

STRESS-FREE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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NORTH CENTRAL

1. LEEDS CITY MUSEUM

SUMMER HOLIDAY: BEAR CRAFTS

Love visiting the panda and polar bear at the museum? Well this time you can combine it with making your own bear mask or claws too!

Come along for free, drop in craft activities at Leeds City Museum in the summer school holidays.

RORY'S SATURDAY CLUB

Looking for something creative to do with kids in the city? Come down to <u>Leeds City Museum</u> for our Rory's Saturday Club craft sessions for families with children of all ages. Free, drop in.



2. Breeze In The Park

With 29 events plus 7 relaxed events, all jam packed and ready to bring the sun, fun, chills and thrills to your holidays!

Expect sports, games, arts and crafts, interactive play, food, entertainment and, of course, their famous inflatables. Plus, much much more!

The events, which are aimed at 0 to 19-year-olds, will run as two separate sessions on the days. With the first session taking place from 12pm to 2:30pm and the second session running from 3pm to 5pm.

Along with the regular sessions, 7 of the events throughout the summer will also be hosting relaxed opening sessions for children and young people with additional needs. These sessions will run from 11am to 12pm and will have additional staff, donkey feeding, petting, and riding opportunities and children's entertainment. They will also have minimal queuing, reduced crowds, and designated parking for families.

Tickets for Breeze in the Park are 50p per child and must be pre-booked in advance

3. Leeds Bear Hunt

Leeds Bear Hunt will bring the magic of Michael Rosen's iconic children's book, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, to life with a blaze of colour and creativity.

From 1st July 2023, more than 50 giant Bear sculptures will hide in plain sight for ten weeks on the streets and within the parks of Leeds, highlighting iconic spots and hidden gems, whilst engaging with our local communities. Together, the Bears will form a family-friendly trail of discovery for local people and visitors to enjoy and explore. The free outdoor trail is open to everyone and we hope that as many people as possible will explore all or parts of the fully accessible trail.

A full map and interactive resources will be launched: https://leedsbearhunt.co.uk/art-trail/



4. Royal Armouries

This summer is going to be a full-on action-fest as we showcase our most exciting and popular combats, demonstrations and dramas. Every day will be different and who knows which characters and heroes from history you'll meet on your visit. Plus there will be 2 FREE horse shows daily.

Free daily horse shows 11:00 & 14:00

- Wednesday 26 July Friday 25 August
- Tuesday 29 August Sunday 3 September

Visit the stables and meet the horses and their grooms.

5. None Go Bye Farm

Meet the animals on a wander down the outdoor walkway. Just £1 per person, kids get a free bag of animal feed and enjoy the giant Sandpit.

There is also an indoor paly area with sandpit for children aged 7 and under. (£2)

6. Yorkshire mining museum

Find out about the story of coal and how it changed our nation forever. Every tour is led by an ex-miner with loads of experience, he'll take you 140m underground through 180 years of mining (£5 pp)

Enjoy sunshine at the beach, explore the great outdoors, discover the Rescue! Stories from the mines and learn about today's emergency services in a fun filled programme of events throughout the summer holidays.

Meet representatives from different emergency services throughout the school holidays

Also a daily Science shows, Nature trail, Paddy train, blacksmith Demos, Horsekeeper talks, Caphouse Creators Summer school (7-12 yr olds) and STEAM club (9 - 16 yr olds)



7. National Railway Museum

Located near York railway station is one of the UK's largest railway museums. It tells the story of rail and transport in Britain and its impact on society. There is a great hall full of engines and carriages, some of which you can look inside. There is a small under 5 play area, another exhibition hall with more carriages and outdoor miniature railway train rides for a small fee.

The museum is free to visit.

8. <u>Marvellous McLintock Mouse trail</u>

McLintock the mouse is curious and wants to explore the museum. There are some surprising spots for a mouse to discover! Find all the hiding places in the museum and Tailor Made exhibition and collect your sticker from the gift shop and wear it with pride. Don't forget to check out the free family activities in the Tailor Made exhibition.

Free, drop-in during museum opening times

9.Bricklive: Fantasy: BRADFORD

The BrickLive trail returns with a Fantasy theme.

This will include dragons, unicorns, wizards and much more.

The models will be located around the city centre inside some of our amazing businesses.

Make sure you grab a selfie with these mythical creatures.



10.Summer Fun At Bradford Museums And Galleries

Why not make the most of the summer and join in with the free events across Bradford.

Cliffe Castle Museum

Tuesday 25 July, 11am-3pm

Festival of Archaeology — come along to Cliffe Castle and have a go at excavating some exciting artefacts in our indoor archaeological dig!

