

Most visited free attractions – North East 2016

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Rank	Name of Attraction	Category	2015 Visitors	2016 Visitors	% Change 15-16
1	Durham Cathedral	Places of Worship	755000 (E)	797871 (E)	5.7%
2	Great North Museum: Hancock	Museums & Art Galleries	486815	507637	4.3%
3	Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens	Museums & Art Galleries	322412 (E)	322851	0.1%
4	Discovery Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	411695	251824	-38.8%
5	Locomotion The National Railway Museum at Shildon	Museums & Art Galleries	208011	236902	13.9%
6	Laing Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	228291	230301	0.9%
7	South Shields Museum and Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	125973	120860	-4.1%
8	Castle Eden Dene National Nature Reserve	Wildlife	100000 (E)	100000 (E)	0.0%
9	Lit & Phil	Other	65000	72000	10.8%
10	Saltholme Wildlife Reserve & Discovery Park	Wildlife	75000	67000	-10.7%

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11	Stephenson Railway Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	44457	34601	-22.2%
12	East Durham Heritage and Lifeboat Centre	Visitor Centres	20000 (E)	34000 (E)	70.0%
13	Arbeia Roman Fort and Museum	Historic Properties	32289	30323	-6.1%
14	Museum of Archaeology	Museums & Art Galleries	9000 (E)	28641 (E)	218.2%
15	Shingley Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	27630	26368	-4.6%
16	Living Seas Centre	Wildlife	14259	20252	42.0%
17	Monkwearmouth Station Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	21658	18849	-13.0%
18	RNLI Zetland Lifeboat Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	10500	10000	-4.8%
19	Weardale Railway	Railways	4500 (E)	6500 (E)	44.4%
20	Hatton Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	29489	5103	-82.7%

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