

Jollydays Family Activity Brochure 2015



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Welcome...



We love living in this part of Yorkshire and continue to spend many happy ours with our kids
on days out in the region.

We've gathered together a list of our favourites for you to enjoy during your stay. Hopefully
there is something for everyone.

Please let us know if we've missed out your own favourite

Have fun!

The Van Outersteps



Activities at Jollydays...

Of course you may decide to spend most of your time in and around the woodland, building dens and enjoying hanging out with other families.

There are some activities that can be brought to you – from archery and bushcraft to candle making and basket weaving. These happen according to demand and we have included the contacts of the relevant suppliers, so please get in touch with them in plenty of time before your stay to book sessions with them.



Archery and Bushcraft...



Accredited outdoor teacher Andrew Middleton can come to the woods to give you a taster of both archery and bushcraft. Andrew holds National Awards in mountain walking, archery and bushcraft and can also teach archery for the blind. He has some great skills and can also create a bespoke day for you if you'd prefer a more relaxed session learning about the woodland. Sessions need to be booked directly with Andrew – preferably as early as possible as he's very in demand!

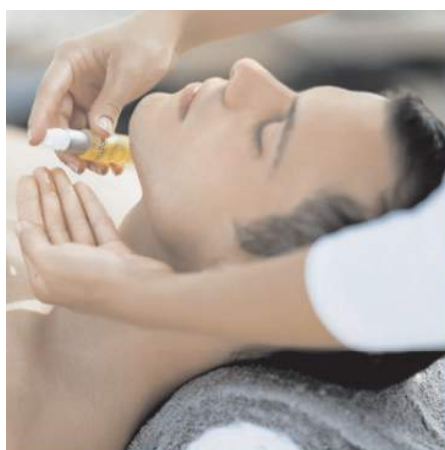
Contact - 01751 417950

Email - ajm@wildcountrywalkabouts.co.uk

Visit - www.wildcountrywalkabouts.co.uk



Time Out - Vicky Easterby...



If you want to treat yourself and have a break from the kids, then why not book a pampering session with Vicky Easterby? Vicky is based at the farm on the edge of the woodland, where she has a private treatment room, offering some lovely pampering options and she can even organise lunch for you.

Vicky uses Neil's Yard products and can offer everything from reflexology to hot stone massage (my favourite) which is great value at only £45 for an hour of bliss.

Vicky offers an ultimate Thursday package every month. This is a choice of an aromatherapy massage or reflexology massage for you to treat yourself to, at a fantastic price of only £20 for half an hour!

Visit

http://www.laskillcountryhouse.co.uk/docs/time_out_beauty_treatments.pdf

Contact - 0797 110 6173



Bushbabies at Jollydays...



Adam Dove is a highly qualified outdoor teacher with over 10 years' experience in outdoor education. His talents encompass archery, bushcraft, mountain and survival skills. Adam is passionate about the profound effect the natural environment has on children and his sessions focus on encouraging a respect for the woodland – whilst having lots of fun!

Adam runs regular sessions in the woods at Jollydays and you can check his availability on the website below. We have great feedback from kids and parents alike about Bushbabies.

Visit

<http://www.bushbabies-woodlandadventures.co.uk/>

Mobile 07854 377777



Wild Harvest Crafts ...



If you're not an adrenaline junkie or if you fancy something more sedate how about trying your hand at a bit of basket making. It's a lovely activity to do in a woodland setting. Lovely Diane Hammill is fantastic at rural crafts and can organise a basket making session for you. Diane can work with families, couples, groups and is a dab hand at kids parties and activities. She also specialises in making bees wax candles, nature walks and wild food foraging expeditions in the woods.

One to One or Group Sessions

from 2 Hour to full Weekends.

Diane Hammill

Email - babydovedale@msm.com

Contact - 07561 112831

Visit - www.wildharvest.org



Scoot bike hire...



Scoot cycle holidays can service groups and families...

If you are looking for something simpler which doesn't require you to go anywhere else for the full day, but still gets you working in a team. Scoot Cycle Hire are great. You can call them and get the bikes delivered straight to the camp. Just make sure you order them in advance to ensure availability.

Please note! Scoot may not have bikes for young children.

For more information visit www.scootcyclingholidays.co.uk

You can contact Scoot Cycle Holidays on 01904 720003



Close to Camp...

If you're not with us for long or you don't want to stray too far from the camp then there are a range of places all within half an hour's drive. From farm attractions to a Viking settlement to a full on theme park. We've hopefully found something for everyone, whether you want to pop out for an hour or entertain the kids for a whole day...



