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# PRIOR INCANTATO

Welcome to the **A Novel Holiday** travel guidebook, **Harry Potter Places Book Four—NEWTs: Northeastern England Wizarding Treks**, the fourth of five guidebooks designed to help *Harry Potter* Fans (**Potterites**) visit places found in the United Kingdom of Great Britain (the **UK**) that are associated with the *Harry Potter* Universe (the **Potterverse**). In the Potterverse, you'll find:

- Real-life places mentioned within J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* novels.
- Real-life locations where *Harry Potter* movie filming took place.
- Real-life sites that significantly influenced *Harry Potter* movie studio set design.

The **Prior Incantato** section is the *Harry Potter Places Travel Guidebook Introduction*. As such, it contains important explanations of the symbols and terminology found within each of the five *Harry Potter Places* (**HPP**) travel guidebooks.

## **Harry Potter Places Portkeys**

To assist Potterites using eBook-reading devices that don't have a web browser—devices from which you cannot apparate—or Potterites using a printed HPP travel guidebook, we've created **HPP Portkeys**: Internet-posted PDFs containing all the Internet resource links provided in each section of every HPP book.

Go to **HarryPotterPlaces.com**. Click on the link for **Book Four**, then click on the **Supplementums** link. There you can access the Portkeys.

## **Harry Potter Places Ratings Icon Guide**

It took more than three years of research, but we managed to find *sixty-eight* (**68**) **Potter Places in the UK**—specifically on the island of Great Britain. However, not all of these sites are places every Potterite will enjoy. Thus, we assessed each for their reasonable importance to an average Potterite's UK holiday, and created icons that provide an *at-a-glance* recognition of their rating.

 The **Great Site** icon indicates a Potter Place you don't want to miss. These are important sites mentioned in the books, or film locations readily recognized in real-life.

 The **Might Be Fun** icon identifies places some Potterites might find disinteresting, or unworthy of the inconvenience required to reach them. Each Might-Be-Fun Site's entry explains why it received that rating.

 The **Skip It** icon is assigned to places we strongly suggest you *avoid* visiting, and the Site's entry explains why. Although we provide SatNav/GPS coordinates and/or addresses for Skip-It-rated sites, we do not provide directions for finding them, nor are Skip-It sites included in *any* of the suggested *Harry Potter Places* itineraries. Potterites divinely inspired to visit any Skip-It site should investigate the location using the information provided in its Site entry, then create their own itineraries.

## The Potterite Prime Directive

To **POLITELY** Go Where Potterites Need to Go  
— without **PERTURBING** anybody —  
So That Other Potterites Can **Continue**  
to ENJOY GOING THERE!

It is vitally important that all Potterites be as polite as possible when visiting *any* Potter Place. This rule is even more important when visiting a Site situated within a **private Muggle neighborhood**. It only takes *one* noisy or disrespectful fan to ruin the reception experienced by *all* Potterites who visit thereafter. Please be the very best **Potterite Ambassador** you can possibly be, everywhere you go.

## Terminology Used within the *Harry Potter Places* Travel Guidebooks

Like any other author of fiction, J.K. Rowling (JKR) exercised *artistic license* when selecting or creating names, phrases, and terms for her Potterverse. Most often, she borrowed from Latin and Greek languages or mythologies. Occasionally, JKR's Potterverse terminology was influenced by other languages, such as French, Irish, Italian—even Arabic. Below is a resource link that discusses the origin of Potterverse names, phrases, and terms.

<http://www.languagerealm.com/hplang/harrypotterlanguage.php>

Another origin of Potterverse names, phrases, and terms reference link was offered in Harry Potter Places Books One, Two, and Three:

<http://www.harrypotterfanzone.com/word-origins/>

Unfortunately, the Harry Potter Fan Zone has recently disappeared from the Internet! Thanks to the WayBack Machine website, we found that now-defunct HPFZ page, and created a PDF file of it:

<http://www.HarryPotterPlaces.com/DefunctWordOriginsHPFZpage.pdf>

JKR also often used words that *predate* her creation of the Potterverse, such as Witch, Wizard, broomstick, and the like. Sometimes, JKR altered the previously-popular meaning of the words she used. For instance, *Time Magazine* reported in 1931 that “Muggle” was one of several slang names for a **marijuana cigarette**.

