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Discover the beauty of the North York Moors—immerse yourself in dramatic landscapes, quaint villages, and unforgettable experiences.

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WELCOME TO NORTH YORK MOORS NATIONAL PARK

Introduction to the national park

Tucked away in the rolling English countryside is a very, very special place. Welcome to the glorious North York Moors National Park. This stunning location is the pride of Yorkshire, where the wild moorland meets the sea, and the landscape is dotted with charming market towns and sleepy villages. It's the quintessential Yorkshire experience, packed with outdoor experiences, delicious food, unique adventures and activities, and the chance to relax and unwind.

The North York Moors National Park is accessible to everyone, regardless of age or ability. We make a point of welcoming everyone here, whether it's your first time visiting us or you've been here so many times that you're an 'honorary' Yorkshireman or woman!

Take a tour through our towns and villages, from Whitby on the coast with its Gothic church and spooky connections to the delightful villages of Glaisdale, Egton Bridge,

and Egton. If you're a food lover, you're in heaven in God's Own Country, with fresh, locally produced, and sustainable produce. Our pubs and restaurants make the most of these fabulous ingredients, offering up everything from fine dining to hearty winter warmers served with a pint of locally brewed ale.

After all that delicious food, you can walk off the calories with a stroll along the coastline or a more challenging hike or cycle across the North York Moors. Along the way, there are plenty of heritage attractions to discover. And at the end of another busy day, relax and unwind in one of our spas or watch the heavens put on a dazzling show, thanks to our Dark Sky status.

With all that on offer, why go anywhere else? Come and explore the North York Moors National Park with us – you're always welcome here!





From bustling ports and friendly towns to sleepy villages that invite you to stop and stay awhile, the North York Moors is full of picturesque places. Timeless, stone-built villages are tucked away in the rolling valleys and moorland, while the coastline is home to bays and inlets where smugglers used to dodge the customs men and blood-curdling stories of vampires were born.

Let us take you on a tour of the most beautiful towns and villages in the North York Moors. There's so much to see that it's a perfect excuse to come back again and again.



Helmsley

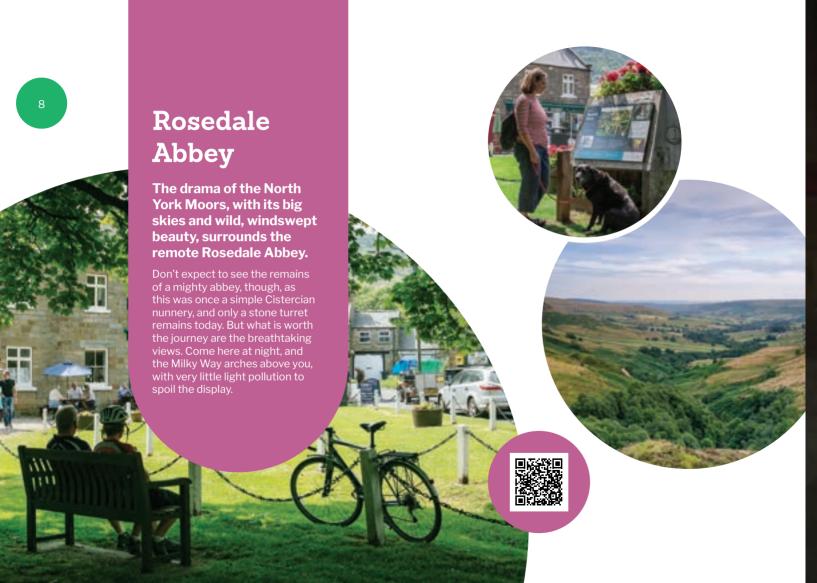
With a strong community spirit, stunning surroundings, and history galore, the North York **Moors National Park's** only market town is simply gorgeous.