Make & Take Ceramics...



Make and Take Ceramics situated on the edge of the beautiful Yorkshire Wolds it's not hard to be inspired.

Melissa runs this creative hobby ceramics studio; she offers regular ceramics and Pottery sessions for all ages. Established in 1986 by Melissa's mum, Val Bates, they have over 25 years experience of casting, producing and teaching all aspects of ceramics and pottery making. Over that time they have collected hundreds of molds, which are all hand cast at their Studio.

Melissa offers workshops for families and groups up to 14 people...



Approximately 5 minutes from our campsite

Contact - 01759 368402

Visit their website
www.makentakeceramic.co.uk

Email -
val@makentakeceramics.me.uk

Yorkshire Museum of Farming...



The Yorkshire Museum of Farming is located in Murton Village just outside York. The museum occupies the large site of Murton Park which is also home to the Danelaw Centre for Living History, The Derwent Valley Light Railway, The York and District Beekeepers Association and is also the base for the York and District Guild of Spinners, Weavers, and Dyers.

They are the only museum in the district specifically dedicated to the agricultural history of the Ridings of Yorkshire, which encompass diverse terrain from the Wolds and the coastal North York Moors to the Pennine Dales, and are noted for both livestock and arable farming.

Whilst you're there make sure you visit Danelaw Dark Age Village

See Below

Contact: 01904 489966

Email: enquiries@murtonpark.co.uk

Visit their site

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

Approx 8 minutes from our campsite



Danelaw Dark Age Village.....



Danelaw Dark Age Village is a unique educational environment that is designed to support the study of life in Saxon, Viking or Medieval England. Comprising a number of houses, workshops and fields, the village offers an atmospheric learning environment within which children of all abilities can immerse themselves in the chosen topic.

Period-appropriate costumes are provided and children carry out a range of activities as the villagers of a Dark Ages Settlement. These vary with the type of day booked but may include grinding wheat, weapons training (with blunt, dummy weapons), guard duty, pottery, field and house work. Various visitors arrive during the day to create role play scenarios.

Contact: 01904 489966

Email:enquiries@murtonpark.co.uk

Visit their site

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

Approx 8 mintues from our campsite



Breezy Knees Garden...



Open April to September

This pretty little garden covers 15 acres and has over 6,000 different varieties of plants, there are some amazing borders and different themed gardens. If you're a keen gardener this is a great place to find inspiration and the adjoining nursery has over 1500 different varieties to choose from, including many rare plants. There is also a little café serving light lunches and drinks and kids under 16 go free.

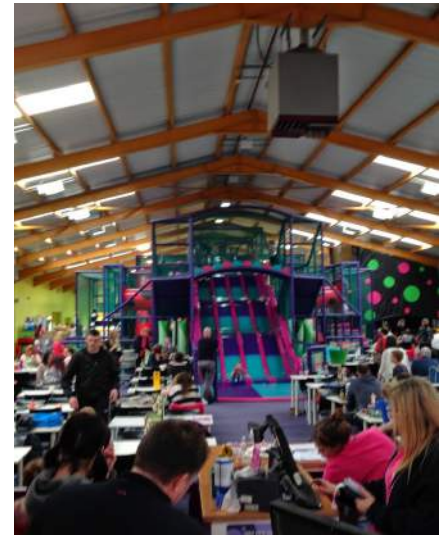
Approx 10 minutes from camp

Visit

www.breezyknees.co.uk/



Creepy Crawlies Adventure Park...



Adventure Park

The adventure park has over an acre of secure outdoor park which, includes a huge sand water play area, netted climbing forest, ride on's for little ones, a den building construction zone, landscaped gardens, jungle bridge, wacky swings, and role play area and electric quad bikes and go carts racetrack both at a small extra charge. Only available on weekends and school holidays.

The Animal Zone

Their animal farm has lots of cute animals. Chipmunks, alpacas, donkey, ponies, goats, guinea pigs, chickens, rabbits and giant rabbits. Here children can get to know more about the animals, have the opportunity to watch them play and see feeding time. Petting parties are available.

The entry to the animal zone is included within Creepy Crawlies entry fee, and accessed through the adventure park.

Creepy Crawlies is approximately 15 mins drive from our campsite.

Contact : 01904 692221

Email : info@webadventurepark.co.uk

Visit their website :

www.creepy-crawlies.co.uk/attractions/creepies.htm

Web Adventure York...

