Northern Rocks
The North Pennines Festival of Geology and Landscape
23 May – 7 June 2009
In celebration of European Geoparks Week

Themed walks, mine tours, craft events, holidays, children’s activities...something for everyone!

NORTH PENNINES
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Welcome to the sixth annual festival in celebration of the internationally recognised geology and landscape of the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and UNESCO European & Global Geopark.

Please book
Most events are advance booking only (B) to ensure enjoyment and safety for each group. Please note the different booking requirements for each event. For events booked through the AONB Partnership (01388 528801) please call during office hours.

Free events
Events are free unless a cost is stated. Please only reserve places for events which you fully intend to attend, as places are limited. If you haven’t booked please don’t turn up at an event as leaders may not accept you without a booking.

Events for which a fee is payable
When you book you will be advised how to pay. If you are unable to attend an event you have booked and paid for, please contact the organisation you booked with so that places can be reallocated and your fee refunded if possible.

Getting there
At the time of printing events with the symbol may be accessible by public transport. Call Traveline on 0871 200 2233 or visit www.travelinenortheast.info. Please consider using public transport or car sharing to ease traffic and parking congestion.

Guided walks
The walks in the programme have been graded:

- **Easy** – suitable for most people. Easy, comfortable walking, may be some stiles
- **Moderate** – typically a country walk with some hills, stiles and muddy paths. Boots advisable
- **Hard** – hill walks with steep, strenuous climbs. Rough moorland. Boots essential

Events for families/age guide
Events designed for children or that are suitable for children are marked with the symbol. You’ll find further information on ages that events are aimed at (in relation to content or difficulty) next to the symbol. Please call the AONB Partnership Staff Unit on 01388 528801 for further advice.

A joint venture
Northern Rocks 2009 and the Northern Rocks School Visits (see facing page) have only been possible through the close co-operation of the following organisations and individuals:


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The North Pennines – a European Geopark

The North Pennines AONB became Britain’s first European Geopark in 2003 and was one of the founding members of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Network a year later. The Northern Rocks Festival is part of a programme of work, known as Rockworks, whose aim is the interpretation and conservation of the world-renowned geological heritage of the North Pennines, and to use it to support sustainable development.

Rockworks is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Natural England and CDENT and includes a wide range of projects:

- **Rock Detectives** – geology clubs for children aged 6 to 12
- **Wheels to the Wild Cycle Guide** – discover the geology and landscape of the North Pennines by bike. Available from local shops, attractions, information centres and the AONB Partnership Staff Unit
- **Rockwalks and events** – geological walks and events throughout the year. These are part of the AONB Events Programme, as listed in the North Pennines Pocket Guide (see page 5)
- **Displays and trails** – site-based interpretation and geological trails
- **Educational resources** – Rock Boxes, activities and teaching materials
- **Books and leaflets** – publications on the area’s geology and landscape
- **Training events** – workshops to help community groups and land managers understand their local geological heritage
- **Study programmes** – indoor and field-based opportunities for local people

For more information on the Rockworks project contact the AONB Partnership Staff Unit on 01388 528801 or info@northpenninesaonb.org.uk

**Northern Rocks School Visits 1 – 5 June 2009**

A special programme of geologically themed school visits has been prepared for the second week of Northern Rocks (1 – 5 June). If you are a key stage 1, 2 or 3 teacher and would like to find out more please call Nic Cullens at the AONB Partnership on 01388 528801.

**European Geoparks Week**

Northern Rocks is part of European Geoparks Week, an annual summer celebration to promote the geology and landscapes of the 32 UNESCO European Geoparks. European Geoparks are places with outstanding geological heritage where this is being used to support sustainable development. European Geoparks are part of a wider network of UNESCO Global Geoparks. For more details visit www.europeangeoparks.org
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As well as Northern Rocks we are also running events between April and November 2009. Discover the area’s stunning landscape, geology, history and wildlife through guided walks, craft events, workshops and events for children. Look for details in the Pocket Guide. To request a copy call 01388 528801 or email info@northpenninesaonb.org.uk or download pdfs from www.northpennines.org.uk
Sat 23 May  
10.30am – 12 noon & 1.30 – 3pm
**Once upon a time in the Blacksmith’s Shop**

Pat Renton – Storyteller

Deep beneath the Earth are stories. Walk and listen to ancient stories of mystery and magic from many years ago; stories of hidden treasure, shining crystals and creatures that lived down in the dark.

Start **Allenheads long stay car park** (across road from pub)  
[NY 859 453]

Distance/duration/grade 1 mile (2km)/1½ hrs/Easy

Booking AONB P’ship 01388 528801

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Sat 23 May  
12.30 – 4.30pm
**From Ladycross to Blanchland**

Ladycross Quarry & North Pennines AONB P’ship

This event includes a tour around an unusual sandstone quarry led by Manager, Robin Turner, and a 2½ mile walk across the moors to the historic village of Blanchland, led by geologist Dr Elizabeth Pickett. Please have lunch before we start (there’s a pub, a tearoom, shops and toilets in the village).

Start **Blanchland village car park**  
[NY 964 504] (coach to start at Ladycross Quarry)

Distance/duration/grade 3 miles (5km)/4hrs/Moderate

Cost £4 (includes bus travel)

Booking AONB P’ship 01388 528801

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Sun 24 May  
10am – 4 pm
**Range Rovers**

North Pennines AONB Partnership

Get on to Warcop Range and discover some fantastic landscapes in this southern part of the North Pennines. With geologist Dr Elizabeth Pickett we’ll explore limestone country above Helbeck Wood, accompanied by superb views across the Eden Valley.

