

Parking and Shuttle Buses



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9.30am - 4.30pm

Wednesday 19 February 2025

Monday 24 March 2025

Saturday 26 April 2025

Travelling to the University...

We strongly encourage all visitors to use public transport. Parking in Durham city and at nearby Park and Ride car parks is limited and we are unable to provide University parking unless you have access needs.

Visitors with access needs

Please let us know on your booking form if you or a guest has an access need so that we can help support you during your visit. If you didn't complete this at the time, please do [get in touch](#). Whether you need access to specific facilities or require to be seated at the front of a lecture theatre we are here to help. You may also find it helpful to view the access to our buildings by visiting accessible.co.uk/durham-university



By Rail

Durham is well served by rail links from major cities across the country. The East Coast mainline service from London King's Cross can take less than 3 hours and express links operate from Manchester, Sheffield and Leeds with cross country links from Scotland, the Midlands, and the South West. Durham Railway Station is approximately 1.5 miles from the Palatine Centre on the Lower Mountjoy site. The number 40 Cathedral bus service runs regularly from the train station into the city centre.

To check the schedule and route visit durham.gov.uk and search for "Cathedral bus".

A University Shuttle Bus service will run from the train station. Find the shuttle bus schedule on Page 13.

By Coach

There are several express coach services daily from most major cities. The numbers X12, 5, 6 and 56 are some of the buses that run from the city bus station to the junction leading to the Palatine Centre and the Hill Colleges. See arrivabus.co.uk for timetable details. Alternatively, you can walk to the market place which is about an 8-minute walk and visit our inflatable dome where ambassadors are on hand to provide directions.

By Air

Durham is 26 miles from Newcastle Airport and 24.3 miles from Teesside International Airport. Both have regular domestic and international flights. Newcastle Airport is linked to Durham City by rail services. Teesside International Airport is 6 miles from Darlington railway station, which has regular connections to Durham.

By Road

Durham City centre is two miles from the A1(M). Leave the motorway at Junction 62 on the A690 Durham – Sunderland road and follow signs to Durham City centre. Please check your route for roadworks, which may cause delays.



Public parking

We strongly advise visitors to use public transport to travel to Durham.

Public car parks within walking distance of the city centre are:

- Prince Bishop's Shopping Centre (DH1 3UJ)
- Sidegate (DH1 5SY)
- Walkergate (DH1 1SW)
- The Riverwalk (DH1 4SJ)

Please note there is a parking charge to use these car parks.

The road running through the Market Place to the Cathedral is subject to a £2.00 congestion charge which must be paid in advance or by 6pm on the charging day. Please call 0191 384 6633 to make payment by credit or debit card.



For more information on car parking please visit durham.gov.uk and search for Durham City Car Parks.

Park and Ride

Public transport runs from the Park and Ride car parks into Durham city. One ticket must be purchased for each passenger (£2.00 per person) when using these facilities, and the bus must be used. Park and Ride sites close at 7pm and vehicles will be locked in overnight if still on site at this time. We recommend arriving at the Park and Ride a minimum of one hour prior to your first session as roads may be congested.

Park and Ride sites are operated by Durham County Council - please visit durham.gov.uk/parkandride to find out more.



Visit durham.gov.uk/transport for more travel information

- Bus timetables and routes
- Durham City Park and Ride
- Roadworks, road closures and improvement schemes
- Bus fares and passes
- Blue Badge disability parking scheme
- Get the latest travel updates
- Road and transport news
- Emergency road closures.

Shuttle Bus Schedule

Free buses will run at regular intervals between the times shown below. Just show your confirmation email when you get onboard!

Shuttle Bus 1 8.30am - 5pm

- [Train Station](#)
 - [Palatine Centre/Stockton Road](#) (for Lower Mountjoy buildings)
 - [Sports & Wellbeing Park](#) (Maiden Castle)
 - [Rushford Court](#) (for College of St Hild and St Bede) - until 12:15pm
- Returning on the reverse route

Top Tip



If you are heading to Palace Green from the train station it is quicker to walk!



Shuttle Bus 2 9.30am - 1pm

- [Howlands](#) - Drop off only (For Hill Colleges: Josephine Butler College, Stephenson College, South College and John Snow College)
- [South Road](#) (For Hill Colleges: Grey College, Collingwood College, St Mary's College, Trevelyan College, St Aidan's College and Van Mildert College)
- [New Elvet](#) (For Bailey Colleges: St Cuthbert's Society [Bailey], St John's College, St Chad's College, Hatfield College, University College and Durham Students' Union).
- [Old Elvet](#) (For St Cuthbert's Society [Parson's - Field]).
- [Sports & Wellbeing Park \(Maiden Castle\)](#) optional, depending on interest
- [Palatine Centre/ Stockton Road](#) (For the Information Hub in the Teaching & Learning Centre and Palatine Centre Support Services).

Shuttle Bus 3 1pm - 5pm

- [Maiden Castle](#) (last bus will leave at 4.45 pm)
- [Upper Mountjoy](#) (for Mathematical Sciences, Computer Science, Psychology, Biosciences)
- [Palatine Centre/Stockton Road](#) (for Lower Mountjoy)
- [Waterside Building](#) for Durham University Business School Subjects

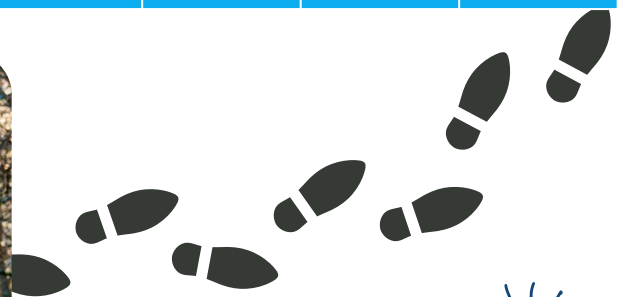


Walking Times

Being a student in Durham will require you to use your own steam to get around! It is often quicker to walk than it is to get in a car or use public transport.

Our buildings are spread across the city, however, the city itself is not very big and everything is within walking distance. We have included some of the approximate walking times below to help you with planning your day. These times do however depend on how fast you walk! You can also use Google Maps to plan your walking route and find out how long it will take you to move between venues.

	Train Station	Market Place	Dunelm House	Lower Mounjoy	Palace Green	Waterside Business School	Sports and Wellbeing Park
Approximate Walking Times in Minutes (Based on Google Maps)							
Train Station		9	16	24	13	31	32
Market Place	9		7	15	4	26	23
Dunelm House	16	7		8	6	21	19
Lower Mountjoy	24	15	8		13	18	15
Palace Green	13	4	6	13		25	24
Waterside Business School	10	5	8	12	25		15
Sports and Wellbeing Park	32	23	19	15	24	30	



Top Tip!

It's often quicker to walk around Durham rather than taking the bus. Make sure to wear comfortable footwear in Durham as there's quite a few hills and some uneven cobbled streets.

