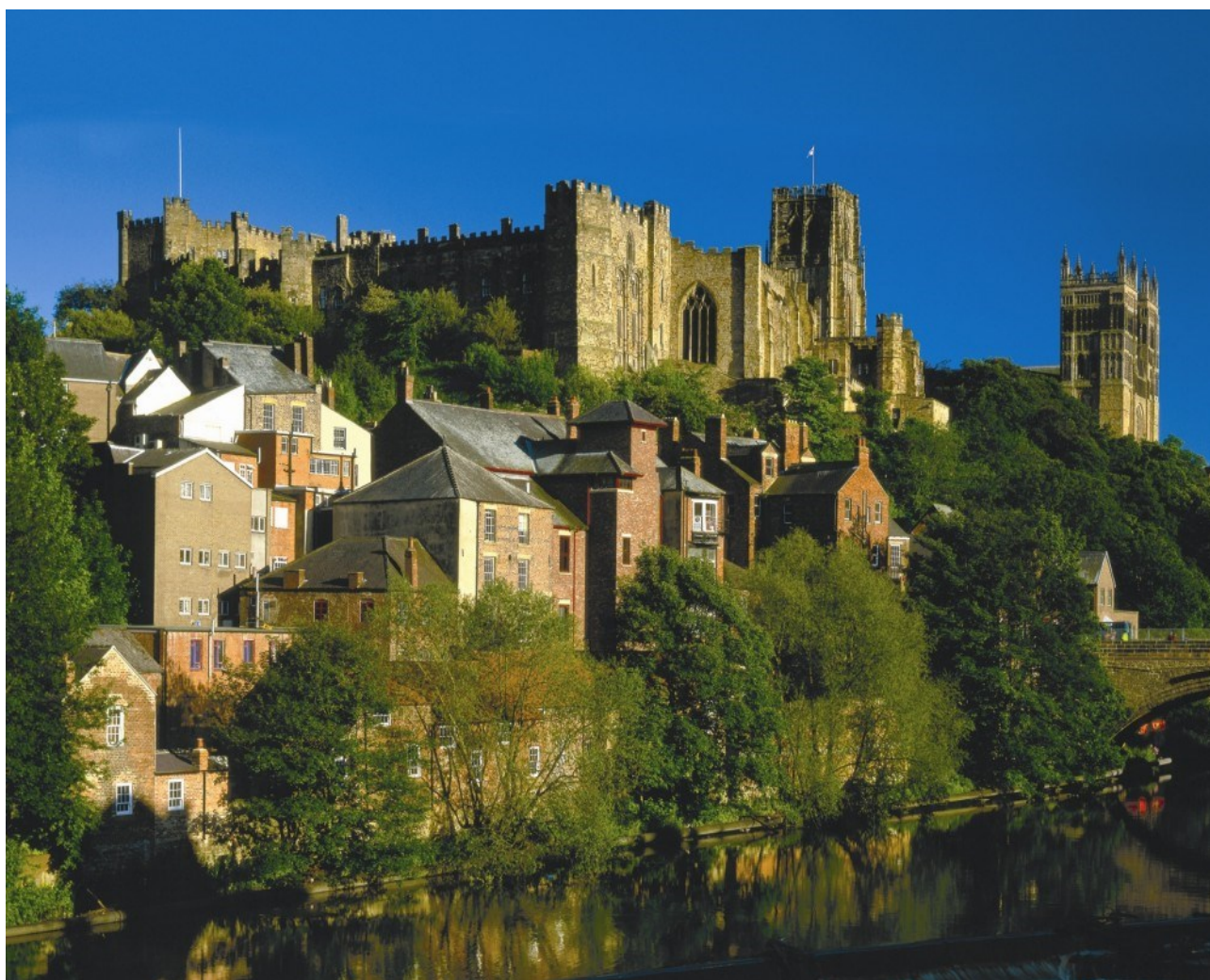


Durham Powder Diffraction and Rietveld Refinement School 2026

Sunday 12 April – Thursday 16 April

Durham University



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Conference Information

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will take place in the Calman Learning Centre and the Holgate Conference Room.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place on Sunday 12 April in Collingwood College from 14:00pm.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Refreshment and lunch breaks will be served in the Calman Learning Centre, CLC 406.

There will be a servery dinner served each day in Collingwood College.