Next to Creepy Crawlies



Wired is an amazing and challenging high ropes course in York comprising 22 activities of varying difficulty all of which are designed to test your nerve and ability.

The course is 8 metres at the highest point and you are harnessed and secured by a belay and lanyard system, with qualified and experienced staff on hand should you need them. It is suitable for children over seven.

Please download and fill out the consent form and take it with you when you visit Creepy Crawlies

Please click on the
button to download
consent form

Creepy Crawlies is approximately 15 mins drive from our
campsite.

Tel : 01904 696003

Email - info@wiredropes.co.uk

Visit their website :

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

York Maze...

Open July - Sept



The Maze is a great value and popular with kids of all ages. It has over 20 different rides and attractions and makes for a real fun filled family day out.

The giant maize maze is a living growing maze made from over 1 million maize plants, and it covers an area larger than 10 Wembley football pitches!!

It is the largest maze in Britain, and one of the largest mazes in the world.

Approximately 15 mins from the campsite

Contact - 01904 607341

Email - info@yorkmaze.com

Visit their website - www.yorkmaze.com



Yorkshire Air Museum...

Experience the tremendous atmosphere of the award winning Yorkshire Air Museum and Allied Air Forces Memorial, whilst admiring fascinating displays, such as the restored Control Tower, Air Gunners Room, Archives, Airborne Forces Display, Squadron Memorial Rooms and Gardens and much more. This is a real boys own stuff - a favourite amongst our family and friends.



Just 15 minutes from our campsite

Visit their website
www.yorkshireairmuseum.co.uk
Contact - 01904 608595

Castle Howard...



Made famous as the fictional Brideshead, there are 1,000 of acres of parkland and gardens, and the adventure playground. Discover more about the amazing history of the house and gardens with school holiday adventure trails and illustrated quiz sheets.

Family friendly events take place most school and Bank Holidays.

They have a choice of 3 cafes serving homemade food. Includes self service, at table service and kiosk. Serving snacks through to 2 course meals throughout the day.

There is a gift shop and book shop with a wide selection of souvenirs for children, through to homewares, toiletries, books, plants and local produce. This is a great day out for families, combining both history of fun.

Approximately 15 minutes from our campsite.



Contact - 01653 648333

Email - house@castlehoward.co.uk

Visit their website - www.castlehoward.co.uk/

York Motorsports Village...



York Motorsports Village is one the Uk's most exciting indoor race themed leisure facility and proud winners of The Visit York Tourism Awards - Visitor Attraction of the Year 2014 under 50,000 visitors. This is great fun and suitable for a range of ages.

Perfect for budding Lewis Hamiltons!

They offer food or you can bring your own



Approximately 15 minutes from the campsite

Contact - 01904 673555

Visit their website - www.ymsv.co.uk

WW2 Experience - Eden Camp



Eden Camp, Modern History themed Museum near Malton, was originally a prisoner of war camp and is located on the outskirts of the market town. It was developed into a museum by local businessman Stan Johnson to stand as a tribute to all people, civilian and military, who endured hardship throughout World War Two. The food is also a bit world war to so you might want to take a picnic.

Today, Eden Camp has people of all ages visiting from around the world to see the story of World War Two re-created using sights, sounds, smells and moving figures to create a unique atmosphere that makes it feel like you travelled back in time to wartime Britain.

Approximately 20 minutes from our campsite.

Contact - 01653 697777

Email: admin@edencamp.co.uk

Visit their website - www.edencamp.co.uk



White Rose polo club...



This really is a fun filled and unique day out for all the family!
Many of our guests have had many a great day out at the White Rose Polo club. You don't need to have ridden before and the staff will still have you playing a chukka by the end of the day.

The White Rose Polo Club is Yorkshire's fastest growing HPA club, it aims to provide an exciting and encouraging environment for all levels of polo player, and has beautiful facilities including Polo Lessons which are available six days a week

Approx 25 minutes from the campsite

Contact - 07956 921567

Email: Claudia@whiterosepolo.co.uk

Visit their website

www.whiterosepolo.co.uk



In and around york...

We are incredibly lucky to have such an amazing city on our doorstep – it's small enough to be manageable but punches way above its weight for facilities, shopping and attractions. The riverside is lovely for a stroll and there are all sorts of festivals / happenings in the centre most weekends.

We recommend heading in before 10.30am if you want a parking space in town or else use the park and ride at Grimston Bar (only 15 minutes from camp). If you're planning on spending a lot of time in the city we suggest getting a York Pass, <http://www.yorkpass.com/> which allows access to 30 attractions – available for 1, 2 or 3 days - fantastic value!

