

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. 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 6:00pm 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 (£2.00 per person) when using these facilities, you must use the bus provided. Park and stride is not permitted.

Park and Ride sites close at 7:00pm 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 7.00am and the last bus is at 6.30pm.
- The bus leaves Sniperley Park and Ride at 10, 25, 40 and 55 minutes past the hour. The first bus is at 7.10am and the last bus is at 6.35pm.

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.