Wednesday 16 August, 11am-3pm

Fairy Festival – Join us for a magical family day with fairies and dragons; bring your picnics, dress up and take part! (Wings and wands are welcome!)

Wednesday 26 July / Wednesday 2nd August / Wednesday 16 August / Wednesday 23 August Tinkering with Toys_— Free drop-in sessions delivered in partnership with our friends at the National Science and Media Museum, suitable for families with young people aged 4-11.

Friday 18 August, 11am-3pm

Sports and Games – Join us for giant Connect 4 and Jenga, hula hooping and even have a go at some Victorian games!

11.Bradford Industrial Museum

What better way to celebrate Yorkshire Day on the 1st August than joining us at Bradford Industrial Museum? As well as the hat throwing competition on the paddock with Glyn Watkins, we have lots of Yorkshire events lined up for you!

- Meet our resident washer woman in the washdays house
- Visit the printers to get your Yorkshire Day bookmark
- Get yourself a fat rascal and a cup of Yorkshire tea
- Plant some Yorkshire roses with the volunteer gardeners
- Spinning, weaving and motive power demos
- Visit the Mill Manager's house!



12. FREE Swimming Pools & Splash Pads | Yorkshire

If you're looking for a great day out this summer these free swimming pools and splash parks give you the chance to cool down without spending a penny!

13. Pontefract Castle

The Victorians absolutely loved Pontefract Castle! Join us for a trip back in time to the Castle's Victorian era and discover how they enjoyed promenading and playing in the grounds.

Drop in and enjoy crafts, games and lots more! 31st July - 5th August 2023 10am to 3pm

14. Autism Friendly Canoe Taster Session, Waterfront Festival

So why not come and learn to canoe with our team of professionally qualified instructors! These sessions accessible for autistic, neurodiverse and people with learning disabilities. The sessions are available throughout the day and are booked on a time slot basis - each an hour long.

All the equipment is provided, so all you need to do is book in on this free session and turn up on the day. These canoeing sessions will be part of the Waterfront Festival, especially designed to be accessible for autistic, neurodiverse and people with learning disabilities. As well as canoeing there will be time travelling drama walks, arts & crafts and much more!

Book now-There will be 40 spaces to book for walk ins across the day at the same times as the pre-bookable slots. Sign up at the Canal & River Trust Gazebo.



15. DINO WALK: TRINITY WALK. WAKEFIELD

Visit Trinity Walk-ing with dinosaurs for free this summer and get the dates in your diary.

They have a dino experience play compound throughout the summer holidays from late July through to early September.

Baby and teenage dinos will be roaming around with Trinity Keepers at various times with breaks throughout the day on Thursday 24th August, Friday 25th August, Saturday 26th August from around 10.30am to around 4pm.

Babies and a full-size velociraptor will be prowling about on Thursday 31st August, Friday 1st September, Saturday 2nd September from around 10.30am to around 4pm.

Free face painting – yes! To celebrate this will be on offer 10am to 4pm on Thursday 24th August, Friday 25th August, Saturday 26th August, Thursday 31st August, Friday 1st September, Saturday 2nd September.

16. LOCAL COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE EVENTS

Many councils and community centres run free family activity sessions such as sporting and fitness sessions for all ages, especially during the school holidays! They also list all the play parks in the area, and you may find a hidden gem that you've not visited before... Try it out!

17. HEAD FOR LUNCH

Family days out can add up quickly, and we know that the school holidays can often lead to real financial stress for parents. Making the most of offers, deals and discounts can make a real difference. Take a look at our round up of restaurants and cafes throughout Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK that are offering 'Kids Eat Free' meals this summer.

18: HASSRA SUMMER DISCOUNTS

Back by popular demand, the HASSRA summer ticket promotion will give members the opportunity to make huge savings on selected attractions throughout the UK this summer.

Tickets are now on sale at our special offer prices. The promotion runs until midnight on 31st August 2023. But wait.....even better for members in Y&H.

We have an extra 25% off tickets off the already discounted prices for Flamingoland, Lightwater Valley and Yorkshire Wildlife Park. This extra saving takes tickets to at least 50% off the advance ticket prices available online direct with the parks.

19: **CSSC**

Check out CSSC: From family days out, trips to the cinema or the thrill of trying something completely new, CSSC awesome range of selected offers will have something perfect for you.

20. PETS AT HOME

My Pet Pals workshops will be running every day in a Pets at Home store near you from 22nd July until 3rd September.

Now Summer is here it's important to keep your pets cool and safe from the sun. In these workshops we will be looking at ways to travel with your pets as well as protecting them in the warm weather.

Kids will receive activity sheets and a certificate as well as meeting our amazing animals...all for FREE!