Activities and Attractions

Walking, Cycling and more ..
If the 84 mile Hadrian's Wall National Trail is not for you, there are numerous well-marked walks within easy reach of stations along the Tyne Valley Railway.

Try one of the walks around Haltwhistle, wander through Allen Banks, take a stroll by the River Tyne at Hexham or walk from Bardon Mill to the Sill National Landscape Discovery Centre or Roman Vindolanda. A 30 minute walk will take you from Brampton Station to Talkin Tarn, which offers lovely walks, water sports; a great place for everyone to enjoy.

Hire an electric bike delivered to you on arrival by train at Haltwhistle and explore some or all of Hadrian's Cycleway (Route72). (Bike hire Information in Haltwhistle section overleaf)

Maybe watching sport is for you. Have you considered travelling by train to watch your favourite sporting event— be it Newcastle United or Carlisle United, a local rugby team or horse racing at Carlisle, Hexham or Newcastle?

Travel Beyond the Tyne Valley Railway

If you are looking for days out by train from Tyne Valley Railway country, there is lots of choice.

Change at Carlisle and travel along the scenic **Cumbrian Coast Line** and take a trip on the 'La'al Ratty' Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway or enjoy the spectacular views from the **Settle-Carlisle Railway.**

Change at Newcastle and take a trip on the new Northumberland Line (opening late 2024).

History and Heritage

As well as Hadrian's Wall, the area has many other places to explore our history and heritage.

The area has had a turbulent past being the home of many Border Reivers. Some of their fortified bastles can still be found at Haltwhistle. You can explore the Norman and medieval castles at Prudhoe, Newcastle and Carlisle. One of the first purpose built prisons in the country survives in Hexham. The Old Gaol (circa 1330) is open to visitors during the summer months.

Innovation at the Heart of our Railway

Planned by the Newcastle & Carlisle Railway Company (formed in 1826), the railway opened in sections and was fully opened in 1838.

National celebrations are to celebrate 200 years of railway history including the contributions of renowned railway innovators associated with the area. **George Stephenson**, was born at Wylam, as was **Timothy Hackworth**. Stephenson's standard gauge of railway continues to be used today throughout the world whilst Hackworth is known for his pioneering work in production of early locomotives with **William Hedley**, manager of Wylam Colliery. You can walk from Wylam Station to Stephenson's birthplace. In 1836, **Thomas Edmondson** was employed as station-master at Milton Station (later renamed Brampton). He went on to design a new railway ticket and ticketing system which was adopted by rail, shipping, bus and aviation companies worldwide.

Whistle Stops!

With CAMRA's help, we have created a list of local pubs and hotels offering real ale close to stations from Carlisle to Newcastle. Download/view the Explore Real Ale leaflet at tvcrp.org.uk/home/brochures

Trains and Tickets

Numerous trains run daily along the Tyne Valley Railway.

Choose from a range of tickets—singles, returns, duos, advance purchase singles. Prices will depend on the journey, time of travel and type purchased. For flexibility to hop on and off trains , many ranger and rover tickets include travel on the Tyne Valley Railway. If you have a railcard, this can save you money on the cost of the ticket.

More information to plan a journey and buy tickets can be found at railway booking offices or online. There are staffed booking offices at Carlisle, Hexham and Newcastle Stations with ticket vending machines on all Tyne Valley Railway stations for purchase of tickets prior to travel. You can add local bus travel to some tickets. Plusbus at Carlisle, Hexham, Newcastle and other towns and cities can be included on your train ticket.

Useful links:

Tyne Valley Railway	tvcrp.org.uk	@tvcrp
Trains, Buses, Metro		
Northern	northernrailway.co.uk	@northernassist
CrossCountry	crosscountrytrains.co.uk	@crosscountryuk
LNER	lner.co.uk	@LNER
Avanti West Coast	avantiwestcoast.co.uk	@avantiwestcoast
TransPennine Express	tpexpress.co.uk	@TPExpressTrains
National Rail Enquiries	nationalrail.co.uk	03457 484950
Go North East	gonortheast.co.uk	@gonortheast
PlusBus	plusbus.info	@PLUSBUS_UK
Tyne & Wear Metro	nexus.org.uk	@My_Metro
Local Information		
Hadrian's Wall	hadrianswallcountry.co.uk	@visithadrianswall
Carlisle	discovercarlisle.co.uk	@discovercarlisl
Haltwhistle	visithaltwhistle.com haltwhistle.org	@centreofbritain
Hexham	visithexham.net	@visithexham
Corbridge	visitcorbridge.co.uk	@visitcorbridge
MetroCentre	themetrocentre.co.uk	@_metrocentre
Newcastle & Gateshead	newcastlegateshead.com	@altweet_pet
Northumberland National Park	northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk	@NIandNP

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Explore England's most northerly counties

Enjoy a warm welcome in Hadrian's Wall Country

Explore Carlisle

With a visit to this compact city, you can relive history. Celts, Romans, feuding Border Reivers and invading armies have left an amazing story to tell. Wander the cobbled streets of the Historic Quarter, visit the mighty medieval castle, magnificent Cathedral and the award winning Tullie museum and art gallery. Be amazed by some of the city's wonderful street art.

