

## Most visited 20 free attractions – North East England 2014

\*Note: Some Parks excluded as numbers may include visitors to the park only E = Estimate DK = Information not available (Don't know)

Rank	Name of Attraction	Category	2013 Visitors	2014 Visitors	% Change 13-14
1	Durham Cathedral	Places of Worship	712,000 (E)	734,000 (E)	+3.1%
2	BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art	Museums & Art Galleries	529,172	515,354	-2.6%
3	Great North Museum: Hancock	Museums & Art Galleries	421,410	491,148	+16.5%
4	Discovery Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	401,540	434,203	+8.1%
5	Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens	Museums & Art Galleries	341,845	334,802	-2.1%
6	Locomotion:The National Railway Museum at Shildon	Museums & Art Galleries	183,000	281,983	+54.1%
7	Laing Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	226,134	218,879	-3.2%
8	National Glass Centre	Museums & Art Galleries	127,000	200,531	+57.9%
9	South Shields Museum and Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	126,689	123,174	-2.8%
10	Durham World Heritage Site Visitor Centre	Visitor Centres	168,357	109,592	-34.9%
11	Hexham Abbey	Places of Worship	95,000	100,097	+5.4%
12	Castle Eden Dene National Nature Reserve	Wildlife	100,000 (E)	100,000 (E)	0.0%
13	Saltholme Wildlife Reserve & Discovery Park	Wildlife	76,659	79,096	+3.2%
14	East Durham Heritage and Lifeboat Centre	Visitor Centres	20,000 (E)	50,000 (E)	+150.0%
15	RNLI Grace Darling Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	42,790	44,568	+4.2%
16	Stephenson Railway Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	37,211	37,894	+1.8%
17	Hatton Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	28,163	36,361	+29.1%
18	Arbeia Roman Fort and Museum	Historic Properties	33,704	31,559	-6.4%
19	Shiplay Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	23,653	26,757	+13.1%
20	Bowlees Visitor Centre	Visitor Centres	DK	26,206	NA