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21 Things to See and Do

Hebden Bridge is a small market town nestled in the heart of the Yorkshire Pennines ... with a difference.

From the old stone bridge that gives the town its name, look across a roofscape of old coaching

inns and Victorian chapels, up to the distinctive double-decker houses ascending steep valley sides, and then to the woods and moors beyond. There are cafes, restaurants and pubs galore, little independent shops, art galleries ~ in the evening our historic Picture House and the famous Trades Club music venue ~ wavy steps onto the Hebden Water where you can feed the ducks, opportunities for many walks and bike rides, and hundreds of quirky stone steps - where do they lead?

~ STAGE 4 TOUR DE YORKSHIRE LOCATION 6TH MAY! ~

The best way to get here is by train (3-4 trains an hour from Manchester, Leeds and Lancashire). Your very first stop should be our 'Best Visitor Information Centre in Yorkshire' (2016) by the canal marina **01422 843831** hebdenbridge@ybtbic.co.uk HX7 8AD There's more information online at three great websites www.heartofthepennines.org.uk www.hebdenbridge.co.uk/visitors and www.hebdenbridge.org (available from Easter) where you can also download this leaflet.

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



THE RAILWAY STATION one of Simon Jenkins' 100 Best British Stations. Spot the white & red roses in the canopy. Its café - with on Friday-Saturday evenings a pop-up bar with live music - has just been judged the best in the country! Opening hours bit.ly/2EYHbWK

THE VISITOR CENTRE 2016 Award-winner and the best place for information and recommendations about where to go and what's on whilst you're here. Plenty of walking and cycling leaflets. Open every day 10am-5pm **01422 843831** hebdenbridge@ybtbic.co.uk

TOWN CENTRE TRAIL. Wander back in time around the town, with historic and present day views of Hebden Bridge side-by-side. Visitors Centre £2.00 ~ **DOUBLE DECKER HOUSING** These unusual tall houses cling to the hillsides; the other side of the top half opens onto a different street.

THE BRIDGE The magnificent old packhorse bridge built in 1510. Spot the old inscriptions on the bridge recording various repairs. Next to the bridge are the **WAVY STEPS** where you can feed the ducks ~ and across it lies **THE BUTTRESS** a steep cobbled old packhorse trail to Lancashire goes via Heptonstall. Climb up part of the way for fabulous views.

In St George's Square you'll find our **FUSTIAN KNIFE** sculpture commemorating the fustian industry which the town was internationally famous for. It's also a giant sundial set just to 'Hebden Bridge' time ~ next to it **WATER POWER OLD & NEW** there's a water wheel turning inside Hebden Bridge Mill (Innovation) - a mill has stood on this site since the 14th century - and an Archimedes screw in the river outside, generating electricity ~ and across the river the **TOWN HALL** which always has an art exhibition, and waterfront cafe terrace.

ROCHDALE CANAL Watch boats at the marina (the former canal basin, next to the Visitor Centre) or going through the lock on the aqueduct crossing the River Calder; look over the side for the curious carved head ~ Or take a boat trip on the Canal from Stubbing Wharf Pub a few minutes walk away. www.hebdenbridgecruises.com Advance booking only **07966 808717**.

What's on? ~ at the **PICTURE HOUSE** community owned and entertaining the town since 1921. Retaining many of its original features, the cinema hosts a mix of art house and mainstream films www.hebdenbridgepicturehouse.co.uk ~ at the **TRADES CLUB** voted one of the best small music venues in the North www.thetradesclub.com ~ or at the **LITTLE THEATRE** <http://hblt.co.uk>

MARKETS: Winner of the Best Small Outdoor Market award in 2015; located next to St George's Square 4 days a week: food/general market - Thursday; bric-a-brac - Friday; local produce and arts & crafts - Saturday; local foods - Sundays ~ **CALDER HOLMES PARK** Popular Skateboard Park, superb children's playground, outdoor exercise equipment and café.