**Please Note:** As of 2012, the 1931 *Time Magazine* “Muggle” article link offered in the Prior Incantato sections of Harry Potter Places Books One through Three has been blocked from public access, unless you subscribe to *Time Magazine*. Thanks again to the WayBack Machine website, we found a pre-blocked copy of that article and created a PDF file of it:

<http://www.HarryPotterPlaces.com/1931TimeMugglesArticle.pdf>

The authors of *Harry Potter Places* have similarly exercised artistic license when using Potterverse terminology within our travel guidebooks. Some names, phrases, and terms used within HPP have the same meaning as they do in the Potterverse. Others have been redefined.

For example: **Prior Incantato** is a Potterverse incantation spoken to reveal the last spell performed by a wand. JKR created this phrase from the Latin word, *prior*, meaning former or previous, in combination with *incanto*, meaning “to enchant,” or *incantate*, meaning “to speak a spell.” However, in the *Harry Potter Places* travel guidebooks, Prior Incantato is the title of each books’ **Introduction**.

# LUMOS BRITANNIA

Lumos Britannia provides general tips for Potterites planning a visit to **the United Kingdom of Great Britain**—aka **Britannia**, aka **the UK**.

## UK Travel Guidebooks

Consider purchasing one or more **Non-Potter (Muggle) UK travel guidebooks related to the areas where you'll be Pottering**. If your holiday is solely Potter-centric, a UK Muggle travel guidebook is *not* necessary—*Harry Potter Places* will take care of you. However, Potterites also interested in visiting Non-Potter UK places will benefit from buying one *or more* Muggle travel guidebooks.

The *Harry Potter Places* Travel Store offers links to many of the Travel Guidebooks mentioned below, including several eBook versions.

### ***Harry Potter Places* Recommends Rick Steves' Travel Guidebooks**

<http://www.ricksteves.com>

Rick Steves has been researching and writing truly excellent travel guidebooks for over 20 years, and he publishes three frequently-updated UK guides for the places you might be traveling to. Potterites only visiting London should buy *Rick Steves' London*. If you'll be visiting London and Oxford (and/or other places in England), purchase *Rick Steves' England*. If you'll be visiting England, Wales, *and* Scotland, buy *Rick Steves' Great Britain*.

### **Other Popular UK Muggle Travel Guidebook Companies Include:**

Fodor's Travel Guides

<http://www.fodors.com>

Frommer's Travel Guides

<http://www.frommers.com/>

Lonely Planet Guides

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/>

Rough Guides

<http://www.roughguides.com/>

## **Avail Yourself of the FREE UK Travel Tips Available on the Internet**

Here are our favorites.

# ALNWICK CASTLE



(SITE #44)

## **Sorcerer's Stone and Chamber of Secrets Film Sites**

<http://www.alnwickcastle.com>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alnwick\\_Castle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alnwick_Castle)

**Google Maps UK:** Alnwick Castle, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 1NQ

🚗 SatNav/GPS coordinates and Parking Tips are provided in the **Driving to Alnwick Castle** section.

**Operation Hours:** Open daily from 10am to 6pm in the spring and summer (between March 31st and September 30th, 2012).

**Please Note:** The Castle *occasionally* closes for administrative reasons or special events. Consult Alnwick Castle's website to check opening times during your holiday dates.

**Entry Fee:** Adults £14.00 (\$23), Seniors £12.60 (\$20), Children 5-16 years old £7.00 (\$11), under-5 years old free. If you purchase tickets online, you'll receive a 5% discount.

**Visit Time:** Enjoying Alnwick Castle's film sites, tours, activities, exhibits, performances or events, **could easily fill an entire day**—especially when accompanied by children, or if you're also a garden fan. Schedule a *minimum* of 2 hours to visit the Gift Shop and the five Harry Potter film sites. Add an additional 45 to 60 minutes for *each* of the Alnwick Castle tours, activities, exhibits, or events that strike your fancy.

### **Parseltongue Pointers:**

- Aln (the River) = "ALAN"
- Alnmouth = "ALAN-muth"
- **Alnwick** (Village and Castle) = "ANN-ick"
- Northumberland = "north-UM-ber-lund"



**Alnwick Castle** dates back to the late 11th century, near the end of the Norman Conquest, when it was a medieval fortress designed to defend the English border by guarding the road that crosses the River Aln. Its earliest parts were erected some time around 1096 by **Yves de Vescy, 1st Baron of Alnwick**.

Alnwick Castle was purchased in 1309 by another Baron, **Henry Percy**. As the **1st Lord of Alnwick**, Henry Percy began the first of many major castle restorations and additions during the hundreds of years the Percy family has lived there.

