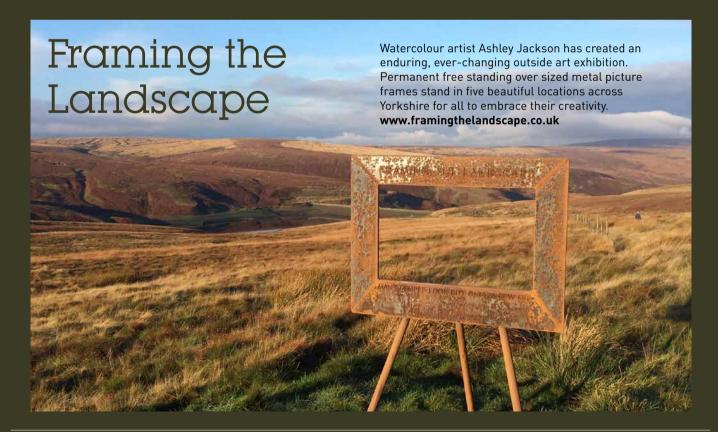


# The iconic Holme Moss

Follow the Yorkshire Grand Départ, Tour de France route 2014... it's steep, exposed, and brilliant! Refuel in Holmfirth at *En Route, Beatties* or *Longleys* before continuing on your journey.

# Rugby League was born here!

In 1895, at The George Hotel in Huddersfield, 21 Lancashire and Yorkshire Clubs voted to set up their own Northern Rugby Football Union – the Rugby League; watch the impressive Huddersfield Giants play regular fixtures at the John Smith's Stadium – also home to Huddersfield Town Football Club.







# Adrenaline rush

# Pleasure Flights Ltd

Helicopter pleasure flights above Summerwine Country, Holmfirth and Castle Hill, Almondbury.

# Holme Valley 4x4

Get off the beaten track with challenging 4x4, quad biking, and off road driving sessions.

# Guided mountain biking

Tailored rides for seasoned mountain bikers or novices with Albion Cycling Company.

# **Mountain Bike Challenges**

Are you tough enough for the *Colne Valley*, or *Original Holme Valley* Mountain Bike Challenges?

# **Culture and Art**

Music, theatre, arts and crafts, famous literary and TV locations.

# Stars of the screen

Holmfirth & the Holme Valley Scenic location for Last of the Summer Wine

# Marsden & Slaithwaite

Fans of *Last Tango in Halifax* can stock up at the supermarket where Gillian works and have a drink at The Riverhead Brewery Tap next door.

Also the setting for feature films **A Monster Calls** and **Walk like a Panther**.

# Farnley Tyas

Dramatic setting for the BBC production of **Jamaica Inn** and ITV's **DCI Banks**.





# **Summerwine top spots**

- A cup of tea in Sid's Café
- Hop aboard the Summerwine Magic vintage bus to visit famous filming locations
- Enjoy cream teas and nostalgia at the Wrinkled Stocking Tearoom and Last of the Summer Wine exhibition
- Die-hard fans should book a stay at Nora Batty's Cottage complete with memorabilia and decorated just to Nora's taste.





# Feel the music

Experience the sound of the Valleys at the Holme Valley Brass Band Contest (March), at Brass Factor (November), or from a local choir such as Holme Valley singers or the Honley Male Voice Choir. Classical fans will love Kirklees concert season from September to March, and The Mrs Sunderland Music Festival. Get up close and personal to artists at the Picturedrome, Holmfirth - the north of England's most intimate music venue.

Full events programme on p6



# **Byram Arcade**

### Huddersfield

A beautiful Victorian Arcade, home to independent shops and eateries.

Look out for Vintage Fairs and Arts and Craft Fairs.



# **Upmarket Sundays**

### Huddersfield

Every Sunday, with collectibles, crafts, art, interiors, fashion and delicious local produce.



# Huddersfield & Batley Art Galleries

In **Huddersfield**, collections include works by L S Lowry, An innovative programme of temporary exhibitions plus the sale of unique art, jewellery and ceramics.

**Batley** Art Gallery showcases vibrant contemporary artwork by local artists.



# North Light Gallery

# Huddersfield

Pop in for paintings, ceramics, sculpture and original prints to buy and enjoy.



