

Getting Around Durham

(Parking & Shuttle Buses)



Be Inspired. Be you.

9:00 - 16:00pm

Friday 14 June 2024

Saturday 15 June 2024

Travelling to the University

We strongly encourage all visitors to use public transport. Parking in Durham city and at nearby Park and Ride car parks is limited and we are unable to provide University parking unless you have access needs.



Please let us know, when you book, if you or someone in your party has an access need so that we can help support you during your visit. Whether you need access to specific facilities or require to be seated at the front of a lecture theatre we are here to help. The easiest way to do this is by ensuring you complete the Additional Needs information during the booking process. If you did not complete this, please contact us [durham.ac.uk/study/ask-us](mailto:study@durham.ac.uk) to inform us of any access requirements.

By Rail

Durham is well served by rail links from major cities across the country. The East Coast mainline service from London King's Cross can take less than 3 hours and express links operate from Manchester, Sheffield and Leeds with cross-country links from Scotland, the Midlands, and the South West. Durham Railway Station is approximately 0.6 miles from Palace Green and the Cathedral, and 1.5 miles from the Mountjoy site ¹⁸. The number 40 Cathedral bus service runs regularly from the train station into the city centre.

To check the schedule and route visit durham.gov.uk and search for "Cathedral bus".

We are running free shuttle buses from the train station to the Lower Mountjoy site throughout the day (08:30-16:30). See pages 24 and 25.

By Coach

There are several express coach services daily from most major cities. The number 6, X12, 56 and 57 all stop near the Lower Mountjoy site. See arrivabus.co.uk for timetable details.

By Air

Durham is 26 miles from Newcastle Airport and 24.3 miles from Durham Tees Valley Airport. Both have regular domestic and international flights. Newcastle Airport is linked to Durham City by rail services. Durham Tees Valley Airport is 6 miles from Darlington railway station, which has regular connections to Durham.

By Road

Durham city centre is two miles from the A1(M). Leave the motorway at Junction 62 on the A690 Durham - Sunderland road and follow signs to Durham City centre. Please check your route for roadworks, which may cause delays. We strongly recommend using the [Park & Ride](#) facilities highlighted on the following page.

"We were really impressed with Durham University in general and the students we met. We feel that Durham University is a very good balance between academic work and student life for the students."



Top tip

Struggling to find accommodation in Durham? Why not stay in Newcastle or Darlington? Regular trains take less than 20 minutes, and we provide a free shuttle bus from Durham Train Station to the University!

On the day parking...



10,000 visitors are expected at each Open Day. Using public transport, or Park and Ride facilities, will make your day easier.

Public Parking

We strongly advise visitors to use public transport to travel to Durham. At each of our Open Days we expect more than 10,000 visitors. Should you choose to drive you are advised to arrive early (before 9:00am).

Public car parks within walking distance of the city centre are:

- The Gates (DH1 4SJ) – 470 spaces
- Prince Bishop’s Shopping Centre (DH1 3UJ) – 400 spaces
- Sidegate (DH1 5SY) – 107 spaces

Please note there is a parking charge to use these car parks. Additionally, the road running through the Market Place to the Cathedral is subject to a £2.00 congestion charge which must be paid in advance or by 18:00 on the charging day. Please call 0191 384 6633 to make payment by credit or debit card.

For more information on car parking please visit durham.gov.uk and search for Durham City Car Parks.

- Not all Park and Ride facilities have been listed due to their limited capacity. Park and Ride sites are operated by Durham County Council.

“The shuttle buses were very useful and all the talks I went to were extremely informative.”

Park and Ride

Public transport runs from the [Park and Ride car parks](#) into Durham city. One ticket must be purchased for each passenger (£2.20 per person) when using these facilities, you must use the bus provided. Park and stride is not permitted.

Park and Ride sites close at 19:00 and vehicles will be locked in overnight if still on-site at this time. We recommend arriving at the Park and Ride a minimum of one hour prior to your first session as roads may be congested.

Buses run every 15 minutes, Monday to Saturday.

- The bus leaves Belmont Park and Ride at 00, 15, 30 and 45 minutes past the hour. The first bus is at 7:00 and the last bus is at 18:30.
- The bus leaves Sniperley Park and Ride at 10, 25, 40 and 55 minutes past the hour. The first bus is at 7:10 and the last bus is at 18:35.

Belmont: DH1 1SR – 547 spaces
Sniperley: DH1 5RA – 330 spaces.

Durham County Council Road and Transport Links

Please visit durham.gov.uk/transport for more travel information:

- Bus timetables and routes
- Blue Badge disability
- Durham City Park and Ride parking scheme
- Roadworks, road closures
- Get the latest travel and improvement schemes updates
- Bus fares and passes
- Road and transport news
- Emergency road closures.

Unfortunately, we are unable to guarantee or reserve parking spaces.


On the day travel

Shuttle Buses

Shuttle buses will operate every 10-15 minutes starting at 8:30 and finishing at 16:30, however due to traffic congestion and roadworks you may have to wait longer than this. Please ensure you board the bus at the bus stop in the direction of travel you wish to go. All of our shuttle buses will have an ambassador on board, so please ask the ambassador for advice on where to get off.

The free University shuttle buses will stop at the following points.

Route 1 Train station shuttle bus (2 buses)

- Durham Train Station Southbound Platform 1 B1 
 - Palatine Centre Stockton Road E6 18
- Returning on the reverse route.

Route 2 John Snow College to Sports and Wellbeing Park shuttle bus (2 buses)

- John Snow College (for Durham University Business School) A8 61
 - South Road C8
 - Palatine Centre, Stockton Road E6 18
 - Sports and Wellbeing Park, Maiden Castle H6 19
- Returning on the reverse route.

Route 3 City Hopper (2 buses)

- Durham Students' Union, New Elvet E4 35
 - Palatine Centre Stockton Road E6 18
 - Sports and Wellbeing Park, Maiden Castle H6 19
- Returning on the reverse route.



Top tip

Arriving from Park and Ride facilities? Make your way to the market place where our friendly ambassadors are on hand to direct you.

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Belmont: DH1 1SR - 547 spaces (get off at the Milburngate Bridge bus stop)



Sniperley: DH1 5RA - 330 spaces (get off at the Claypath bus stop)

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Park and Stride is not permitted if using the Park and Ride. You must use the bus service provided.

Walking Times

Durham University is spread throughout the city and as such many choose to walk between activities. Below are the estimated walking times (in minutes) between venues to help you plan your day.

	Train Station	North Road	Dunelm House	Lower Mountjoy	Palace Green	Business School	Sports and Wellbeing Park
Train Station 		5	20	25	20	45	35
North Road bus stop 	5		15	20	15	40	30
Dunelm House 35	20	15		10	5	30	15
Lower Mountjoy 18	25	20	10		15	20	10
Palace Green 38	20	20	5	15		35	20
Business School 73	45	40	30	20	35		30
Sports and Wellbeing Park 19	25	30	15	10	20	30	

Approximate Walking Times