

# Most visited free attractions – North East 2018

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Rank	Name of Attraction	Category	2017 Visitors	2018 Visitors	% Change 17-18
1	Durham Cathedral	Places of Worship	647,378 (E)	611,053 (E)	-5.6%
2	Great North Museum: Hancock	Museums & Art Galleries	486,711	415,433	-14.6%
3	Discovery Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	360,503	406,068	+12.6%
4	Laing Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	204,819	226,123	+10.4%
5	Locomotion	Museums & Art Galleries	185,107	174,735	-5.6%
6	South Shields Museum and Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	113,778	106,190	-6.7%
7	Castle Eden Dene National Nature Reserve	Wildlife	100,000 (E)	100,000 (E)	0.0%
8	World Heritage Site Visitor Centre	Visitor Centre	79,866	91,517	+14.6%
9	Fusiliers Museum of Northumberland	Museums & Art Galleries	92,153	84,216	-8.6%
10	RNLI Grace Darling Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	51,335	59,654	+16.2%

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11	Stephenson Railway Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	39,122	46,928	+20.0%
12	Hatton Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	22,256	35,822	+61.0%
13	Shingley Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	29,404	25,455	-13.4%
14	Arbeia Roman Fort	Historic Properties	25,074	22,757	-9.2%
15	Morpeth Chantry Bagpipe Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	11,366 (E)	13,547 (E)	+19.2%
16	Penshaw Monument	Historic Properties	3,210	3,651	+13.7%
17	Wheatley Hill Heritage Centre	Visitor Centre	1,267	1,408	+11.1%
18	Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade	Museums & Art Galleries	1,100 (E)	1,250 (E)	+13.6%
19	Washington F Pit (Seasonal)	Workplace	1,440	798	-44.6%
20	St Mary the Virgin Church	Places of Worship	678	600	-11.5%

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