AND FROM HEBDEN BRIDGE IT'S SO EASY TO EXPLORE A LITTLE FURTHER:

HARDCASTLE CRAGS National Trust estate in a wooded valley with deep ravines and tumbling streams, an easy 30 minute walk from the town centre. Gibson Mill former cotton mill restored as an interpretation centre & café. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/harcastlecrags

HEPTONSTALL Delightful historic village full of interest including the world's oldest octagonal Methodist chapel. Museum open weekends April-October. Poet Sylvia Plath is buried in new graveyard. Delicious tea room.

UP TO THE MOORS Save yourself the effort and catch a bus up to the 'Tops' where you're free to roam the moors. Or walk to Stoodley Pike, the obelisk dominating the southern horizon.

MYTHOLMROYD Explore the birthplace of Poet Laureate Ted Hughes, just down the valley. You can even stay in the house where he was born: www.theelmettrust.org/teds-house

HALIFAX PIECE HALL Newly restored architectural jewel, this sole-surviving 18th century cloth hall is a now a wonderful piazza with a full programme of events www.thepiecehall.co.uk Calderdale Industrial Museum and Square Chapel Arts Centre are next door.

For more about Calderdale: www.visitcalderdale.com



Getting here

TRAIN: Excellent rail services from Manchester, Leeds, Bradford, Burnley make this the best way to get to Hebden Bridge.

BUS: From the station our network of little buses gets you easily up to the hilltop settlements and the moors; the 500 service takes you over the moors to Brontes' Haworth and Worth Valley steam railway, only 30 minutes away. In Hebden there's a 12 minute service along the Upper Calder Valley/Halifax (Mon-Sat).

ONLINE TRAVEL INFORMATION: Search 'Yorkshiretravel.net'

FOOT OR CYCLE: The Calder Valley Cycle Way comes through Hebden; the Pennine Way loop connects to the town. Bikes can be hired at the railway station: see www.bikeandgo.co.uk.

CAR: Parking is well sign-posted (locations on this leaflet map). Please note: in 2018 there will be roadworks on the A646 in Mytholmroyd, which may cause delays at peak times.

COACH: Parking available in the layby adjacent to the marina (3 hour maximum stay).

BOAT: 24hr canal moorings available.

ACCESSIBILITY: information will be available at www.hebdenbridge.org during 2018

Staying here

Don't just be a day tripper. You can stay over and enjoy the evening's entertainment, the bars and restaurants and the quiet of a country morning. Fit in that walk or pub lunch you didn't get round to yesterday or explore a little further. Full list of accommodation - hotels, B&Bs, inns, hostels, self catering or camping - at www.hebdenbridge.co.uk/accommodation and www.heartofthepennines.org.uk or get help from the Visitor Centre **01422 843831** hebdenbridge@ybtbic.co.uk

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Annual festivals and events

- HEPTONSTALL PACE EGG PLAY MARCH 30TH
 ANNUAL CHARITY DUCK RACE APRIL 2ND
 PIANO FESTIVAL APRIL 20TH-22ND
www.hebdenbridgepianofestival.com
 BURLESQUE FESTIVAL MAY 3RD-6TH
www.hebdenbridgeburlesquefestival.co.uk
 TOUR DE YORKSHIRE STAGE 4 LOCATION MAY 6TH
<https://1etour.yorkshire.com>
 HEBDEN BRIDGE FOLK ROOTS FESTIVAL MAY 11TH-13TH
www.hebdenfolkroots.org
 PENNINE SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL MAY 30TH-JUNE 2ND
www.penninespringmusic.co.uk Heptonstall
 HEBDEN BRIDGE BRASS BAND CONTEST JUNE 17TH
 HEBDEN BRIDGE ARTS FESTIVAL JUNE 22ND-JULY 1ST
 Celebrating Nonconformism www.hebdenbridgeartsfestival.co.uk
 HANDMADE PARADE JUNE 24TH
www.handmadeparade.co.uk/hebden-bridge-parade
 OPEN STUDIOS & GARDENS JULY 6TH-8TH
www.hebdenbridgeopenstudios.org
 HEPTONSTALL FESTIVAL JULY 7TH
www.facebook.com/HepFest
 STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL JULY 14TH-15TH
facebook.com/hebdensteampunk
 VINTAGE CAR RALLY AUGUST 4TH-5TH
www.hebdenbridge-vintageweekend.org.uk
 HAPPY VALLEY PRIDE AUGUST 6TH-12TH
facebook.com/HappyValleyPride
 SOUTH PENNINE SEPTEMBER 8TH-23RD
 WALK & AND RIDE FESTIVAL
www.walkandridefestival.co.uk
 CALMRA BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 27TH-29TH
www.hxcalderdalecamra.org.uk
 TED HUGHES FESTIVAL OCTOBER 19TH-21ST
www.theelmettrust.org/ted-hughes-festival