It's also an excellent base for walkers, with the Cleveland Way National Trail offering over 100 miles of winding tracks. Stay in one of the town's B&Bs and explore its castle, nearby abbey, and boutique shopping at your







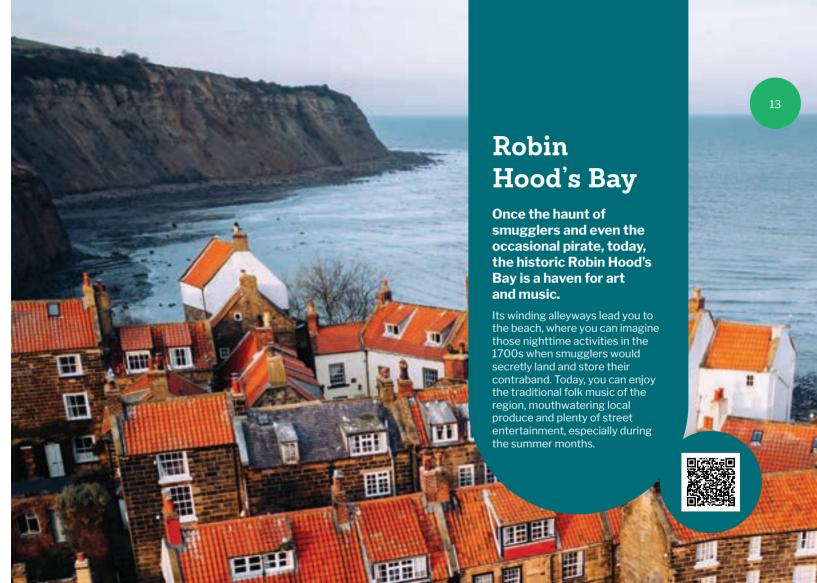












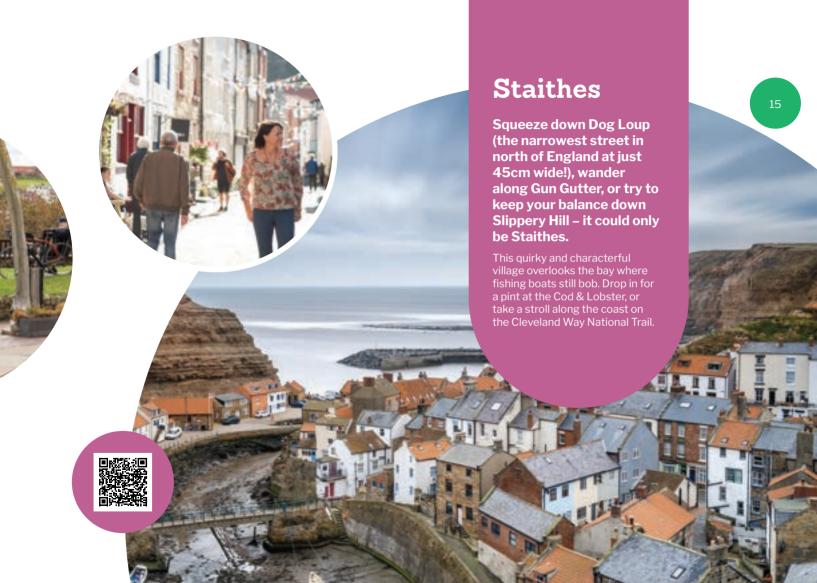


Whitby

Home to a hauntingly beautiful abbey, gothic legends, a large working harbour and the best fish and chip shop in the country, Whitby is a hugely popular town on the coast that draws in visitors all year round.

It's appeared in everything from Bram Stoker's Dracula to gourmet restaurant reviews. Go on a hunt for Whitby's Roman connection and its unique cross made from stone that came from Hadrian's Wall. Or you can spend the day wandering around the shops, including W. Hammond, where you'll find exquisite jewellery made from rare Whitby Jet.







Glaisdale, Egton Bridge and Egton

If you want to pay a visit to the oldest surviving gooseberry show, a museum dedicated to Victorian science, or an 18th-century beehive in a stone wall, this cluster of three villages is the place to go.

