

Most visited free attractions – North East 2015

*Note: Some Parks excluded as numbers may include visitors to the park only E = Estimate

Rank	Name of Attraction	Category	2014 Visitors	2015 Visitors	% Change 14-15
1	Durham Cathedral	Places of Worship	734,000 (E)	755,000 (E)	+2.9%
2	BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art	Museums & Art Galleries	515,354	518,950	+0.7%
3	Great North Museum: Hancock	Museums & Art Galleries	491,148	486,815	-0.9%
4	Discovery Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	434,203	411,695	-5.2%
5	Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens	Museums & Art Galleries	334,802 (E)	322,412 (E)	-3.7%
6	Laing Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	218,879	228,291	+4.3%
7	National Glass Centre	Museums & Art Galleries	200,499	211,916	+5.7%
8	Locomotion The National Railway Museum at Shildon	Museums & Art Galleries	283,997	208,011	-26.8%
9	Woodhorn, Museum and Northumberland Archives	Museums & Art Galleries	85,263	202,851	+137.9%
10	South Shields Museum and Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	123,174	125,973	+2.3%

Most visited free attractions –North East 2015 (cont.)

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Rank	Name of Attraction	Category	2014 Visitors	2015 Visitors	% Change 14-15
11	Castle Eden Dene National Nature Reserve	Wildlife	100,000 (E)	100,000 (E)	0.0%
12	The Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas	Places of Worship	75,000 (E)	86,000 (E)	14.7%
13	Saltholme Wildlife Reserve & Discovery Park	Wildlife	79,096	75,000	-5.2%
14	Kielder Castle Forest Park Centre	Country Parks	DK	46,672	N/A
15	RNLI Grace Darling Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	44,568	46,249	3.8%
16	Stephenson Railway Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	37,894	44,457	17.3%
17	Allen Banks and Staward Gorge	Other	30,555	39,265	28.5%
18	Arbeia Roman Fort and Museum	Historic Properties	31,559	32,289	2.3%
19	Hatton Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	36,361	29,489	-18.9%
20	ShIPLEY Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	26,757	27,630	3.3%