The Drinks Reception and Conference Dinner will take place in Durham Castle on Wednesday 15 April from 19:00pm.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Please see the Conference Programme Link Below:

[Programme](#)

Conference Information

ACCESSING WI-FI

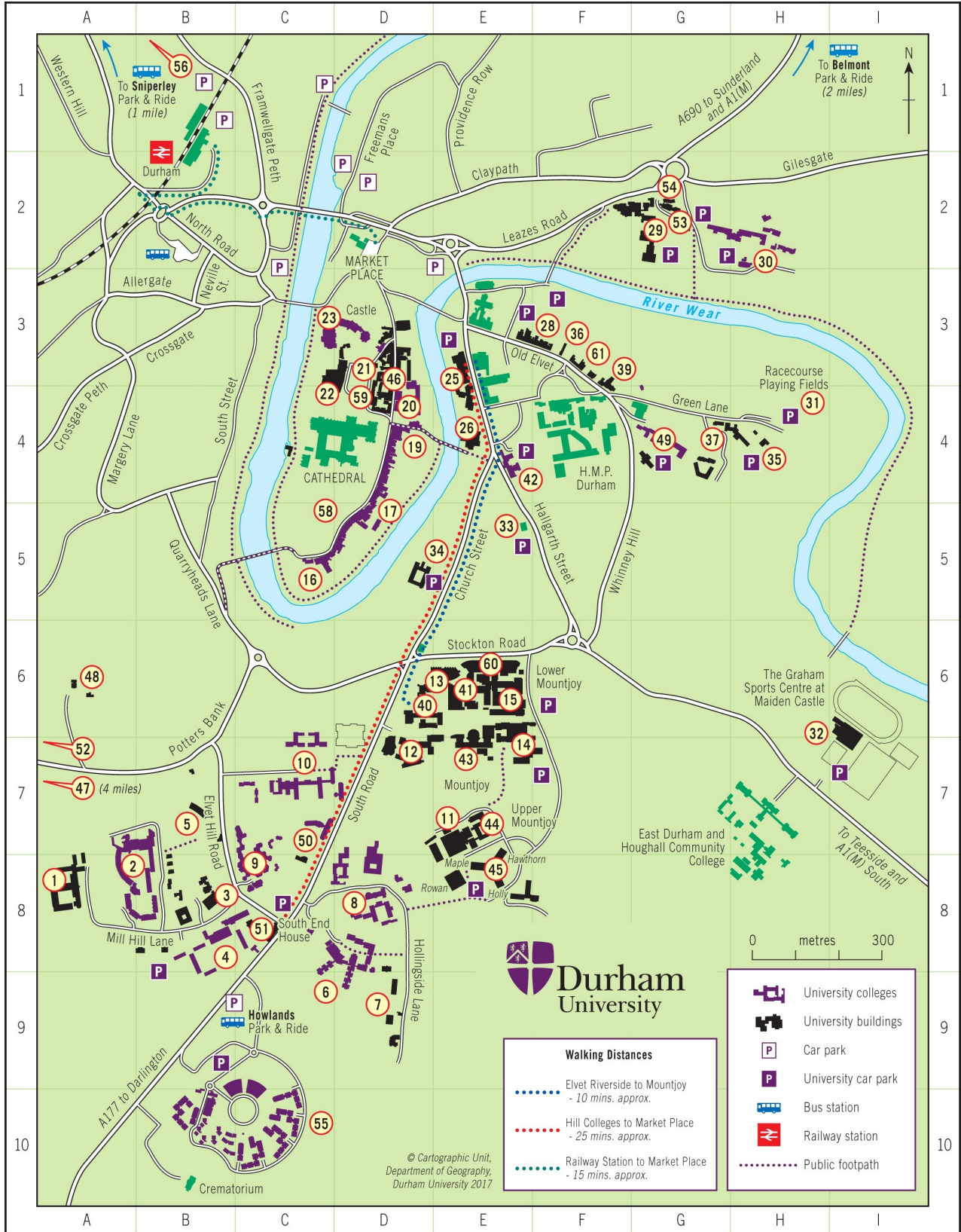
You can access Durham University wi-fi in any of our buildings across Durham via TheCloud, which is a free public access wireless service. TheCloud is available for Android, iOS, Windows and Mac devices.

1. Switch on your device and check that wi-fi is enabled.
2. Select 'TheCloud@Durham' from the available network list.
3. Open your internet browser—'TheCloud' landing page will appear.
4. Click 'Get Online'.
5. You will then see the service selection screen, and need to select 'TheCloud Wi-Fi'.
6. Once this is done you can either login with an existing 'TheCloud' account, or click on the 'Create Account' button to register for a free account.
7. Once you have logged in or registered you will be able to access the internet using 'TheCloud@Durham'.