# Lawrence Batley Theatre

# Huddersfield

Diverse programme of theatre and comedy.



# **West Yorkshire Print Workshop**

# Mirfield

Beautiful venue running regular printmaking workshops, hosting contemporary exhibitions, plus art for sale.



**Creative Kirklees** is the definitive guide to what s happening, where to go and who's working creatively in the area. **www.creativekirklees.com** 





# **Page turners**

Literary enthusiasts will love delving into our connections with the **Brontës** to discover 'Shirley Country'. Explore **Oakwell Hall**, 'Fieldhead' in the novel 'Shirley'. Surrounded by 110 acres of country park, it's an ideal stop for a picnic.

You'll have to use your legs to enjoy the work of local poet, Simon Armitage CBE who has left his mark on the countryside by carving six verses into rocks along the 47 mile **Stanza Stones Trail** running from Marsden to Ilkley.

Dip into a reading at the **Huddersfield Literature Festival** from established and emerging writers.

Download a Brontë guide at www.visithuddersfield.com



# Food & Drink

# Treats and tipples - Delicious, fresh and local

Treat yourself to delicious local produce. Whether you prefer a traditional country pub, a lively café bar, stylish restaurant or homely tea shop, there's something to satisfy all budgets and appetites.



### **Local Pub Favourites**

Great food, service, location and atmosphere.

- The Rose & Crown Slaithwaite
- The Farmers Boy Shepley
- The Fleece Holme
- The Gray Ox Hartshead
- The Golden Cock Farnley Tyas
- The Bull's Head Linthwaite
- The Dunkirk Denby Dale
- The Bridge Holmbridge



### Michelin Guide restaurants

- Eric's Lindley
- The Woodman Inn Thunderbridge
- 3 Acres Shelley

# Other popular fine dining venues:

- 315 Bar & Restaurant Lepton
- The Olive Branch Marsden



# Market Days

Bustling markets full of well stocked stalls. A delight for collectors, antique dealers and avid bargain-hunters. Look out for specialist markets throughout the year.

### **Dewsbury**

A fabulous Victorian Market Hall and extensive Open Market. Wednesdays (general), Fridays (second hand), Saturdays (general), Sundays (car boot).

### Huddersfield

**Open market -** Brook Street: **Mon, Thurs, Sat** (*general*), **Tues** and **Sat** (*second hand*), **Bank Holiday Mon** (*car boot*).

Indoor Market - Queensgate: Monday - Saturday

**Upmarket Sundays** - New Street: showcases some of our best local and independent producers and artisans, **every Sunday**.

### Holmfirth

Indoor craft and food market: Saturdays

# Artisan ice cream

Yummy Yorkshire - Denby Dale Charlotte's Ice Cream - Whitley

Dixon's - Lockwood

Longley's - Holmfirth

A Month of Sundae's - Marsden

Vanilla Bean - Slaithwaite





# Real Ale

There are 10 town centre pubs on the Discover Huddersfield Real Ale Trail. Away from the centre **The Nook** Summer Beer Festival is popular in August.

# Something a bit different

### **Edibles**

Inspirational courses on permaculture and hands on cooking – how about building a pizza oven in your garden?

### Experience days at Coddy's Farm

Stay in the gorgeous B&B, and learn from the best... perhaps the science of curing and smoking hams, or how to prepare a three bird roast?



# Farm shops with tea rooms

Award winning pies, pastries, sausages and cheeses, mouthwatering treats, cool ice creams and thirst quenching drinks.

Hinchliffe's Farm Shop - Netherton

Bolster Moor Farm Shop - Bolster Moor

Broster's - Lindley Moor

Dearne Lea - Shelley

Thorncliffe Farm Shop - Emley Moor

Villa Farm Shop - Huddersfield



# FAMILY FUN

# TOP ATTRACTIONS FOR FAMILIES

### Kirklees Light Railway

Climb aboard for a seven mile return trip through the South Pennine Foothills. There are outdoor adventure play areas, a café and a miniature railway. Special events run throughout the year.





Take a walk on the wild side and see rare breed animals including llama, emu, buffalo, birds of prey and reptiles. Brand new outdoor adventure play area.