To check out what's happening during your stay click here
www.visityork.org



York Castle Museum...



York castle is situated right in the middle of York by Cliffords Tower , with a car park close by.

It displays thousands of household objects and by recreating rooms, shops, streets and even prison cells. The museum, which opened in 1938, was named after the former York Castle, which stood on the site. It displays thousands of household objects and by recreating rooms, shops, streets and even prison cells. It is best known for its recreated Victorian street, which combines real shop fittings and stock with modern sound and light effects, to evoke an atmosphere of Victorian Britain.



Approximately 30 minutes from the campsite

Contact - 01904 687687

Visit their website

www.yorkcastlemuseum.org.uk

Yorks Chocolate Story Museum...



York's Chocolate Story, located in the heart of York, is an entertaining and informative guided tour through the history of York's most famous chocolate-making families and their finest creations. You'll discover chocolate's origins, how to make it, how to taste it like an expert and even the sustainable future of chocolate.

Uncover a host of surprising secrets and fascinating facts behind York's greatest chocolate products,. Once you've explored chocolate-making and its history, you can even shop for and indulge in chocolate to your heart's content. There's so much for you to enjoy and discover at York's Chocolate Story.

Chocolate Bar Making and Decorating! Get hands on and master the secrets of the chocolatier and create your very own chocolate bar to take home. You'll also get to see a chocolate-making demonstration from the skilled chocolatiers in their new Chocolate kitchen. A really fab experience for all the family!

Approx 30 minutes from our campsite.

Contact - 08454989411

Email - info@yorkschocolatestory.com

Visit their website - www.yorkschocolatestory.com/



Yorkshire Museum ...



Housing some of the finest collections of archaeological and geological finds in Europe, the Yorkshire Museum is the ideal first port of call for any trip to York. From prehistory to the city's medieval splendour, see the whole story in their fantastic galleries.

Walk on a genuine Roman mosaic floor, kneel at St William's medieval shrine, see the monsters of the deep that swam when Yorkshire was beneath the sea - and all in the heart of the city.

Finally - immerse yourself in the story of England's other capital, all brought to life with the latest digital technology in a spectacular film show in the auditorium.

It's right next door to the Star Inn the City, one of York's newest restaurants and cafe bars, it has a great kids menu!

Approximately 30 minutes from our campsite.

Contact - 01904 687687

Email - enquiries@ymt.org.uk

Visit their website - www.yorkshiremuseum.org.uk



Dig Adventure Day Out...



Dig's four excavation pits are filled with Roman, Viking, Medieval and Victorian finds, so you can grab a trowel and dig up the clues that show how people lived in these times. Look out for costumed staff during holiday periods: you may even meet a Roman warrior or a Viking-lady.

Their three discovery rooms offer the chance to try out archaeological techniques. The science lab, library and field tent are all manned with holographic guides who will help you out with the different activities. At the end of your experience the story of York and what you have found out is brought together in their 3D cinematic experience: York Revealed.

Recommended for younger children

Approx 30 minutes from camp .

Telephone - 01904 615505

Email - groups@yorkat.co.uk

Visit their website - www.digyork.com



York Dungeons ...



This is a fab attraction and well run by actors who really get into character. Not for young or nervous kids, or sensitive older kids and adults! it is really scary and horrible! The tour is a seventy minute walk into more than 1000 years of Yorks horrible history, using theatrical actors, special effects, stages and scenes in a truly unique and exciting walkthrough experience!

The Dungeon brings together an amazing cast of theatrical actors, special effects, stages and scenes in a truly unique and exciting walkthrough experience that you see, hear, touch, smell and feel. It's hilarious fun and it's sometimes a bit scary.

You will laugh and you will scream, you will love it

Approx 30 mintues from our campsite

Contact - 01904 632599

Email - yorkguests@merlinentertainments.biz

Visit their website - www.thedungeons.com/york/en/



Jorvik Viking Centre...



This is a world famous attraction and the queues can be legendary! A fascinating glimpse into Yorks history.

Take hold of the past and explore the excavations which first unearthed the Viking-age city in their brand new exhibitions.

Viking themed giftware, collectables, bespoke merchandise, alcohol and jewellery available.

During school holidays they recommend pre-booking by calling 01904 615 505. This will give you a specific time that entitles you to jump the queue.

Approximatley 30 minutues from our campsite

Contact - 01904 615505

Email - jorvik@yorkat.co.uk

Visit their website - www.jorvik-viking-centre.co.uk



Further Afield...

