



FIELD TRIP TO DURHAM AND ITS CATHEDRAL

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(a contribution to Yorkshire Geology Month 2019)

A full day excursion to demonstrate the geology of the city of Durham and its influence on the siting and construction of the city, its castle and cathedral. Registration is required, please see below.



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Morning

10:30am Meet at the North Door (main entrance) of the Cathedral on Palace Green for a walk around the adjacent river banks to demonstrate aspects of the local Coal Measures and the river gorge, with particular reference to the site of the Cathedral, castle and city.

(12.30pm Lunch break)

Afternoon

1.30pm Brief illustrated talk and discussion to introduce aspects of the geological and historical background to the Cathedral and Durham's significance in the early development of geological science.

2.30pm Tour of the interior of the Cathedral to focus upon the influence of local geology on the form of the building, the sourcing of materials and the construction methods used in erecting Europe's finest Norman Cathedral (finish 4-30pm approx.)



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REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY EMAIL to fieldtrips@yorksgeolsoc.org.uk

Note that numbers for the Cathedral Tour at 2.30pm are limited to **25**. Numbers for the River Gorge walk and illustrated talk are more flexible. Please indicate in your email whether you wish to attend the Cathedral tour, or just the walk and talk. **Please note that, although there is no entrance fee for the Cathedral a charge of £5 is made on the day for guided tours.**

Please include the full name of all attendees in your email.

Full details of the itinerary and advice on travel and parking will be forwarded following registration.