DURHAM CITY

Please note that most of Durham is on a slope. Let us know if you have mobility difficulties and we will try to accommodate these, e.g. providing transport where possible.

Durham City Map



Travel Information : How To Get To Durham by Air



NEWCASTLE AIRPORT (NCL)

Newcastle Airport is approximately 20 miles north of Durham. There are connecting flights from many European hubs including London Heathrow and London Gatwick, Amsterdam, Paris and Brussels. The airport is served by a number of budget airlines.

See www.newcastleairport.com for full details.

The Metro (underground) is available from the airport to Newcastle Central Station, which takes around 20 minutes, and Metro trains run every 7 minutes. From Newcastle Central Station you can catch a train (overground) to Durham Station which takes around 15 minutes.

If you are arriving in the evening, we recommend taking a taxi from the airport to avoid the risk of missing the last trains south (see taxi section). The cost would be approximately £35.00 to £60.00 depending on the taxi company.

DURHAM TEES VALLEY AIRPORT (DTV)

Durham Tees Valley is approximately 25 miles south of Durham. Although it has fewer flights than Newcastle, there are connecting flights with Amsterdam and other cities, and it is served by budget airlines.

See <https://www.teessideinternational.com/> for full details.

We would recommend a taxi from this airport to Durham (see taxi section).

Travel Information : How To Get To Durham by Train



DURHAM STATION

Over 60 trains call at Durham daily from most major centres in the country, including 14 trains from London.

The high speed LNER service takes under 3 hours from London Kings Cross on the main East Coast line.

First Transpennine Express offers frequent links from North West England, Yorkshire and Scotland.

Cross Country trains link Durham with Yorkshire, Manchester, Nottingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Southampton and Edinburgh.

For train times and fare information call National Rail Enquiries on +44(0)8457 48 49 50 or +44(0)207 278 5240 from overseas (note that international rates apply), or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

The following website is also useful for checking train times
www.thetrainline.com

A taxi from Durham Station to the majority of the University venues in Durham would cost in the region of £5.00 to £8.00. There is a taxi rank at the station. You will also find a list of Durham taxis in our taxi section.

Travel Information : How To Get To Durham by Car



DRIVING

Durham is only 2 miles from the A1(M) motorway. Leave the motorway at Junction 62 on the A690 heading towards Durham. Follow the signs to the city centre.

The city is served by three Park & Ride sites on the key routes into the city. These are situated at Belmont, Sniperley and Howlands. These sites are open 7am to 7pm daily. A direct bus service runs from each site to the city centre. The sites offer free parking for users of the Park & Ride service and unlimited daily travel into the city centre and back for around £2.00.

Park & Ride users can also use the bus to the Cathedral for free.

Further information can be found on www.durham.gov.uk/parkandride

UNIVERSITY VENUES

Durham is a relatively small city, and most of our venues are situated not far from the city centre.

Travel Information : Getting Around Durham by Taxi



There are many taxi companies in Durham. Please note that taxis are busy in the morning and afternoon when schools are opening/closing. If travelling at these times, we would recommend pre-booking in advance.

USEFUL TAXI NUMBERS

Airport Express +44(0)191 371 2352 (9am to 8pm)
After 8pm +44(0)793 658 5799 / +44(0)786 761 7266
Email: airport365@live.co.uk

Airport Taxis Durham +44(0)191 394 2468

Mac's Taxis +44(0)191 384 1329 or +44(0)191 372 3786

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Durham—A World Heritage Site



Few venues in the world can rival the splendour, prestige and heritage of the City of Durham. Located on a dramatic peninsula overlooking the River Wear, Durham's unique Norman Cathedral and Castle not only dominate the skyline, but are also part of a designated World Heritage Site.

Durham is a small and compact city and everything is within easy walking distance. Just minutes from the bustling city centre, you can enjoy the tranquillity of leafy riverside footpaths along the banks of the River Wear, or the changing seasonal displays at Durham University Botanic Garden. Palace Green Library, the Oriental Museum and the World Heritage Site Visitor Centre hold fascinating collections of international significance, as well as offering key insights into local history.

For more information of what to see and do, and to make your visit unforgettable, please visit:

www.thisisdurham.com

www.dur.ac.uk/attractions

If you wish to travel a little further afield, within a short distance of Durham visitors can experience dynamic cities, an unforgettable stretch of coastline, and a wealth of historical and natural wonders. The sights and sounds of Newcastle are only 15 minutes north of Durham by train. For more ideas please visit:

www.newcastlegateshead.com/explore



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