We regularly take phone calls from guests wondering if there is anything to do nearby when they stay at the camp! We wanted to produce this brochure to give a flavour of what's out there. Yorkshire is so vast and it just bubbles over with spectacular places to visit - we have 2 National Parks, each stunning and both very different in character, as well as the Heritage coastline and numerous Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

There is a lot to do close to the camp but if you've time, we suggest you venture a little further to explore this gorgeous region. We've gathered together some of our favourite places for you and most are 30 – 50 minutes away. You can also follow the link below to find out more about Ryedale, where the camp is based.

Visit

www.visityork.org/ryedale.aspx



Allerthorpe Watersports Activity Centre...



They offer a variety of watersports and Lakeside cafe.

For a fun family day out visit the water-sports activity centre. Everyday activities include pedalos, kayaks and canoes which are suitable for all ages, no experience is required and all safety equipment is provided. If you would like to learn to sail or windsurf they offer taster sessions and courses with qualified instructors. The younger children can join mum and dad on the water, visit the play-park and pet corner or explore the many footpaths surrounding the lakes.

The Lakeside Café serves delicious breakfasts, lunches, cakes and scones which are home-made on the premises; much of the ingredients are locally sourced wherever possible.



Approximately 30 minutes from the campsite

Contact - 01759 301444

Visit their website

www.allerthorpelakelandpark.co.uk

Go Ape . . .



One of the best days out in Yorkshire: They don't call this the Great Yorkshire Forest for nothing. Enjoy the classic Tree Top Adventure and the epic Forest Segways near York.

Go Ape have courses suitable for both kids and adults in the beautiful surroundings of The National Park.

Enjoy the classic tree top adventure. There are a variety of different adventures for all age ranges including Tree top adventure (must be at least 10 years of age), Forrest Segway (Must be over 7 years of age) , Tree top junior must be over 1 metre tall. Trekking Adventure must be 13 years or over.

Enjoy hill-to-hill zip wires with Stunning Views of the Vale of Pickering.

Approximately 30 minutes from our campsite.

Contact - 0333 920 7572 Email -

questions@goape.co.uk Visit

their website :

www.goape.co.uk/days-out/dalby

North Yorkshire Moors Railway...



This railway location was used in the first Harry Potter film. The North Yorkshire Moors Railway offers a superb day or an afternoon trip. The train leaves from Pickering station.

Get away from the hustle and bustle as you climb on-board a steam or heritage diesel train for a delightful scenic journey through Heartbeat Country.

Relax in cosy compartments and wood panelled carriages on the world's most popular heritage railway as you enjoy the enchanting landscapes of the National Park.

Approximately 30 minutes from our campsite



Contact - 01751 473799

Visit their website
www.nymr.co.uk

FlamingoLand ...



Flamingo Land is a really cute theme park and well suited to very young kids as well as teenagers.

There is a little train and cable car onsite as well as a range of places to eat. The site is 375 acres of wild family fun. There are many white knuckle thrillers including Jumali, a suspended looping rollercoaster, rides for younger children, 5 family shows and an extensive zoo, home to many rare and exotic species such as giraffes, rhinos, hippos and lions.

Aproximately 30 mins from our campsite.

Contact - 0871 911 8000

Visit their website - www.flamingoland.co.uk



Nunnington Hall...



This is a lovely National Trust property and great for kids. Not only is it in the most beautiful location but it's on a scale that kids can warm to. The gardens are delightful (as is the café) and it also hosts a permanent display of miniature house interiors at the top of the house. My kids were fascinated by this when they were younger and would spend ages studying the tiny furniture and hand embroidered tapestries. In the summer they quite often have plays on the lawn, a really charming little gem!

Approx 30 minutes from camp

Visit

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nunnington-hall/>



International Centre for Birds of Prey Helmsley...



Helmsley is a very beautiful part of Yorkshire and is on the edge of The National Park. Although a little further from the camp it's a well worth trip.

The International Centre for Birds of Prey the largest collection of birds of prey in the North of England. Over 100 eagles, falcons, owls, hawks, kites, vultures and more in a 10 acre setting. Flying demonstrations, aviaries and a hawk walk to experience, plus other events.

Approximately 35 minutes from our campsite.

Contact - 08447 422 035

Email - info@icbp-duncombe.org

Visit their website - www.icbp-duncombe.org



Helmsley Open Air Swimming Pool...



This is a charming old style day out and our kids love it. Not up to the same standards as modern day leisure centres though approved.

