

# North Yorkshire



Reward your pupils for their hard work this term with a visit to Lightwater Valley. With thrills, action and adventure it's a great day out that everyone will enjoy!

#### **Peace of mind for you.**

While the kids are having a great time, you can enjoy peace of mind that they are in a safe and secure environment. **Full risk assessments available.**

#### **Free Teacher Preview Tickets.**

Up to 2 free tickets per school are available for you to visit the park before your trip. It's a great way to plan your schools day out, carry out your own risk assessments or ask about risk assessments we can provide for you.



#### **Meal Deals So Simple. So Easy. No Hassle.**

A complete fresh and tasty meal at a fantastic money saving price. No need to carry a packed lunch with our great value pre-paid Meal Deal vouchers, redeemable in any Valley Refresh outlet in the Park. Enjoy a meal worth £5 for only £4.50, includes a FREE drink!

For more information: <http://www.lightwatervalley.co.uk/schools.php>



White Scar Cave represents an educational and fun day out for school-children. We are open from 10am daily **February to October**, weekends November to January (weather permitting). Because it's under cover, it makes an ideal winter day trip. From 01 November to 31 January, school and group visits on weekdays are available only through advance booking.

Guides explain the history and geology of the cave, taking into account the age range of the group. We provide professionally-produced worksheets relevant to the National Curriculum. Teachers go free! **Advance booking is advised.**



The tour begins near the original entrance found by Christopher Long, a student who discovered the cave in 1923. The path winds its way past cascading waterfalls, between massive banks of flowstone, and through galleries decorated with cream- and carrot- coloured stalactites and stalagmites. Under the steel-grid walkways you can see the stream rushing and foaming on its way. ...past cascading waterfalls, between massive banks of flowstone.. Your guide will show you curious cave formations, including the Devil's Tongue, the Arum Lily and the remarkably lifelike Judge's Head. The highlight of the tour is the 200,000 year old Battlefield Cavern. Over 330 feet long, with its roof soaring in places to 100 feet, this is one of the largest caverns in Britain. It contains literally thousands of delicate stalactites, which hang from the roof in great clusters. ...prehistoric mud pools, which have never been disturbed by man.. Special features of the cavern are the prehistoric mud pools, which have never been disturbed by man. Glowing high in the Battlefield Cavern is a cluster of fluorescing stalactites.

For more information: <http://www.whitescarnave.co.uk/Schools-&-Groups.html>

## **Abbey and Studley Royal**

### **Schools & teachers**

At Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal, we provide guided activities for all ages, led by our fully trained guides, as well as a range of self-led resources for you to use on site.

We have sorted what we offer by Key Stage, as all of our activities have cross-curricular links. We can provide a full list of curriculum links for any of our activities on request.

We welcome groups of any size. There is a reasonable charge per pupil for our guided provision, and small hire costs for our self-led packs.



### **The property**

We are open all year round. We are a large and mainly outdoor site, so some walking is inevitable. We are usually able to help visitors with mobility difficulties, especially if we know in advance. Practical outdoor clothing and footwear will be needed by all.

### **Our Learning Centre facilities**

Our dedicated Learning Centre at Swanley Grange has two large rooms used mainly for booked activities, where these groups may safely leave bags while on site. These rooms may also be used for lunch by groups booking an activity – and by others, if free. There is an outdoor courtyard and play area, and grand places for picnics in fine weather.

### **How long will you need?**

We recommend at least 2 hours for your visit, but most groups stay all day. We will help you to plan lunch and toilet visits!

### **Like to know more?**

All school visits need to be booked in advance. For more information on any of the activities, please telephone our learning staff on 01765 643167

For more information: <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-fountainsabbeyandstudleyroyalwatergarden.htm>



## Harlow Carr



In addition to the ornamental gardens, Harlow Carr is home to meadows, woodland, ponds, kitchen garden and much, much more, offering an exciting resource to support and enhance the school curriculum.

Our classroom is situated in the picturesque Study Centre at the bottom of the garden.

### **Pre-school and Primary school visits**

From ages 3-11 we offer an innovative, interactive programme to stimulate learning.

### **Secondary school visits**

Secondary schools are welcome to make use of the gardens as a resource for teaching a variety of subjects including science, art, D&T. If you have particular requirements for your visit, please contact us to discuss these.

### **Special schools**

We offer flexible, individually designed sessions to suit the needs of your students. Please contact us to discuss your requirements



For more information: <http://www.rhs.org.uk/Children/For-schools/School-visits-to-RHS-gardens/Harlow-Carr/Primary-school-visits>

## **Mother Shiptons Cave**

Mother Shipton is England's most famous Prophetess. She lived some 500 years ago during the reigns of King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I.

Her Prophetic visions became known and feared throughout England, with many of them still proving uncannily accurate today. The Cave, her legendary birthplace is near to the famous, unique, geological phenomenon - The Petrifying Well. See its magical cascading waters turn items into stone!

The Petrifying Well is England's Oldest Visitor Attraction, first opening its gates in 1630!

Mother Shiptons Cave & The Petrifying Well lie at the heart of the Mother Shipton Estate – a relic of the Ancient Forest of Knaresborough.



### **Pay us a visit;**

- ★ **Mother Shiptons Cave**
- ★ **The Petrifying Well**
- ★ **The Old Wishing Well of Good Fortune**
- ★ **Push button information points**
- ★ **Museum**
- ★ **A mile long, beautiful riverside park with scenic picnic areas**
- ★ **Woodland Walk**
- ★ **Tea rooms and gift shop**
- ★ **Two Adventure playgrounds and Trail Quiz with chocolate prize!**
- ★ **Illustrated information panels**

Special discount rates apply for school visits. A visit links well with Key Stages 1 to 3 in History, Science, Geography and English. Please call for more information or to arrange a visit, or email

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For more information: <http://www.mothershiptoncave.com/info.htm>





# Ripley Castle North Yorkshire

*The splendour of a castle, the warmth of a family home*

Ripley Castle is an ideal location to aid the enhancement of children's education. Field trips are an important part of an every child's development. Our guides can make the history of this 700 year old Castle, which is steeped in history, come alive and maintain their enthusiasm with interesting and fascinating anecdotes.

In 2009 the Ingilby family celebrated 700 years at Ripley Castle. For any family to occupy the same house for 700 years is truly remarkable. All those letters, deeds and documents that tend to get lost, damaged or thrown away when you move from one house to another have survived, and give a unique record of the family's history, their births, marriages and deaths, their trials and their tribulations, during the course of the last seven centuries. It gives some indication how the family survived, despite plagues, civil wars, attempts at regicide, religious and political conspiracies, broken marriages, inept heirs and, yes, numerous periods of dire economic hardship!

We have compiled an Education Information Pack, which is designed to assist teachers, before during and after a visit to Ripley Castle. This is available on our web site.

If you would like a hard copy of the Education Pack please contact Jenny Carter at [jcarter@ripleycastle.co.uk](mailto:jcarter@ripleycastle.co.uk) and we will be happy to send one to your school free of charge.



If you would like to visit Ripley Castle before bringing your pupils, our guides are more than happy to meet you. Tell them the subject you are covering and they can tailor the tour to that subject area.

For more information: <http://www.ripleycastle.co.uk/education.html>