In fact, because the Percys have lived in Alnwick Castle for over 700 years, Alnwick Castle is officially considered the second largest, continuously-inhabited castle in all of England—**Windsor Castle** being the largest.

To learn more about Alnwick Castle's colorful history, visit the marvelously-condensed Alnwick Castle page of **Time Travel Britain's** website:  
<http://www.timetravel-britain.com/articles/castles/alnwick.shtml>

## Alnwick Castle is Enormous!



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Occupying more than five acres of land (217,800 square feet / 20,234.282 square meters), Alnwick Castle consists of two irregular rings of stone battlements and buildings. The inner ring is a large bailey (courtyard) surrounded by at least ten interconnected buildings, most of which are several stories high. The huge outer ring is populated by the Barbican and Gatehouse, several medieval towers, two large medieval courtyards, and a southern range of interconnected buildings that currently house the **International Study Programme for Saint Cloud State University, Minnesota, USA**.

The Alnwick Castle Shop and Café are found in one of the large courtyards. The other courtyard (*just beyond* the lower left corner of the photo above) contains the Knight's Quest and Dragon Quest exhibitions.

The current Duke—**Ralph Richard Percy, 12th Duke of Northumberland**—and his family occupy only a small portion of the castle. Each spring and summer the bulk of Alnwick Castle is open to the public. Tourist income enables the Percys to maintain and preserve all of the castle's contents and architecture, to fund frequent improvements designed to enhance visitors' experience, and ensure future tourist trade.

As of 2012, portions of at least **17 major motion pictures** and **21 televisions shows** have been filmed at Alnwick Castle.

The first movie filmed at Alnwick Castle was *Becket*, in 1964—a Paramount Pictures movie starring Richard Burton, Peter O’Toole, and John Gielgud.

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0057877/>

The first television show filmed here was *Count Dracula*, in 1977.

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0075882/>

*Sorcerer’s Stone* scenes were filmed at Alnwick Castle in October of 2000, followed by *Chamber of Secrets* filming in March of 2002.

**Please Note:** Although many Internet sources (including Wikipedia) often list Alnwick Castle as being a film site for several other Harry Potter movies—including the two *Deathly Hallows* films—that information is **false**. Only *Sorcerer’s Stone* and *Chamber of Secrets* scenes (and background plates) were filmed here.

<http://www.alnwickcastle.com/explore/film-and-tv>

👓👓👓 **If we had a Triple Great Site rating, Alnwick Castle would earn it.** No other UK film site has so enthusiastically embraced and accommodated Harry Potter fans.

In addition to plenty of Potter-Specific and Potter-Related tours, activities and exhibits, Alnwick Castle offers a multitude of interesting Non-Potter events and performances. Furthermore, enjoyment of all these tours, activities and exhibits, events and performers, are *included* in the Alnwick Castle admission fee.

## Daily Alnwick Castle Potter-Specific Offerings

Go to the *What’s On* webpage and click on the **Show All** link to discover what is scheduled on the dates you’re considering for your visit.

<http://www.alnwickcastle.com/whats-on>

When you arrive at the Castle, check the **Schedule Board** and note the day’s event times.

## Broomstick Training Sessions!

“Master your broomstick and take your first flying lesson with our resident wizards ... Broomsticks provided. See times on arrival.”



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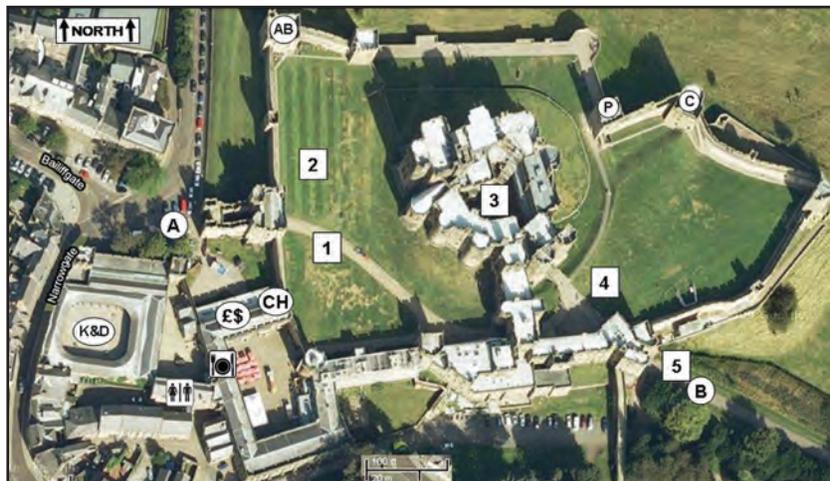
## Sipping and Supping at Alnwick Castle

Enjoy inexpensive fare purchased from the **Medieval Courtyard food stands**, chow down in the casual **Courtyard Café**, or go whole-Hogwarts and dine in the posh **Hotspur Restaurant**.