Helmsley Open Air Swimming Pool offers a warm swim in the open air.
It's worth noting they openly offer that the pool needs work and that they are saving towards this, so expect fun and friendliness rather than perfection



Approximately 35 mins from our campsite

Contact - 01439 770557

Email - mail@helmsleysports.org

Visit their website - www.helmsleysports.org

Ryedale Folk Museum...



Nestled in the beautiful village of Hutton-le-Hole, in the heart of the North York Moors National Park, the museum offers a unique glimpse of the past. For half a century they have conserved some of Ryedale's most magnificent bits of heritage for future generations to enjoy.

Their atmospheric buildings and collections, spread over six acres, tell a story about a rural way of life from the Iron Age to the 1950s. So go and explore their friendly museum and enjoy a great day out for all the family!



Approximately 40 minutes from the campsite

Contact - 01751 417337

Visit their website
www.ryedalefolkmuseum.co.uk/

Mother Shipton's Cave...



Knarborough riverside is a stunning location and this is a lovely place to visit. It mostly consists of an incredibly pretty woodland walk.

This leads to the cave and a pretty cool petrifying well. The kids will be fascinated by the teddy bears etc that have been turned into stone!

You can also hire boats on the river and enjoy a picnic for a great day out.

Approx 50 minutes from the campsite.

Visit

www.mothershipton.co.uk



Forbidden Corner...



PLEASE NOTE! FOR ADMISSION YOU MUST PRE BOOK BY PHONE OR THROUGH THEIR WEBSITE

This is definitely a bit of a trek from the camp but boy is it worth it – award winning children’s attraction that is completely unlike anything you’ll have been to before. It’s all just a bit bonkers, a labyrinth of tunnels, chambers, follies, paths and passageways that lead nowhere! There is a temple of the underworld and huge pyramid made of translucent glass – all set within a lovely 4 acre garden in the most stunning scenery in the Yorkshire Dales. We love this place and teenagers seem to enjoy it as much as little ones.

Approx - 1 hour 20 minutes

Contact - 01969 640638

Visit their website
www.theforbiddencorner.co.uk



Coast...

Yorkshire is lucky enough to have some of England's most stunning coastline – which contrary to popular belief is also one of the driest, sunniest parts of the UK! So if you fancy a trip to the seaside during your stay, you really are spoilt for choice.

Choose from idyllic fishing villages, romantic smugglers haunts, bustling seaside resorts, secluded family beaches, nature reserves and spectacular chalk cliffs. Much of this coastline is protected, Heritage Coast and borders the North York Moors National Park. We've hand-picked some of our favourite places, make sure you check out the tides first though, as some of the beaches all but disappear at high tide. Check them here <https://www.tidetimes.org.uk/whitby-tide-times> and take care - tides and cliffs can make a scary combination if you're not prepared!



Chainbridge Riverside, Ruswarp...



Although not actually the seaside I thought I'd throw it in as it's close to Whitby - on the road to Robin Hoods Bay. This is just a charming little place, very peaceful and on a perfect scale for kids. Ruswarp is close to Sleights and lies on the River Esk, you can fish or simply while away the day watching the ducks and swans. There is a cute miniature railway, new café and a lovely stretch of river where you can hire rowing boats – all this makes for a very reasonable afternoon out, or a great pit stop on the way to the beach!

Approx 40 minutes from the camp

Visit

www.chainbridgeriverside.com/location.html



Whitby ...



An historic old whaling town and the starting point for Captain Cook's exploration of the New World, Whitby is unique and a great place to start. It's dramatically isolated and dominated by the romantic ruined abbey on the headland - its quaint old streets and spooky feel, inspired Bram Stoker to write Dracula there.

Whitby jet is the rare black local gem stone and you'll see it everywhere, it feeds into the town's gothic vibe. It's a nice blend of down to earth Yorkshire (still a working fishing port) and chi-chi shops and it also has a pleasant beach outside the town, best fish and chips to be had at the legendary Magpie café.

Approx. 50 mins from the campsite

Visit

www.visitwhitby.com/



Hunmanby . . .



If you want the simplicity of a lovely wide stretch of empty beach and nothing else, then this is for you - this stretch of sand is renowned as one of the best in England. It's so huge that no matter how good the weather it's never, ever crowded. It's on the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds and within easy reach of Filey - if you want to round off the day with fish and chips.

Approx 50 minutes from camp

Visit

www.yorkshire-east-coast-unofficial-guide.com/hunmanby.html



Flamborough Head...