This trio boasts more than their fair share of stunning views, quaint cottages, and quirky attractions. You're surrounded by the beauty of the Esk Valley, home to rare wildlife and ancient woodland.











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Hiking and Walking Trails

Get your walking boots on - it's time to explore the North York Moors on foot!

The walking and hiking trails take you through the dappled shade of ancient woodland onto the moorland covered in purple heather and back down to the dramatic cliffs of the coast. Stop off at country pubs to refuel and refresh along the way before pushing on to the next destination. Each one is more beautiful than the last!









Water Activities (Kayaking, Canoeing)

If you love messing about in boats, catching the waves on a surfboard, or stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking or canoeing, the North York Moors has plenty on offer for you.

The dramatic coastline has some of the best surfing beaches in the UK, whether you're a newbie, a grom, or a pro-boarder. Learners should head to West Cliff in Whitby, while more experienced surfers will love Cayton Bay. Kayaking is an awesome way to discover secret coves or try canoeing down some of our inland waterways. Sailors will love Whitby or the exciting Runswick Bay Beach, perfect for dingy racing.







Wildlife Watching

This exceptional landscape is home to hundreds of rare species of plants, birds and animals.

Whales and dolphins play off the coast, while elusive pine martens make their home in the forests. Join Yorkshire Coast Nature's Wildlife Safari, where an expert will guide you so you have a better chance of catching a glimpse of a rare bird, shy deer and hare. Keep a lookout for seals on the rocks, but please give all of our wildlife its space. Avoid scaring them with drones, and please keep your dogs on a lead.



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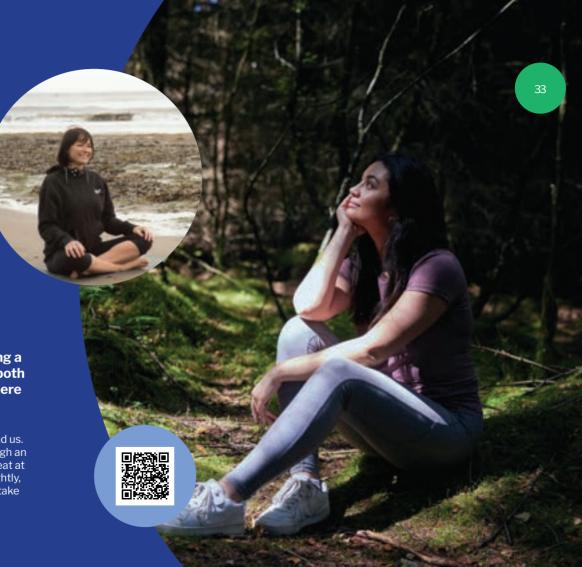
Cultural Events and **Festivals**

Our events and festivals, which span the seasons, offer a diverse range of experiences.

From festivals celebrating the agricultural and marine influences on our food and culture to art exhibitions and historic recreations. Summer country shows introduce you to the world of sheepdog trials. In the winter, look out for Christmas fairs or join the bravest for a Boxing Day sea swim at Whitby.







Health and wellbeing

On the North York Moors, we're dedicated to creating a safe space for everyone, both those who live and work here and our guests.

You can join us in activities that reconnect us all to the land around us. Take a guided mindful walk through an ancient forest, or join a yoga retreat at one of our beauty spots. Tread lightly, leave nothing but footprints and take nothing but memories.





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Introduction to Dark Skies:

You don't need to buy the latest telescope to see the night sky in the North York Moors. Thanks to low levels of light pollution, wide horizons and big skies, we're one of the best places in the UK to see the night sky – and that's official! The North York Moors is designated an International Dark Sky Reserve, so when we say it's dark up on the moorland at night, we mean it!

Look up, and you'll see the Milky Way in all its glory. Or watch the autumn Hunter full moon rising above the moorland, turning the heather silver. If you're new to stargazing, why not join in with one of our festivals or astronomy workshops and learn more about the universe around you?