<http://www.alnwickcastle.com/eat>

## The Alnwick Castle Potter Places Map

We highly recommend that Potterites plan to enjoy at least *one* Battleaxe to Broomsticks tour—*without* worrying about snapping screenshot reproductions while touring. Our **Alnwick Castle Potter Places Map** is designed to help you visit the **Five Harry Potter film sites** before or after touring—or, instead of touring, if your time here is severely limited.



[Underlying map ©2009 Google Maps UK]

<http://www.HarryPotterPlaces.com/b4/AlnwickPotterMap.pdf>

Also included in the Alnwick Castle Potter Places PDF are four maps related to Alnwick Village **parking options** and **walking directions** for Potterites who park or arrive by Bus.

## The Alnwick Castle Potter Places Map Key

Numbers in boxes identify the five Harry Potter film sites.

The Alnwick Castle Potter Pix guide (below) explains what was filmed at each of these locations.

### **Circled Letters and Symbols identify Alnwick Castle structures.**

**A** Main Castle Entrance, Barbican and Gatehouse, on Bailiffgate (street)

**AB** Abbot's Tower, Regimental Museum of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers

**B** Secondary Castle Entrance (facing Alnwick Garden)



[*Sorcerer's Stone* screenshots (enhanced) above and below]



### **A Special Potter Pic Opportunity**

Approximately two blocks south of Alnwick Castle's Bailiffgate Main Entrance is a street called **Pottergate**! Little more than a block long, Pottergate runs west from **Narrowgate** road to the **Pottergate Tower**—an 18th century rebuild of a Medieval Gate that was one of four access points back when Alnwick Village was enclosed by a protective stone wall.

You cannot miss Pottergate. A lantern-topped, stone water fountain is mounted in the middle of its eastern mouth at Narrowgate. Walk a few feet west from the fountain on Pottergate and **turn left into the first lane—a lane also called Pottergate**. Look to your right for the Pottergate sign mounted on a stone wall.



[©2009 Google Maps UK street view segments (enhanced)]

The maps on pages 2, 3, and 5 of our Alnwick Castle Potter Maps PDF show the location of both Pottergate streets, with a **red X** marking the Pottergate sign site.

The **circled-T** on those maps identifies Pottergate Tower. Sadly, the tower doesn't sport a plaque on its side, and you cannot climb to its top. **Thus, there are no Potter Pic opportunities at Pottergate Tower.**

## Non-Potter Places at Alnwick Castle

Several exciting exhibitions and museums are housed within three of Alnwick Castle's medieval towers, and within the Coach House next to the Shop and Café. Your admission ticket includes entry to all these features, and all are briefly described within the **Alnwick Castle pamphlet** you'll receive upon arrival.

### Circled Letters on Our Alnwick Castle Potter Places Map:

**AB** **Abbot's Tower** contains the Regimental Museum of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

<http://www.northumberlandfusiliers.org.uk/>

**C** **Constable's Tower** houses military displays related to the Napoleonic wars (1798-1814), such as the **Percy Tenantry Volunteers** exhibition.

**CH** **The Coach House** contains a small collection of antique transportation devices, ranging from the Northumberland Ducal Coach to sedan chairs and bicycles.

**P** **Postern Tower** contains an historical exhibit about the Dukes of Northumberland and their interest in **archaeology**. It also houses an **Antiquities Museum** with displays including mosaics from Pompeii, relics from Ancient Egypt, and Romano-British objects.

## Going to Alnwick Castle

### Public Transportation

<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

⇒ Approximately 4 miles from the village of Alnwick, the nearest Railway Station is in the village of **Alnmouth**. Alnmouth Railway Station [ALM] is a regular stop on the East Coast service between London Kings Cross and Edinburgh.

**Please Note:** There is no Luggage Storage or Taxi Rank at ALM, nor at the Alnmouth or Alnwick Bus Stations.

🚌 **Busses to the Alnwick Bus Station** (which is little more than a bus parking lot) are readily available at the Alnmouth Bus Station, a 2 minute walk from ALM. The bus journey between Alnmouth and Alnwick is only about 15 minutes. Be sure to ask the driver for a return bus schedule.

