



Things to do in Wensleydale IF it rains!*

We can't promise you that it won't rain while you're at The Jonas Centre (that's why the fields are so full of lush green grass!). But we can promise that you won't run out of things to do...

Here are some suggestions from locals and our regular visitors.

Even in a traditional place like Wensleydale, things can change, so we recommend double-checking details and opening times before setting off on a long journey.

Indoor attractions

How do they do that? Enjoy watching others at work!

It's great to get the inside track and see how things work, especially if it involves watching other people work while you're enjoying your time off! Here are some places you can visit and see things being made.



- The White Rose Candles workshop in Wensley may be tiny but has an amazing variety of candles for sale and you can often see them being made.
- See how the twist is put into the ropes at Outhwaites Ropemakers in Hawes.

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- Discover how the famous, delicious cheese is made at Wensleydale Creamery.
- A short walk away is Gayle Mill, which is actually improved by the rain, since the turbine and mill is water-powered.
- See chocolates being made at the Little Chocolate Shop near Leyburn, see a film about chocolate before returning to the shop where you can buy unusual pieces such as chocolate stilettos and drink hot chocolate in the cafe.

Cafes & tea rooms, recommended by locals

- Askrigg Village Kitchen is excellent, their wonderful homemade soups with cheese scones straight from the oven, delicious!
- The Coppice Cafe at the nearby Aysgarth National Park centre does lovely fresh home-made scones.



Fabulous food from local shops and farms

Why buy food from faceless supermarkets when you can buy from people who care what they do, who know their customers and their suppliers and who take proper pride in serving high quality food at really reasonable prices? You'll be welcomed (and dry) at all these lovely places where you can also get a taste of our fantastic local produce. So don't be shy, come and shop!

- Look out for the assortment of animals near Berry's Farm Shop at Swinithwaite

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or walk down the hill to see the waterfall before enjoying a meal or snack in the cafe.

- Campbells in Leyburn is an unexpected delight -unveiling foodie delights and with a very extensive selection of fine wines. Ideal for picking up a picnic to enjoy on the Shawl when the sun eventually shines!



CAMPBELLS OF LEYBURN

Hide from the weather in a cosy pub or dine in a fine restaurant



There are few places where you'll find as many cosy and friendly pubs as in the Yorkshire Dales, and on rainy days they can be even better! Here's a selection of "locals" recommended by locals!

- The George Inn at Thoralby - is a traditional country inn located in beautiful Bishopdale near Aysgarth Falls - a hidden oasis.
- Enjoy gastronomic delights in The Blue Lion at East Witton.
- Or fishy treats at The Wensleydale Heifer in West Witton.
- Convince yourself that you're not just whiling away time in a lovely pub, but actually doing a good deed and community service while enjoying a hearty meal at the

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Foresters in Carlton-in-Coverdale – it's a community-owned pub!

- The Fox and Hounds at West Witton is a great village local and family friendly.



- The Green Dragon Pub, Hardraw near Hawes has the added attraction of the walk to its own waterfall.
- The Bolton Arms in Redmire dates back to the 17th century and is open all day and every day for morning coffee, afternoon tea, lunch or dinner. There is a bar area and dining room, a roaring log burner, hand pulled ales and a comprehensive wine list.

Great places to shop in Wensleydale

Northern
Galleries



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EMMA SEDMAN
JEWELLERY

Tennants
AUCTIONEERS

- Take a trip to Leyburn and enjoy browsing around the art galleries: Wensleydale Galleries on Leyburn Business Park; Northern Galleries; Warlands Gallery and Emma Sedman Gallery. There's also a fantastic ironmongers and hard ware shop, House & Home, with great toy shop upstairs.

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- Visit Tennants Auction House, where there are permanently displays of items for forthcoming sales. Special events are also held there with art exhibitions, specialist talks etc. Complete with cafe and restaurant now open Monday to Saturday.



- In Hawes you'll find the Chapel Gallery, the newly refurbished shop at the Dales Countryside Museum and the Mulberry Bush and the Herriot Gallery houses a constantly changing selection of paintings and other artwork.



- Focus on Felt in the village of Hardraw is where Andrea Hunter displays her unique felt pictures in her Gallery.

Learn a new skill

Shelter from the weather and learn a new skill:

- Take part in a woodworking weekend at Gayle Mill where you can smell the wood being cut on a rack, hear the click of the belts running over the wheels as the turbines drive them and see the machines cutting.

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They also have other courses such as crochet, spinning yarn and knitting.

Wonderful waterfalls

Waterfalls are at their most spectacular when it's been raining. There's no shortage of them in the Yorkshire Dales:

- Aysgarth Falls and Cotter Force in Wensleydale both of which can be seen using easy access footpaths.
- Hardraw Force – the longest single drop waterfall in England: pay at the Green Dragon pub
- Linton and West Burton falls.

Where have we missed? - Jolly journeys - without a car



- Catch Wensleydale Railway's train from Leeming Bar, Bedale, Finghall or Leyburn to Redmire and connect with the Vintage Bus to see Aysgarth Falls, spectacular in rain!
- Drive beyond Hawes and take a trip on the Settle to Carlisle railway
- Take the vintage bus through Wensleydale stopping at Jervaulx Abbey, Middleham, Leyburn, Redmire, Bolton

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Castle, Carperby, Aysgarth, Bainbridge and Hawes,
finishing up in Garsdale.

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