



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 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 or aboard dining boat Vic Smallshire.

Spend the rest of your day at the Black Country Living Museum where you'll discover 300 years of history like no other. Explore the canalside villages and once you've worked up an appetite, discover culinary delights of the past with a bag of 1930s-style fish and chips or a pint from the Bottle & Glass Inn. Don't forget to visit their new high street and take in the sights and sounds of the 1940s-60s!

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 Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 4pm and Saturday 9am to 3pm with 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, one of only four left in the UK, has a retail shop selling a wide range of glassware and other gift items. There's a variety of studios on site selling unique handcrafted goods not found on the high street. The Red Cone Coffee House offers a selection of light meals and refreshments, all group catering to be pre-booked. 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 557 9643 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