Alnwick Castle and Garden is only an 8 minute walk from the Alnwick Bus Station [see page 5 of our Alnwick Castle Potter Maps PDF].

**TAXI** To take a Taxi from ALM to Alnwick Castle or Garden, you'll need to contact a local service and *prebook a cab* to meet you at the Alnmouth Railway Station.

**The following Alnwick Taxi services have websites.**

<http://cheaptaxialnwick.co.uk/>

<http://www.knightstaxi.com/>

<http://alnwick.inuklocal.co.uk/Transport/Taxis/Petes-Taxis-117-10533>

<http://www.taxialnmouth.com/>

<http://www.theyellowtaxi.co.uk/>

**Be sure to also prebook your return trip.** Beware of Taxi drivers who insist they can quickly come and get you when you call them. The wait for *any* Taxi called from Alnwick Castle or Garden—even using the driver's personal phone number—can sometimes be **well over an hour**.

If you aren't sure how long you'll be spending in Alnwick, prebook a Taxi to take you to the Castle or Garden, then walk to Alnwick Bus Station after your visit and catch the next bus back to ALM. You can snag your Pottergate pic on the way to the bus station.

### Alnwick Castle Public Transportation Luggage Laments

If you're traveling to Alnwick by Rail or Bus and *not* lodging in the village, be prepared to lug your luggage around all day long!



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As of 2012, no public luggage storage facility is available within Alnwick Village, at the Castle, or at the Garden. With luck, the letters we've written to Alnwick Castle and Garden will encourage them to eventually install luggage lockers.

**You can help!** When visiting the Alnwick Castle and Garden websites during your holiday planning, contact them and ask about luggage storage locker availability.

[info@alnwickcastle.com](mailto:info@alnwickcastle.com)

[info@alnwickgarden.com](mailto:info@alnwickgarden.com)

If Alnwick Castle and Garden still don't offer luggage lockers at the time of your contact, you'll at least have **registered a need for this service**, and helped to encourage them to provide it.

In the mean time, the **Alnwick Youth Hostel** has generously offered to assist baggage-burdened Potterites. See the **Check in Cheap** info above and contact them about the possibility of stowing your bags for the day. Unfortunately, if the Alnwick YHA is heavily booked on your visit date, they'll not have room to store your luggage.

## Driving to Alnwick Castle

The best SatNav/GPS coordinates for reaching Alnwick are those that lead to **parking places**, and **the length of your intended stay** dictates the parking places best for your needs.

**Please Note:** If you're planning to only spend 2 to 4 hours at Alnwick Castle, but your itinerary is *flexible* and allows for a potentially longer visit, **park in a Long Stay lot and pay for more than 4 hours**. That way, you'll avoid having to move your car after discovering that we weren't exaggerating about how much fun you'll have at Alnwick Castle.

## Alnwick Village Parking for Less Than 4 Hours

[Page 2 of the Alnwick Castle Potter Maps PDF]

# DURHAM CATHEDRAL



(SITE #45)

## Portions of Hogwarts Castle and Professor McGonagall's Classroom

<http://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durham\\_Cathedral](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durham_Cathedral)

<http://www.durhamworldheritagesite.com/architecture/cathedral>

**Google Maps UK:** Durham Cathedral, Durham DH1 3EH *or* 54.773611, -1.576111

 **SatNav/GPS coordinates** and parking tips are provided in the **Driving to Durham Cathedral** section.

**Operation Hours and Entry Fees** information is provided below.

**Visit Time:** Schedule *at least* 2 hours for your visit—3 to 4 hours if you enjoy historic architecture.

### Parseltongue Pointers:

- Durham = “DUR-um”
- Saint Cuthbert = “KUTH-bert” (*not* “KOOOTH-bert”)



Officially titled **The Cathedral Church of Christ, Blessed Mary the Virgin, and St Cuthbert of Durham**, this magnificent example of Norman architecture is commonly known as **Durham Cathedral**. Construction of its earliest portions began in 1093 and took 40 years to complete. Originally a **Benedictine Monastery**, it became one of the most important **Church of England** Cathedrals in 1539—after Henry VIII disbanded and either destroyed or repurposed all Catholic monasteries, priories, convents and friaries in England, Wales and Ireland.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, Durham Cathedral suffered numerous indignities, including some grievous alterations of its original Norman structure. Thankfully, much of what had been damaged was restored during the 19th century. And, in 1986, Durham Cathedral was designated a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) **World Heritage Site**, thus ensuring its ongoing protection and preservation.