Just a few of our packed calendar of events; there's many more in the What's On listing at www.hebdenbridge.co.uk/events

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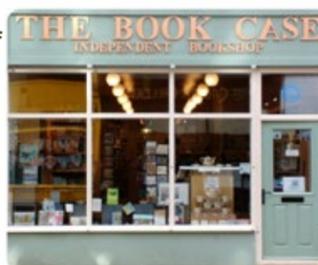
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PICTURE HOUSE

Hebden Bridge Picture House is an independent, not-for-profit cinema dating back to 1921 presenting quality main releases alongside arthouse, world cinema, thought-provoking documentaries, plus a repertoire of old and new classics. Also presenting an accompanying programme of Q&As, special events and live cinema broadcasts.

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Walkers and cyclists are welcome in Hebden Bridge

In 2018 the Tour de Yorkshire returns to Hebden Bridge for the second time, on 6th May. The first visit in 2015 came the year after the race stage through the town of the Tour De France itself! Hebden became the first ever 'Walkers are Welcome' town, so muddy boots are accepted here. Many guides for walkers and cyclists are available at the Visitor Centre.

WALK: There's a full list of walks at www.hbwalkersaction.org.uk/self-guided-walks/ and www.heartofthepennines.org.uk/path-network The Pennine Way passes above the town, with now a Loop connecting to it. You can walk in the National Trust's Hardcastle Crag; or for something more leisurely catch one of our little buses up to the tops and then walk down. bit.ly/2DtWboj for pictures of all those quirky stone steps.

CYCLE: We're really on the cyclists' map, including National Route 66 and the cycle paths along the valley. And if you fancy a challenge why not up Cragg Vale, England's longest continuous road climb: 5½ miles at an average gradient of 3%; or 'Up the Buttress' - just a little bit steeper.



Eat well, drink well

Hebden Bridge supports more cafes, pubs, and restaurants than many other much larger places - another ingredient for a great day out. And they're independent. No Starbucks, No Costa... just friendly local proprietors serving good coffee, tea, cakes, breakfasts, snack lunches and more. There are cafes in old mills, by the canal, in the park, along the river, everywhere. Many restaurants too, all reasonably priced but serving quality, often local ingredients: Italian, Thai, Greek, Turkish, Vegetarian, Indian, Fish and Chips, English. And no fewer than 14 pubs/micro-pubs, with a vast selection of real ales from independent brewers.

Shop 'independently'

In 2016 Hebden Bridge won a 'Great British High Street' award. Why? Because in place of the usual chain stores that dominate most towns the vast majority of shops in the town are independent local outlets often selling local produce and art works. There are bookshops, record shops, comic shops, jewellery shops, antique shops, outdoor clothes shops, kitchen shops, lots of dress shops, many high quality charity shops, unusual gift shops, not to mention decent butchers, bakers, greengrocers and wholefood stores. Buy local bread, local meat, local cheese, local veg.

Enjoy the arts and crafts

You'll find art and creativity all around Hebden Bridge, especially at ArtsMill www.artsmill.org Northlight www.northlightstudio.co.uk and Snug www.snug-gallery.com There are always exhibitions in the Town Hall, and the Visitor Centre. Hebble End Works on the canal has around 10 artisan crafts shops bit.ly/2FYeVFj

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