The pedestrianised city centre is within easy walking distance of the railway station. Here you will find a unique mix of independent retailers and great high street brands. The Lanes Shopping Centre is an ideal all weather destination. In the award winning Victorian Market Hall there is a great mix of stalls.

Explore Haltwhistle

Renowned as being at the centre of Britain, the town is full of independent shops, quality local food and friendly, knowledgeable hospitality. Visit the 13th Century church with its links to the town's Celtic and Roman past and see the stained glass windows by William Morris.

Explore the area on one of the four family activity walks: *Up the Burn; Round the Town; Off the Rails* and *Tanky's Trail* or there's a six-mile Hadrian's Wall circular walk. Or pre-book an electric bike to be delivered to the railway station to help you explore https://tinyurl.com/36urdsrz

The Water Tower at Haltwhistle Railway Station

Refreshments, local crafts and events

Check opening times & forthcoming events, at @watertowerhaltwhistle

Dogs are welcome

Explore Hexham

Described by writer Bill Bryson "as handsome a market town as you will find anywhere", Hexham has something for everyone.

Fascinating history, incredible architecture, icons including Hexham Abbey and the Old Gaol, interesting shops, an array of eateries and pubs, some great events, a vibrant theatre and cinema. It is within easy reach of Hadrian's Wall and Northumberland National Park, home to England's cleanest rivers, clearest air and darkest skies.

For those seeking some activity, enjoy scenic walks and cycle routes on the doorstep, two golf courses, rowing, canoeing and kayaking on the River Tyne, or use for sports facilities at the leisure centre and pool.

Explore Corbridge

Originally a busy Roman town, Corbridge maintains a distinctive character. With secret streets and courtyards, award-winning independent shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants that frequently feature on television and in newspapers and magazines both in the UK and across the world, it is well worth a visit.

Explore the Roman town, now run by English Heritage, and see a time capsule of Roman life and the fascinating remains of the their streets.

A short stroll from the railway station and village centre is the oldest surviving bridge across the River Tyne, overlooking beautiful river walks.

Explore Wylam

Wylam was at the heart of the evolution of rail travel and is unique in having been the home of some of the world's most notable railway pioneers, George Stephenson, Timothy Hackworth and William Hedley. Visit the Railway Museum and George Stephenson's birthplace.

For such a small village there's plenty of choice in places to eat and drink. Proud of its unique place in our national heritage and it gives a warm welcome to visitors. Learn more at wylamparishcouncil.org.uk

Explore the MetroCentre

With easy access from the its own railway station, one of the biggest shipping centres in Europe offers more than just a retail experience. A cinema, entertainment for all the family and a choice of restaurants, cafes and take-away food makes for a great day out.

Explore Newcastle and Gateshead

Newcastle is a vibrant city , together with Gateshead on the other side of the River Tyne, it offers wonderful shopping, great social and cultural venues with a huge range of places to eat and drink, sporting, theatre and music events, museums and much more.

Arriving by sea and air, Newcastle is a gateway to the north of England and Scotland for international travellers. The Tyne Valley Railway is a great way for visitors to explore the more rural parts of our area.

Explore Hadrian's Wall Country

Built to guard the wild northern frontier of the Roman Empire in AD122, Hadrian's Wall was more than just a barricade; it was a vibrant and multi-cultural occupied military zone of milecastles, barracks, ramparts, forts and settlements; sprawling almost 80 miles in length from the North Sea to the Irish Sea. The building of the Wall required vision and an outstanding level of engineering skill.

1900 years later the Wall, set amongst the wild beauty of Cumbrian and Northumbrian landscapes, still impresses and stands as a testimony to the power and reach of the mighty Roman Empire.

You can travel by train from stations throughout the country to the heart of Hadrian's Wall Country.

Some Roman attractions and sites are accessible on foot—with walks from Corbridge, Haltwhistle and Bardon Mill Stations.

The Hadrian's Wall Country Line Day Ranger is a great ticket allowing rail travel between Sunderland and Whitehaven giving you lots of options to hop on and off the train to explore Hadrian's Wall country.

Hop on the AD122 bus at Hexham or Haltwhistle Railway Stations to various sites along the Wall and the Sill National Landscape Discovery Centre.