Dark Sky Events and Programs

The autumn and winter months are the best time to see the night sky blazing above you, so that's when you'll find our Dark Sky Festivals in full swing! Our top tip, make sure you're wearing warm clothes and a woolly hat because it gets chilly at those times of year. With crystal-clear winter skies and minimal light pollution to spoil the show, our Dark Sky events are popular with stargazers of all ages.

If you want to see the night sky at its most majestic and join lots of like-minded astronomers, book in for our Dark Skies Festival in February.







Accessible Trails and Routes

The North York Moors is there for everyone of every age and ability to enjoy. To make it accessible for all, you'll find plenty of wheelchair-friendly experiences, trails and paths. Hire a Tramper all-terrain mobility scooter at one of seven top locations across the North York Moors. If you love the beach, there are accessible locations at Redcar, Saltburn, Sandsend, and Whitby, where you can also hire beach wheelchairs to make the most of your day.

For anyone who loves getting out and about, our Miles without Stiles includes routes suitable for anyone with restricted mobility, families with pushchairs or little ones, or less agile walkers. The North York Moors is an inclusive location, and we have specialist accommodation providers who cater to wheelchair users too.







Farmers' Markets and Local Produce

Local produce is something we're rightly proud of here in Yorkshire. We keep the food miles down by sourcing locally, so you get the best flavours, the most delicious food and drink, and the finest dining experience, all guilt-free. Crack open a juicy Whitby Lobster, or try a traditionally smoked kipper for breakfast. Add a crumbly, award-winning cheese to your crackers or discover traditional authentic French macarons and truffles right here in the heart of Yorkshire!

Our producers are committed to sustainable farming methods and you'll find plenty of organic options, as well as vegan and vegetarian-friendly produce. Fill up your plate, top up your glass, and tuck into local produce from the North York Moors!







Food Festivals and Events

With food and drink this good, it's no surprise that on the North York Moors, we're constantly celebrating with food festivals and events! Whether you're passionate about craft gins or can't get enough seafood, there's a festival for you. As well as the big festivals such as the Malton Food Lovers Festival and Scarborough Seafest, you'll find plenty of small events throughout the year, including Christmas markets.

Discover flavours you never knew existed, watch cooking demonstrations by internationally renowned chefs, and sample until you can't eat another bite or drink another drop! Keep a lookout for our weekly farmers' markets, and the food marquees at our country shows, too.







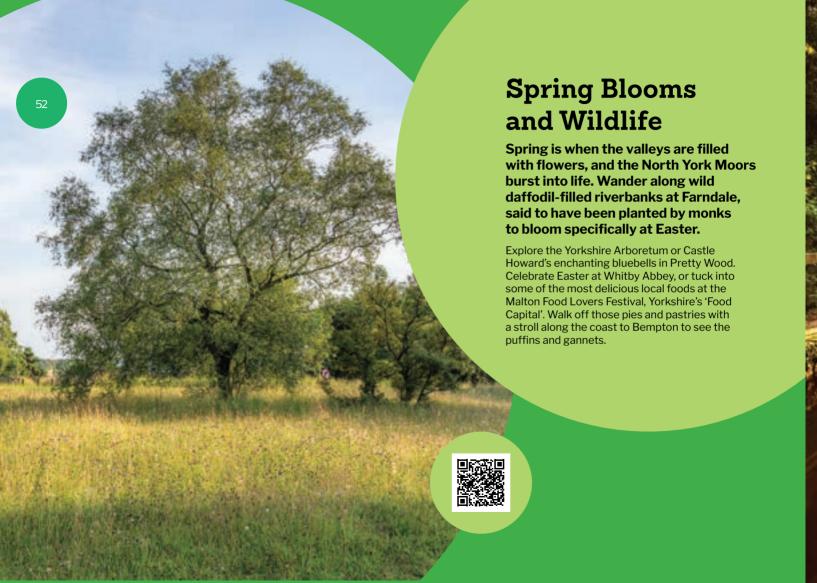


Accommodation Options

Feel like part of the family with a stay in a B&B, with cosy rooms and friendly hosts. Find your own slice of Yorkshire heaven in a cottage with roses around the door. Or go wild in the country with family campsites complete with pods and even the occasional converted pigsty.

