



Day trips to Dudley borough

Whether it's exploring the wealth of heritage in the Stourbridge Glass Quarter or discovering what life would have been like here in the Black Country more than 100 years ago, there's plenty to see and do in Dudley borough. Whatever the size of your group we can offer personal guided tours and tailor made packages at our visitor attractions to suit your individual/group needs.

Full day trip to Dudley Canal & Caverns and Black Country Living Museum

Explore the fascinating caverns and limestone mines, which date back 428 million years, underneath Dudley on this 45-minute skipper guided boat trip, then choose to enjoy refreshments, a meal or afternoon tea in the canal-side Gongoozler restaurant. There are also free exhibitions and a gift shop onsite.

Explore historic streets across 26 acres and once you've worked up an appetite, enjoy culinary delights of the past with a bag of 1930s-style fish and chips or a pint from one of the two pubs. Plus, discover the Museum's new 1940s-60s stories with a high street, industrial quarter, infant welfare centre, and housing to explore and historic characters to meet.

Full day trip to Dudley Zoo & Castle

Fancy a wild day out discovering some of the world's rarest animals at Dudley Zoo and Castle? Come face-to-face with Sumatran tigers, walk through Lemur Wood; make some new furry friends Down on the Farm; feed nectar to our colourful rainbow lorikeets and even look out for ghosts in our 11th Century castle! Enjoy daily talks and feeds where you can get to know all about your favourite animals and discover the important conservation projects we carry out. Bring a picnic or dine in our licensed restaurant. Land train, vintage chairlift, adventure playground, fair rides, face painting, world famous Tecton structures, gifts and souvenirs plus much more.

Full day visit to the Stourbridge Glass Quarter

You can visit all the visitor attractions in the Glass Quarter in one day, or you can visit each one individually. Each venue has free car parking on site.

Ruskin Glass Centre, which features 23 independent studios and craft outlets is open Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm with the organic cafe open Monday - coffee and cake served 9am to 4pm, Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm hot food served until 2.30pm. Saturday 9am to 3pm hot food served until 2pm. The site also features a Glass Heritage Centre telling the story of Glass making through the ages and offering guided tours for individuals and groups. Standard opening hours are Wednesday to Friday 10am to 3pm but group tours are available outside of these times by prior arrangement.

The 100ft Red House Glass Cone has recently undergone major restoration works, is the best preserved and one of only four left in the UK. Red House Glass Cone is open Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm and Saturday & Sunday 11am to 4pm.

Stourbridge Glass Museum proudly hosts a globally significant glass collection alongside interactive digital displays. The Museum is also home to artist Allister Malcolm's Hot Glass Making Studio where you can see glass making in action. Museum opening times: Summer, 1 Apr to 30 Oct, 10.30am - 4.30pm Tues - Sun and Winter, 1 Nov to 31 Mar, Thurs - Sat, 10.30am - 4.30pm.

Glassblowing demonstrations are offered across all sites. Please check their websites for details.

The Lace Guild situated within the Glass Quarter has a large collection of lace items and artefacts depicting the fascinating history of this heritage craft. Please check their website for opening hours.

Full day trip to Merry Hill. Free entry

Visit Merry Hill, the West Midlands largest indoor shopping centre and take time to explore all the major retailers under one roof.



Afternoon tea in Himley Hall

Enjoy one of the true traditions of our culinary heritage at Himley Hall, a commanding 18th Century building set amongst 180 acres of 'Capability Brown' landscaped parkland.

The classic combination of ribbon sandwiches, scones with fruit conserve and cream, sweet pastries and tea in the superb setting of Himley Hall is an afternoon of indulgence that cannot be missed. Arrival is at 2.00pm with guests seated in one of the beautifully refurbished ground floor rooms by 2.30pm ready to enjoy an afternoon of indulgence.

Afternoon Tea must be pre-booked and is offered on individual weekday dates each month. Individual, small party or large group bookings are available up to a maximum of 80 persons. If you would like more information on Afternoon Tea at Himley Hall please call 01384 817817.

How to book

If you are interested in a day trip and to check opening times, please contact the visitor attraction.

Black Country Living Museum 0121 520 8054 www.bclm.com SAT NAV: DY1 4SQ

Dudley Canal & Caverns 0121 557 6265 www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk SAT NAV: DY1 4SB

Dudley Museum at the Archives museums@dudley.gov.uk SAT NAV: DY1 4SQ

Dudley Zoo & Castle 01384 215313 www.dudleyzoo.org.uk SAT NAV: DY1 4AL

Himley Hall & Park 01384 817817 www.himleyhallandpark.co.uk SAT NAV: DY3 4DF

Merry Hill 01384 487960 <https://mymerryhill.co.uk> SAT NAV: DY5 1QX

Red House Glass Cone 01384 812750 www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do/museums SAT NAV: DY8 4AZ

Ruskin Glass Centre 01384 399419 www.ruskinglasscentre.co.uk SAT NAV: DY8 4HF

Stourbridge Glass Museum 01384 900447 www.stourbridgeglassmuseum.org.uk SAT NAV: DY8 4AZ

The Lace Guild 01384 390739 www.laceguild.org SAT NAV: DY8 4AE

Incentives for coach driver/group organiser

Free entry to all visitor attractions and refreshments available to coach driver/group organiser only.

Further information

Tourism - tourism@dudley.gov.uk or tel: 01384 817611



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