If you're looking for something more spectacular and rugged then you can't miss a visit to this awesome cliff formation. It is the most Northerly chalk outcrop in Britain and with a scenic nature reserve and 2 ancient lighthouses, this is perfect for anyone looking to explore the Yorkshire coast at its most wild and untamed! Bempton Cliffs is a must with over 200,000 seabirds including Guillemots, Kittiwakes and Puffins. We visited in the summer and I almost stepped on a baby seal hiding in the rocks, we watched the seals playing in the bay for hours – really special!

Approx 55 minutes from the campsite.

Visit

www.yorkshire.com/places/yorkshire-coast/flamborough



Sandsend...



This village lies just to the North of Whitby and it has a perfect combination of a sheltered beach perfect for little ones and a wilder beach where the surfers hang out. There is a pretty stone village and a stream that cuts through the beach, my kids used to have hours of fun damming the stream and floating on the "lake" on a dingy – add a picnic and ice creams and you've got a cheap and rather lovely day out!

Approx 1 hour from camp.

Visit

www.discoveryyorkshirecoast.com/sandsend



Scarborough...



Believed to be the world's first seaside resort, people have been visiting Scarborough for almost 400 years and it still makes for a great family day out! The scenery and beaches are stunning and there are all sorts of activities for the kids, the South Bay is where the amusement arcades are and the North Bay is the quieter alternative. It has the slightly past its best feel, that all the once great seaside towns in the UK have but it's still impressive.

It's worth dragging the kids away from the ice cream parlours to hike up to the castle on the headland, once the largest castle in England it has absolutely spectacular views.

Approx 1 hour from camp – depending on traffic.

Visit

www.yorkshire.com/view/attractions/scarborough/scarborough-castle-126019



Robin Hoods Bay...



This is such a quaint little town – full of tiny cobbled lanes and impossibly steep streets. It was a renowned smugglers haunt and the houses were at one time all connected from the headland to the sea with secret passages to spirit contraband away – even the local vicar was involved! There isn't much of a beach (but you can walk along at low tide to the beach at Boggle Hole) but my kids always loved the amazing rock pools that appear at low tide spending hours mooching!

Approx 1 hour and 10 mins from camp

Visit

www.robin-hoods-bay.co.uk/



Runswick Bay ...



This is my own particular favourite and it lies North of Whitby, it's a tiny, quaint, village and the angle of the bay means it faces south. With the steep cliffs behind, this makes for a very sheltered bay and there is a lovely stretch of beach perfect for sandcastles. It really is tiddly and has one small shop and a pub, there are spectacular views from the cliffs but be prepared you do need to park on the cliffs- top and walk down into the village. A charming gem!

Approx 1 hour and 10 minutes from camp

Visit

www.yorkshire.com/places/yorkshire-coast/runswick-bay



Staithes . . .



If you have young kids you'll probably recognise Staithe as it is the setting for CBBC series *Jacks Old Boat* with Bernard Cribbins. Another gorgeous village, this was home to the Staithe Group of artists in the 19th century, which included Dame Laura Knight, Harold Ernest Dade and Joseph R Bagshaw. It has a cosy harbour, sheltered cobbled streets and is popular with fossil hunters.

Approx 1 hour and 20 minutes from camp

Visit

www.discoveryyorkshirecoast.com/staithe



Free days out!

Having 4 kids has made us experts over the years in finding cheap, or even better free, days out and about in the region! Obviously you are on holiday and may well want to go all out for the no expense spared trips, however if the wallet is straining there are some fun alternatives.

We have to start with the camp of course – some families spend the whole time just chilling and pottering about. Den making can keep you busy for hours, insect and tadpole hunting is always popular, as is pizza making and of course toasting marshmallows on the campfire. My kids always loved building fairy houses when they were younger – sometimes I wouldn't see them for hours! If you want to head out though we've lots of ideas for you...



The Balloon Tree Farm Shop...



Just 5 minutes' drive from the camp this lovely farm shop has a great café and kids play area, the kids can also visit animal corner. Here they can see Kune Kune pigs, pygmy goats, Shetland ponies and chickens. They can also get a chance to feed the animals or hang out on the tractor in the play area. They have a wide range of pick your own fields and fruit throughout the season and you can easily while away a few hours on a nice day - you can also stroll from here to the Riverside at Stamford Bridge.

Approx 5 minutes from camp

Visit

www.theballoontree.co.uk/on-the-farm/childrens-play-area.php



Howsham Mill...