Durham Cathedral's relationship with Harry Potter began in October of 2000, when *Sorcerer's Stone* scenes were filmed there, followed by the shooting of *Chamber of Secrets* scenes in March of 2002. Although no other location filming took place there after that,

exterior and interior aspects of Durham Cathedral have been reflected throughout **all** the Harry Potter movies: in the design of Hogwarts Castle's CGI exterior, Hogwarts background plates, and Hogwarts interior sets.

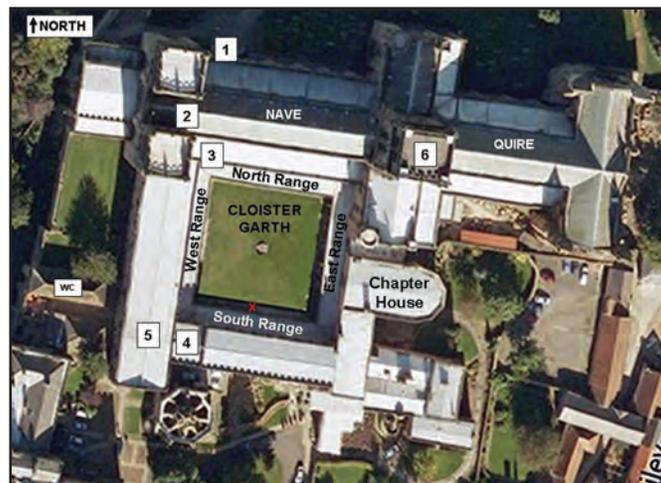
**No photography is allowed within Durham Cathedral proper.**

Happily, the Cathedral area is *not* a Potter film site. All Potter scenes were shot within Durham's four **Cloister Ranges**, the **Cloister Garth**, the **Chapter House**, and from the top of the Cathedral's **Central Tower**. And, all of these areas are publicly accessible, *except for* the Chapter House (more info about that in the Potter Pix directions).

## The Durham Cathedral Potter Map

To help Potterites find each of the film sites found here, we created the **Durham Cathedral Potter Map**, and posted it on the *Harry Potter Places* website.

<http://www.HarryPotterPlaces.com/b4/DurhamPotterMap.pdf>



[Underlying image (enhanced and edited) ©2011 Google Maps UK]

## The Durham Cathedral Potter Map KEY

**1** Durham Cathedral's **Main Entrance**, once known as the **North Portal**.

**2** **Information Desk**

**3** **Durham Cloisters Entrance**

**4** The **Monastic Great Kitchen** that houses the **Cathedral Gift Shop**. (During 2012 renovations, the shop is being moved to the Undercroft.)

**5** **Undercroft Restaurant**

**6** **Central Tower**

**WC** The **Water Closet** (public toilet) is accessed *through* the restaurant.

**X** marks the spot of the **Cloister Garth Access Gate**.



### Durham Cathedral Potter Pic #6

After launching from Harry's arm, Hedwig flew past Durham Cathedral's Central Tower. This angle of the Central Tower can be shot from Durham's South Cloister Range.



[*Sorcerer's Stone* screenshot (enhanced)]

### The Chapter House

<http://www.durhamworldheritagesite.com/architecture/cathedral/intro/chapter-house>

Turn left at the end of the South Range. About half-way down the **East Cloister Range** you'll find the door to the **Chapter House** where **Professor McGonagall's classroom scenes** were filmed for *SS* and *COS*. Three sides of this room's marvelous Norman architecture sport an unmistakable march of stone-carved column façades, topped by intersecting arches.



[Chamber of Secrets screenshot (enhanced)]

Since the release of *Sorcerer's Stone* in 2001, visiting Potterites have often pleaded for public access to the Chapter House. Unfortunately, Durham Cathedral continues to deny it—for several reasons.

Cathedral officials prefer to downplay the Cathedral's role as a frequent film site for major motion pictures and television shows.

“Groups or individuals seeking information concerning the filming [of *SS* or *COS*] will find that Cathedral stewards and guides are more than willing to talk about the history and architecture of this 900 year old place of worship rather than the short time when it was used as a location for these two films.”