No matter what kind of accommodation in the North York Moors you're looking for, you're guaranteed a warm welcome, a friendly smile, and a comfy bed.









Winter Wonderland and Activities

The wild beauty of the North York Moors in winter is something very special. But don't worry about getting wet because the North York Moors is one of the country's driest National Parks. So there's no excuse to stay indoors! Grab a good pair of boots and some warm clothing, and get out to experience the frosty mornings and stunning sunrises you get in the winter months. The towns are quieter so if you like it crowd-free but still as friendly as ever, visiting the North York Moors in the winter is perfect.

For a special Christmas treat, why not take the kids for a ride on the Santa Specials on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway? Or book in for a winter spa session at one of the many spas throughout the National Park. And when the sun sets, make the most of those crisp night skies with a bit of stargazing in our Dark Sky Reserve.







How to Get Here

There are many travel options when you head for the North York Moors. Excellent train links from London, Manchester, and Newcastle whisk you through the countryside and right to our doorstep here in Yorkshire. If you're sailing from the continent, ferries run from Rotterdam to Hull with P&O Ferries and Amsterdam to Newcastle with DFDS Seaways, where you can connect with bus or rail services.

Alternatively, you can hire a car and explore the North York Moors at your own pace. Once you're here, you can travel around by car, bus, bike or on foot. Take a trip through the enchanting Esk Valley. Or head into the heart of the National Park on the North Yorkshire Moors heritage railway.

Bus services from major centres, including Leeds, York, and Middlesbrough, are a fast and efficient way to get to the North York Moors. No matter how you choose to get here, you'll be welcomed and made to feel at home from the moment you arrive.







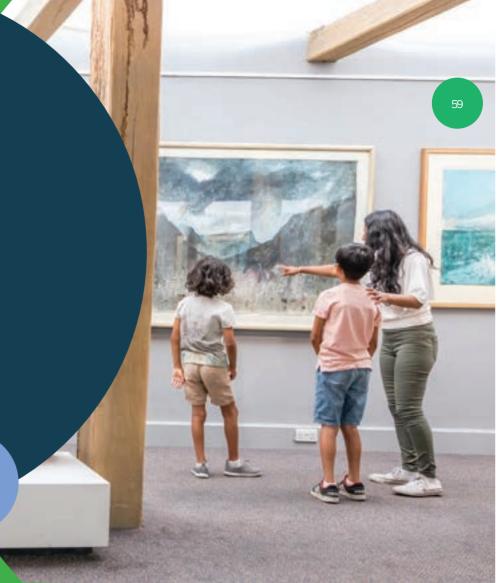




Visitor Centres

You'll find Tourist Information Centres or TICs, National Park Information Points, and Mobile Information Units in many of the towns and villages across the North York Moors. Drop into Sutton Bank or Danby Lodge National Park Centres.

The friendly staff will be happy to help you with queries about accommodation, tickets and festivals, maps and guidebooks, and public transport information. They'll also be delighted to share some local knowledge so you can get more out of the North York Moors. Don't forget to pick up a copy of our Out and About guide to the region, packed with useful information and great ideas for days out.









National Park Conservation Efforts

Community is at the very heart of everything we do. In such a rural location, farmers, landowners and everyone who lives and works on the North York Moors come together to protect our unique landscape.

From coastal erosion to the effects of climate change, the North York Moors National Park puts conservation and sustainability at the top of the list. Our Nature Recovery program is key to the National Park in addressing these crucial challenges.

We're all part of the process, ensuring that there's more to see for generations to come.