This is a lovely Georgian gothic flour mill close to the camp – it's located on a tiny island in the River Derwent. The setting is lovely and you can enjoy a walk by the river watching the canoeists as well as the wildlife. The mill was derelict for years and featured on the TV series Restoration, it has been restored by Renewable Heritage Trust and is now used as an environmental education centre, generating hydro-electricity. This makes for an interesting few hours and is a great place for a picnic.

Visit

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

Approx 10 minutes from camp.



The Yorkshire Wolds...



This is very close to the camp and an unusual landscape of steep chalk valleys made famous by the paintings of David Hockney. It's generally quiet and undiscovered and there are some lovely walks and places to visit. One of our favourites for a walk and picnic is the deserted medieval village of Wharram Percy, Thixendale is gorgeous too, Londesborough Park is old estate land or you can hike up a hill to see a sculpture and stunning view at Winteringham.

Approx 10 minutes but extends over a very large area to the coast.

Visit

www.yorkshire.com/places/east-yorkshire/the-wolds



Yorkshire Lavender Farm...



Yorkshires premier multi award Winning Lavender Farm, Lavender Gardens and specialist plant nursery set in a spectacular hillside farm, within the Howardian Hills area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

They have hundreds of different lavender and herbs for sale, Tea room restaurant to enjoy delicious food, a newly extended gift shop with lavender oil, dried lavender and natural lavender and herb products, award winning lavender gardens, deer park and sculpture park. Their panoramic view over the vale of york is said to be one of the best in Yorkshire!

Their contemporary visitor centre has a fabulous gift shop and of course, their tremendously popular award winning licensed tea room and restaurant.



Approximately 25 minutes from the campsite.

Contact - 01653 648008

Email : lavenderworld@btconnect.com

Visit their website

www.yorkshirrelavender.com

Yorks National Railway Museum...



Big trains, bigger rides, it's the perfect platform for the biggest family day out.



Daily demonstrations include the locomotive turntable and the winding engines. You can relive the splendour of days gone by with a steam or diesel ride behind one of their engines, or perhaps take a trip on their miniature railway before relaxing in their Play 'n' Picnic area - rides are seasonal.

In the workshop, you can see the traditional restoration skills of engineers and craftsmen or have fun building your own models using amazing interactive displays.

Children can learn how to build a bridge, control the signals or discover what keeps a train on the tracks in the Interactive learning centre.

Approx 30 mintues from our campsite.



Contact - 0844 815 3139
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their website - www.nrm.org.uk

The North Yorkshire Moors National Park...



Well this will keep you busy! The Moors is a vast, vast area and it's brimming with the most stunning walks and beauty spots, the scenery changes constantly throughout the seasons and varies from utterly spectacular to cute and immensely pretty. Farndale, Great Fry Up Dale (yes really!) Goathland, The Esk Valley, Hole of Horcum, Wainstones – the list is goes on and on – check out the website for things that catch your eye.

Approx 30 minutes from camp but can be well over an hour depending where you're heading...

Visit

<http://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/visiting>



Sutton Bank...



White Horse at Sutton Bank

This is one of our regular days out and loved by the whole family. The white horse (well, more faded grey close up!) at Kilburn was carved into the hill side in the 19th century by a local school teacher – in the days when you could just do stuff like that! You can park in a large car park (with picnic area) below the hill and it's a steep climb up the steps to the scenic path at the top.

The views from the top are some of the finest in England and there is a beautiful long walk to the visitor centre where a café awaits. If you have small kids the climb to the top is probably enough and you can watch the gliders from the gliding club being pulled off the top of the escarpment.

In late July or August you can spend hours picking the wild bilberries that line the walk – a perfect day out!

Entry to the Centre is FREE.

Visit

www.visitthirsk.org.uk/pages/whitehorse.php

www.visityork.org/Sutton-Bank-Sutton-Bank-National-Park-Centre/details/?dms=3&venue=1582823

Approximately 45 minutes from the camp



Brimham Rocks...



This is a bit of a trek across to the other side of Harrogate but well worth the trip, it's an amazing place with wild gritstone rock formations scattered over 50 acres on Brimham Moor. There are all sorts of weird and wonderful shapes and it's perfect for firing up the kids imaginations. I last visited on a misty day and half expected Heathcliffe to appear out of the gloom - this is real, rugged Yorkshire at its best. Take a picnic and enjoy the stunning views – you can always swing by lovely, posh, Harrogate on the way back!

Approx 50 minutes from the camp

Visit

www.brimhamrocks.co.uk/index.htm