However, the possibility of opening the Chapter House to the public *was* investigated in 2006—after all, it is a significant section of the 11th century Benedictine Monastery's claustral buildings. Among other findings, the investigation determined that:

- The Chapter House is a secure working space, used every day by Cathedral Vergers, clergy and choir.
- Two other rooms vital to facilitating Cathedral services and operation can only be accessed from the Chapter House.
- There is no alternative space for the essential uses of the Chapter House.

**The 2006 Conclusion:** Opening the Chapter House to the public would seriously interfere with the worship life of Durham Cathedral.

Although polite Potterites will agree that interference with Durham Cathedral's worship life is a bad thing, all is not lost! The locked East Cloister Range Chapter House door is flanked by two leaded glass windows.

## Lodging Options

Durham Cathedral is a **between-site foray**. Located north of **Goathland** (Site #46), and south of **Alnwick Castle** (Site #44), explore lodgings at the site you'll reach at the end of your Durham visit day.

## Going to Durham Cathedral

### Public Transportation

Use the directions and links found on the **Directions-to-Durham** page of the *This is Durham* official tourism website.

<http://www.thisisdurham.com/site/tourist-information-and-maps/directions-to-durham>

 Durham Railway Station [DHM] is approximately a 3-hour train journey from Central London.

 After arriving at DHM, ask for directions to the place where you can board a Bus that will take you to Durham Cathedral. Ask the driver for return bus times and boarding place information before you disembark.

**Please Note:** Luggage Storage lockers are not available at DHM, within the city, at Durham Cathedral, or at Durham Castle. However, if you'll be Pottering to the top of the Central Tower, do that first. After paying the £5 entry fee, the Stewards will stash your luggage during your climb. Upon your descent, politely ask them to keep it stashed while you Potter in the Cloisters. We suspect that they'll agree, unless Central Tower traffic is particularly heavy on the day of your visit.

### Driving to Durham Cathedral

 SatNav/GPS Driving coordinates: DH1 3UJ

The post code above is for the **Prince Bishops Shopping Centre** in Durham.

<http://www.princebishops.co.uk/>

The Prince Bishops Shopping Centre's multi-level, covered **Car Park** is open 24 hours a day, all year long, and is the most convenient place to park when visiting Durham Cathedral. Prince Bishops' car park entrance is off of west-bound Leazes Road (the A690), at the northeastern area of the Shopping Centre complex. Watch for it on your left when arriving from the east.

If arriving from the *west*, there is a roundabout just east of the complex. Drive past the complex and follow the roundabout until you are heading back the way you came, and look to your left for the exit lane leading to Prince Bishops Car Park.

# MALHAM COVE



(SITE #48)

## **A Deathly Hallows Part One Campsite**

<http://www.malhamdale.com>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malham\\_Cove](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malham_Cove)

**Google Maps UK:** 54.070833, -2.158611

**Operation Hours and Entry Fee:** None. But, do *not* begin your hike to the Limestone Pavement film site less than 2 hours before sunset—no matter which route you use to get there.

**Visit Dates:** Avoid visiting Malham Cove between November and March. Icy rains or heavy snowfalls may occur with little warning during those months, seriously endangering any hiker in the area.

**Visit Time:** If you'll not be overnighing in the village, schedule **no less than 2 hours** for your Malham visit. That time frame allows 40 minutes to reach the film site (you'll need to hustle), 40 minutes to visit the film site, and 40 minutes to return to where you parked. Scheduling **3 hours** in Malham will afford a more leisurely hike, and also give you time to enjoy a sip or sup at the Lister Arms Hotel (where *DHp1* cast and crew lodged).

### **Parseltongue Pointers:**

- Malham = "MAL-um"
- Pennine Way = "PEN-NINE way" (not "pen-noon")
- Yorkshire = "YORK-sheer"



In 1954, an area of 680 square miles (1,770 square kilometers) was designated as the **Yorkshire Dales National Park** (YDNP). A section of the **Pennine Way**—an ancient National Trail in England—runs through the YDNP. And, over 20,000 people live and work within the many towns and villages located within the YDNP.

<http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yorkshire\\_Dales](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yorkshire_Dales)

<http://www.thepennineway.co.uk/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennine\\_Way](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennine_Way)

Just northwest of the YDNP village of **Malham**, part of the Pennine Way leads to a grand natural amphitheatre known as **Malham Cove**.



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- If you'll be hiking the **Back-Way route**, pack a compass and a whistle. The sheep that live in the area tend to create extra paths willy-nilly. Although it's unlikely that you'll get lost, it's best to be prepared.

