

R A B Y CASTLE

OPENING TIMES & PRICES

Deer Park, The Plotters' Forest and Café:

Open seven days a week

Castle: Open 11am to 4pm

March - June – Open Wednesday to Sunday.

July & August – Open Tuesday to Sunday.

September & October – Open Wednesday to Sunday.

Open Bank Holidays between March and October.

Shop: Open Tuesday to Sunday

There is plenty of parking space at Raby Castle.

*Opening times are subject to seasonal variations

*To see our prices and opening
times scan the QR code below:*



GROUP BOOKINGS

Raby Castle and High Force welcome pre-booked group tours and school/educational visits throughout the year. Corporate bookings are also welcome and there are a range of spaces/rooms available. Please visit the website for more details of our group rates or call us to tailor a package to your requirements, email admin@raby.co.uk.

DOGS

Raby is fully dog friendly; dogs on leads are welcome year round at High Force and in the 200 acres of Park at Raby Castle. Dogs are also welcome in the Café and High Force Hotel. Due to the historic nature of the site, only assistance dogs are allowed inside the Castle.

R A B Y HIGH FORCE

HIGH FORCE OPENING TIMES

The waterfall is open daily* from 10am until 4pm.
The hotel and restaurant are open daily until late.

**Please be advised that it may be necessary to restrict access to the waterfall in adverse weather conditions, please check the website for more details.*

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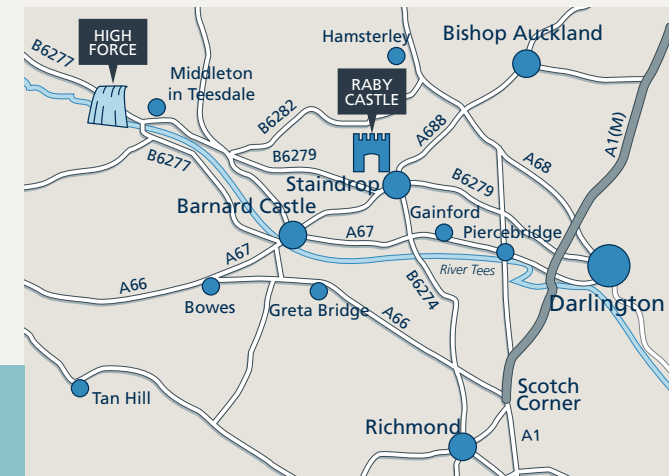
A full access statement is available on the website.

LOCATION

Raby Castle is situated on the A688 West Auckland to Barnard Castle road, 8 miles North East of Barnard Castle. It can be easily reached from the A1(M) and A66.

High Force is situated along the B6277, 4 miles from Middleton-in-Teesdale.

Both attractions are well signposted with brown tourist signs.



One of the most spectacular waterfalls in England

Situated in the North Pennines
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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- Visit Raby Castle, a landmark location in County Durham
- Explore Raby Deer Park
- Enjoy our onsite Café and Shop
- Visit The Plotters' Forest Adventure Play area

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RABY CASTLE

Raby is without a doubt one of the most impressive intact castles in England. Situated in the foothills of the Durham Dales, it was built in the 14th Century by the powerful Nevill family. Since 1626 Raby Castle has been the seat of the Vane family, whose descendants are the current owners.



Explore the picturesque parkland featuring stunning heritage landscape, red deer and fallow deer. A visit is incomplete without a tour inside Raby Castle itself, which houses an art collection and sumptuous interiors. The castle was the home to Cecily Nevill known as the 'Rose of Raby' mother of two kings. It was also a scene of plotting against Queen Elizabeth I during the Rising of the North.



The approach to the castle is particularly beautiful, as its towers appear and disappear amongst the trees of the surrounding parkland. The exterior with medieval towers, terrace and embattled walls appears almost as it did when first built in the 14th century. Inside the castle you can experience fascinating heritage and dramatic interiors with rooms such as the Entrance Hall, Octagon Drawing Room, Barons' Hall and the Chapel. The Walled Gardens are being redesigned due to reopen in Summer 2023.





RABY DEER PARK

200 acres of fine Parkland surround Raby Castle, providing plenty of space for children to play or to get away from it all. Watch the herds of red and fallow deer and their young from afar, stroll around the two large ponds and spot other wildlife.



NEW for Easter 2022!

The Plotters' Forest is a bespoke children's play area to the north of the castle nestled in our magical Christmas tree plantation. From stargazing decks, to towers and tunnels, high-level walkways and three-storey forts in the forest, this incredible space offers an imaginative playground for all ages to enjoy. The new attraction has a purpose-built area for toddlers, with mini turrets and lookout decks – conveniently located next to the new split-level refreshment kiosk and roof-deck seating area.

The Plotters' Forest hosts seasonal trails – keep an eye on our social media to see more!



