

Top 20 Free Attractions – North East 2011

Rank	Name of Attraction	Category	2010 Visitors	2011 Visitors	% Change 10-11	Charge for Admission
1	Great North Museum: Hancock	Museums & Art Galleries	518,574	475,441	-8.3%	FREE
2	BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art	Museums & Art Galleries	358,486	465,674	+29.9%	FREE
3	Hardwick Park	Country Parks	395,000	447,171	+13.2%	FREE
4	Discovery Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	420,837	417,229	-0.9%	FREE
5	Derwent Walk	Other	325,000	350,000	+7.7%	FREE
6	Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens	Museums & Art Galleries	341,050	329,737	-3.3%	FREE
7	Barter Books	Other	300,000	320,000	+6.7%	FREE
8	Laing Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	280,773	270,031	-3.8%	FREE
9	Lindisfarne Mead	Other	250,000	250,000	0.0%	FREE
10	Locomotion:The National Railway Museum at Shildon	Museums & Art Galleries	194,106	217,682	+12.1%	FREE
11	Hamsterley Forest	Country Parks	200,000	200,000	0.0%	FREE
12	Kirkleatham Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	Don't know	148,763	N/A	FREE
13	Northumbria Craft Centre	Visitor Centres	141,650	144,444	+2.0%	FREE
14	South Shields Museum and Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	196,179	136,585	-30.4%	FREE
15	Transporter Bridge and Visitor Centre	Visitor Centres	Don't know	119,336	N/A	FREE
16	mima	Museums & Art Galleries	Don't know	118,088	N/A	FREE
17	Dorman Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	Don't know	112,566	N/A	FREE
18	Hexham Abbey	Places of Worship	100,649	102,983	+2.3%	FREE
19	Museum of Hartlepool	Museums & Art Galleries	126,398	98,164	-22.3%	FREE
20	Biscuit Factory	Museums & Art Galleries	Don't know	80,000	N/A	FREE