## The Exclusive *Harry Potter Places* Back-Way Route

You'll not find mention of this route on any website or in any other travel guidebook—at least not until after *Harry Potter Places* Book Four is published. We devised our Limestone Pavement Back-Way directions after spending several hours using the **Google Maps UK** Streetview function to *virtually* explore the Malham area.

Then we checked our findings with Malham locals. (The Lister Arms and Buck Inn folks were very, very helpful.) Finally, Tara Bellers tested and *confirmed* our Back-Way route in July of 2011. She reports that it is a pleasant, comfortable walk and an easy route to follow.

Next, we created a collection of five **Google UK map** image sections—augmenting each to identify points and landmarks important to following our Back-Way route—and posted it on our website:

<http://www.HarryPotterPlaces.com/b4/BackWayMaps.pdf>

The only thing missing from our Back-Way Maps is the **directions** you'll find below!

## Directions for the *Harry Potter Places* Back-Way Route

The **Lister Arms Hotel** is the start point for our Back-Way route. If you'll be lodging here, use the post code below to arrive at their car park.

**SatNav/GPS:** BD23 4DB

To reach the Lister Arms from elsewhere in Malham, follow our **Walk to the Malham Cove Limestone Pavement Film Site** directions, provided at the end of this chapter.



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Once through the opening, you'll be free to walk to Malham Cove's limestone pavement and search for places to take your Potter Pix.

### **For Your Return Trip, Reverse the Back-Way Route**

Because Malham Cove's 400 steps are so steep, narrow and uneven, Malham locals unanimously share the opinion that **walking down the Cove steps is even more dangerous than walking up them!** Do not walk down the Cove steps unless certain that you are physically capable of slowly and safely doing so.

Instead, trek back through the sheep fields to the tor. Turn right on Malham Rakes (road) and head back to the Lister Arms Hotel, where you should enjoy a well-deserved sip or sup.

## **The Malham Village Potter Place**



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## Going to Malham Cove

### Public Transportation

Using public transportation to reach Malham will take significantly longer than the time required to drive here, but the village *can* be reached via train and bus. The best resource for Malham public transportation information is:

<http://www.malhamdale.com/transport.htm>

### Driving to Malham

**Please Note:** Being a small country village, many of the roads leading to and from Malham are extremely narrow, and often have very poor visibility due to frequent bends and stone walls that closely-line *both* sides of the road. After rounding any bend you may suddenly encounter a slow-moving farm vehicle, walkers or cyclists, loose cattle or sheep or deer (oh my). Please drive slowly and with care.

**Do Not Park on the side of *any* Malham country road.** The cleared roadside verges you'll occasionally encounter are not parking places. They are intended to facilitate on-coming vehicle-passing (if the verge is on the *left*, **you** are supposed to pull over), or places that trucks and the like can use to turn around.

Furthermore, vehicles parked in remote locations are tempting targets for *thieves*. Please park only at your lodgings or in an officially recognized car park.

 **Malham SatNav/GPS:** Chapel Gate, Malham, North Yorkshire BD23 4

The coordinates above lead to a spot just south of the **Malham National Park Centre**—the best place to park if you'll not be lodging in Malham.

As you approach Malham village from the south, the National Park Centre is the first building you'll see on your left. Turn left into the driveway to reach the Centre's car park.

After parking, purchase a **Pay-And-Display** ticket and follow directions for **where to place it**. Some UK P&D tickets must be placed on the dashboard, some must be stuck to the windscreen (windshield), some must be posted in the passenger-side window. Hefty fines will find you if you fail to correctly post a P&D ticket.

 You may be able to walk directly east from your parking place—cutting between or through one of the buildings that line the east side of the Centre's car park—to reach **Chapel Gate** (road) and turn left to head for Malham Cove or the Back-Way route. However, it's probably best to first visit the National Park Centre and at least obtain **local weather information** before beginning your Limestone Pavement film site trek.

### **Walk to the Malham Cove Limestone Pavement Film Site**

If you'll not be walking from the Malham National Park Centre, below is a link to a Malham map that clearly identifies the National Park Centre, the Youth Hostel, the Lister Arms Hotel, and many other Malham Village buildings. To follow our walking directions, you first must reach the triangular island seen just northeast of the Buck Inn.

[http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/224884/malham-4.pdf](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/224884/malham-4.pdf)

 **When exiting the Malham National Park Centre**, turn left and walk east to **Chapel Gate** (road). ♦ Turn left and walk north. ♦ As you pass the **Buck Inn** on your left, you'll

# THE END

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