

Durham Field Trip Information

The residential field trip this year, will be to County Durham. This area is well known for its lead and fluorite mining activities. Along with the many rocky outcrops and old quarries, there is much mining archaeology to see. There are mining museums at Nenthead, Killhope and Allenheads and at the last mine in the area, (which closed in the 90's), the steel, winding, headgear, can still be seen.

The mineral veins are hydrothermal, Mississippi Valley type deposits, in the Carboniferous limestone. Some of the rocks can be fossiliferous, containing crinoids in particular. One of these famous local stones, found in the Wear Valley, is Frosterley Marble.

In Tees Dale, a neighbouring valley, the High Force Falls can be seen, tumbling over the Whin Sill. The Whin can also be viewed, in all its glory, at Hadrian's Wall.

I hope you can join us. Space is limited, as we are staying in a 5 bedroom house, which sleeps 10. The cost of accommodation and meals are shared, with everyone taking a turn in the kitchen. If there is a huge amount of interest, it might be possible to book a second house. However, there is nothing to stop people staying in bed and breakfast and meeting us every morning for the excursions, if self - catering is not your thing.

Accommodation: Prospect House, Front St, Rookhope, Near Stanhope, Bishop Auckland, DL13 2BP