THE RISING



An exciting development and restoration period is happening at Raby Castle, Park and Gardens. Our ambitious plans will restore and preserve historical buildings within the Park and Gardens, which have been without purpose for decades. The dynamic scheme, known as The Rising, will re-purpose these buildings as part of the visitor experience. Furthermore, the project will introduce new structures to provide stylish events and exhibition spaces, as well as launch retail and dining experiences to provide contemporary spaces for enjoyment.

Alongside this, the five acre Walled Gardens are being redesigned by designer Luciano Giubbilei, retaining key historic attributes such as splendid yew hedges and water features. The beautiful and complex garden scheme includes a perennial flower garden, a landscaped amphitheatre, woodland gardens, productive vegetable beds and specimen trees throughout.

THE CAFÉ & SHOP

Join us for lunch in the café, a stylish place to enjoy coffee, cake and refreshments with friends and family. The menu is regularly updated to make the most of the wide range of local seasonal produce available.

Our beautiful space is perfect all year round and is fully licensed, allowing you to enjoy a glass of wine whilst watching the bustle of activity. Available in the café we also have Raby local produce including venison and long horn beef to buy.



Close by, you have our shop which offers unique handpicked gifts and homeware with both classic and contemporary styles with an emphasis on British made products. From greetings cards to books, games and confectionery there is something for everyone.



HIGH FORCE

High Force is one of the most impressive waterfalls in England. The River Tees has been plunging into this gorge for thousands of years but the rocks and history it reveals are far more ancient – with origins dating back over 300 million years.



NATURAL BEAUTY & WILDLIFE

High Force is surrounded by the stunning countryside of Upper Teesdale situated in the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It was the first area in England to achieve European and Global Geopark status. The aim is to protect the area's unique geodiversity, which includes the Whin Sill that can be seen at High Force.

High Force has an abundance of animal and plant wildlife throughout the seasons, from the vast array of wildflowers, ferns and towering trees, to Roe deer and otters. Close by is the National Nature Reserve, which is famous for the rare spring gentian flower, England's largest juniper wood and home to the rare Black grouse.

Raby plays an important role in the stewardship and conservation of this magnificent place.



HIGH FORCE HOTEL

A traditional country inn set in the picturesque countryside of Upper Teesdale, the dog friendly High Force Hotel is the perfect base for exploring the many things to see and do in the area. Delicious, home-cooked food is served all day, from breakfast, snacks, ice creams and lunches right through to evening meals in the relaxed setting of the High Force Hotel.

The stylish en-suite bedrooms combine country charm with fresh, modern facilities. Our passionate team offer the best of guest service and are committed to making your stay at the High Force Hotel the perfect place for a relaxed stay, whether visiting for pleasure or on business.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

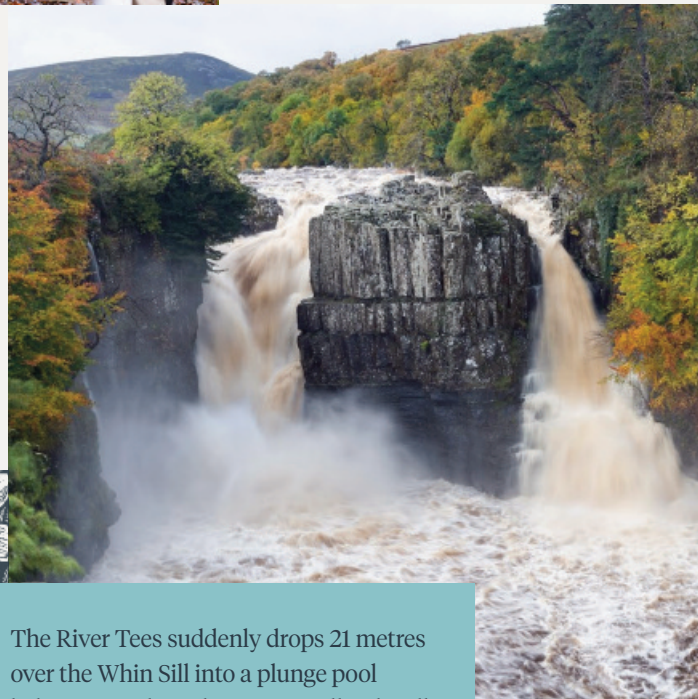
Fishing permits for a section of the River Tees are available to purchase from the High Force Hotel. Canoe launch permits are also available.



HIGH FORCE WEDDINGS & MEETINGS

Book your wedding at one of the North of England's greatest natural sights. High Force Hotel and Waterfall is a unique setting for your special day surrounded by some of the most stunning scenery in the country.

Due to the rural setting, the Hotel is popular for hosting team building events, allowing colleagues to explore the great outdoors. The Hotel has a large function room which is perfect for private dining, meetings, training sessions and to celebrate any special occasions. Our team can also arrange a variety of outdoor activities such as archery, clay pigeon shooting, climbing and kayaking.



The River Tees suddenly drops 21 metres over the Whin Sill into a plunge pool below. A gentle and pretty woodland walk leads you to a viewing area at the base of the Waterfall. High Force is an ideal place to stop for a picnic, or a starting base for exploring Teesdale and the North Pennines by car, bike or on foot.