Oakwell Hall & Country Park

Elizabethan manor house with period gardens, Civil War and Brontë connections, 17th century room displays, adventure playground & cafe. See website for opening times



Standedge Tunnel and Visitor Centre

Take a boat trip through Britain's highest, longest, deepest canal tunnel. Explore the wildlife garden and have a bite to eat in the cafè.



Huddersfield – Ten pin bowling, laserzone and cinema

Weather letting you down? Head inside for some healthy family competition or share some popcorn while you view a blockbuster.





Huddersfield Leisure Centre

The amazing Splash Park has a fun pool for the younger ones, a water flume, Sidewinder, lazy river and much more! And, treat the family to a session on the climbing and bouldering walls.

# HIDDEN GEMS



The Potters Den, Holmfirth

Paint your own keepsake at this ceramics crafts cafè.



# Cliffe House Woodland Adventure

Climb the tree house and build a den in this challenging outdoor playground; open during school holidays. Café on site.



### **Greenhead Park**

With three adventure playgrounds to choose from, an outdoor paddling pool, miniature steam train and skate park, summer days are perfect at Greenhead Park.



# **NEARBY**

- Eureka!. Halifax
- Cannon Hall Farm, Barnsley
- The Hepworth, Wakefield
- Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield
- Shibden Hall, Halifax

# **AUSEUMS**

Interactive displays, playgrounds and regular activities; these museums bring history to life.



fascinating and curious, set in Ravensknowle Park, Huddersfield. World class collections including: Romans, textiles, taxidermy and transport.



# Bagshaw Museum, Batley

Explore the world, from ancient Egypt to Batley, at this magnificent Victorian gothic mansion. Set in 36 acres of the stunning Wilton Park with gorgeous lake and woodland.



# Tolson Museum

A treasure house of the



# **Castle Hill & Victoria Tower**

Overlooking Huddersfield, this beautiful outdoor site is popular with kite flyers. Tower open on specific dates throughout the year.



# Colne Valley Museum

Compare modern family life with that of a weaver's child. Try out Victorian children's games or catch a craft demonstration such as breadbaking, weaving and spinning.



# **National Coal Mining** Museum for England

Discover the history and science of mining through interactive galleries, then find out what life was really like for miners...140m underground.

# Attractions at a glance

- 1. Standedge Tunnel and Visitor Centre
- 2. National Trust Marsden Moor Information Room
- 3. Coach House Healing Centre
- 4. Titanic Spa
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- 6. Greenhead Park
- 7. Huddersfield Leisure Centre
- 8. Kingsgate Shopping Centre
- 9. Lawrence Batley Theatre
- 10. Huddersfield Art Gallery
- 11. Alexandra House Spa
- 12. Laserzone
- 13. UK Superbowl
- 14. Tolson Museum
- 15. Castle Hill and Victoria Tower
- 16. Holmfirth Vineyard
- 17. Last of the Summer Wine Exhibition
- 18. The Picturedrome
- 19. Pure North Cider Press

- 20. The Carding Shed
- 21. Yummy Yorkshire Ice Cream
- 22. Kirklees Light Railway
- 23. Charlotte's Jersey Ice Cream Parlour
- 24. National Coal Mining Museum for England
- 25. Eastthorpe Hall Health & Beauty Spa
- 26. My Little Farm Spa
- 27. Ponderosa
- 28. The Mill Batley
- 29. Bagshaw Museum
- 30. Oakwell Hall & Country Park
- 31. Dream Spa







# **Visitor information**



Order brochures, find accommodation, book theatre tickets, or treat yourself to souvenirs and postcards.

### **Holmfirth Tourist Information Centre**

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# Huddersfield Library and Information Centre

Princess Alexandra Walk, Huddersfield, HD1 2SU Tel: 01484 414868

Email: huddersfield.information@kirklees.gov.uk

# Visitor information is also available at:

# Marsden Library at Marsden Mechanics

Marsden Mechanics Hall, Peel Street, Marsden, HD7 6BW Tel: 01484 414868

# **Dewsbury Library**

Dewsbury Retail Park, Railway Street, Dewsbury, WF12 8EQ Tel: 01924 325080 and 01484 414868 Email: dewsbury.lic@kirklees.gov.uk

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