

## Top 20 Free Attractions – North East England 2012

\*Not enough attractions completed the survey and gave permission for publication to create a full Top 20 list of free attractions in the North East in 2012. Country Parks without additional attractions excluded

Rank	Name of Attraction	Category	2011 Visitors	2012 Visitors	% Change 11-12
1	BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art	Museums & Art Galleries	465,674	456,678	-1.9%
2	Hardwick Park	Country Parks	447,171	408,477	-9.5%
3	Laing Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	270,031	256,661	-5.0%
4	Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon	Museums & Art Galleries	218,000	193,000	-11.5%
5	Causey Arch and Picnic Area	Country Parks	132,600	130,000	-2.0%
6	Woodhorn, Museum and Northumberland Archives	Museums & Art Galleries	69,587	75,263	+8.2%
7	Saltholme Wildlife Reserve & Discovery Park	Wildlife	73,274	68,541	-6.5%
8	The Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas	Places of Worship	50,000	55,000	+10.0%
9	RNLI Grace Darling Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	26,996	42,394	+57.0%
10	Hexham Moothall and Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	18,300	24,146	+31.9%
11	Flodden Battlefield	Historic Properties	14,610	13,500	-7.6%
12	Bessie Surtees House	Historic Properties	13,114	11,555	-11.9%
13	St Laurence Church	Places of Worship	500	500	0.0%
14	Ankers House & St Mary and St Cuthbert's Church	Places of Worship	348	457	+31.3%
15	St Mary the Virgin Church	Places of Worship	668	430	-35.6%
16	Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade Museum	Museums & Art Galleries	259	240	-7.3%
17	St Andrew's Church	Places of Worship	72	78	+8.3%