Start **Brough**, centre of village near clock tower [NY 794 146] (car share to start of walk at Helbeck)

Distance/duration/grade 6 miles (10km)/6hrs/Moderate

Booking AONB P’ship 01388 528801

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Sun 24 May  
10am – 5pm
**Classic Bus Geotour**

Brian Young – Local geologist

This is a one-off trip up hill and down dale to look at some of the notable features of the North Pennines on board a Cumbrian Classic Bus. There will be short stops at Rookhope, Allenheads, Alston and Bowlees.

Start **Wolsingham Station car park**  
[NZ 077 368] OR outside **Dales Centre, Stanhope** [NY 996 393]. (For Dales Centre add 20 min to start time and deduct 20 min from finish time.)

Cost £15 adults/£12 children (under 16yrs)

Booking AONB P’ship 01388 528801 (please let us know where you would like to be picked up when you book)

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Lunch can be bought in Alston
Sun 24 May 11am – 2.30pm
Walk the Old Packhorse Route from Killhope to Allenheads

Killhope Lead Mining Museum
Enjoy this high altitude linear walk with great views. Once busy with pack ponies carrying lead ore from mine to smelt mill, this route is now a peaceful way over the fells.
Start Killhope, the North of England Lead Mining Museum [NY 826 430]
Distance/duration/grade 3½ miles (5.5km)/3.5hrs/Moderate
Cost £5 (for coach)
Booking Killhope Lead Mining Museum 01388 537505 (by 16 May)

Sun 24 May 10am – 6pm
Illuminate Underground

North Pennines Heritage Trust & Mike Hrybyk – Local mine explorer and photographer
Using expert advice from Mike Hrybyk, discover how to interpret mine workings and geology through photography underground.
Venue Nenthead Mines Heritage Centre [NY 781 436]
Distance/duration/grade 5 miles (8km)/8hrs/Hard
Cost £25 – includes insurance and a year’s membership of NPHT
Booking Nenthead Mines Heritage Centre 01434 382037 (education@npht.com)

Bring a compact digital camera and tripod. Includes some crawling, and walking through water. Bring wellingtons, warm clothing, overalls (or old waterproofs) and rucksack. Helmets and lamps provided

Mon 25 May 10am – 3pm
Stanhope Burn Circular Ramble

Dr Iain Boulton – Environmental scientist
A guided walk to discover the geology, ecology and history of Stanhope Dene and its surroundings. We’ll explore two centuries of limestone, ironstone and fluorspar mining and return down the staggering Weatherhill and Crawley inclines.
Start Dales Centre, Stanhope [NY 996 393]
Distance/duration/grade 5 miles (8km)/5hrs/Moderate
Booking AONB P’ship 01388 528801

Mon 25 May 1 – 2pm & 3 – 4pm
Fossil Hunter

North Pennines Heritage Trust
A chance to practise being a real dinosaur hunter! This workshop will allow families to uncover and research fossils, just like real palaeontologists, and will also include craft activities, such as creating fossils for you to take away.
Venue Nenthead Mines Heritage Centre [NY 781 436]
Cost Normal Nenthead Mines charges apply

No need to book - just turn up!
Tues 26 May 10am – 4pm

**Geltsdale Reserve Rocks**

North Pennines AONB Partnership

Explore the north-west corner of the North Pennines in this walk across the fells and past Tindale Tarn. With geologist Dr Elizabeth Pickett find out how the area’s rocks formed and discover evidence of an industrial past. We’ll call in at the RSPB visitor centre at Stagsike to find out more about work on the Geltsdale Reserve.

**Start** Car park at Clesketts [NY 588 584], at end of track to Tindale Tarn

**Distance/duration/grade** 7 miles (11km)/6hrs/Moderate

**Booking** AONB P’ship 01388 528801

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Wed 27 May 2 – 5pm

**The Lead and Silver Mining Heritage of Blanchland**

Clive Crossley – Local historian & conservationist

An exploration of the ancient lead mining heritage of Blanchland and how it has influenced the character of the village and surrounding settlements.

**Start** Blanchland village car park [NY 964 504]

**Distance/duration/grade** 3 miles (5km)/3hrs/Moderate

**Booking** AONB P’ship 01388 528801

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Thur 28 – Sat 30 May

**Magnificent Minerals**

YHA Dufton

Spend a couple of days discovering the area’s fantastic minerals, mines and archaeology. There will be slide shows on Thursday and Friday evenings and a trip down Kirkby Thore gypsum mine on Friday. On Saturday, head for the fells to discover minerals and explore Silver Band Mine. Pick from a menu of events or stay the whole weekend!

**Venue** YHA Dufton [NY 688 250]

**Cost** For further details on events, costs and accommodation contact YHA Dufton 0870 7705800 (dufton@yha.org.uk)

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**Travel through Time – Minerals and Rocks in Upper Teesdale**

Natural England

Join Eric Johnson for a circular walk from Cow Green to Langdon Beck, Widdycar Farm and alongside Cauldon Snout, looking at rocks and minerals from the long distant past.

**Start** Cow Green Reservoir car park [NY 811 309]

**Distance/duration/grade** 8 miles (13km)/6hrs/Hard

**Booking** Natural England 01833 622374

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**Felting Rocks!**

Lapwing Crafts

Get your hands on geology and make your own felt rocks and pebbles using a wonderful range of textured roving. For inspiration bring along your favourite pictures of rock formations and beach pebbles.

**Venue** The Crown, Catton [NY 828 577]

**Cost** £10 per adult and £6 per child (per session)

**Booking** Lapwing Crafts 01434 618648 (info@lapwingcrafts.co.uk)

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**Guided walk**

**Art/craft activity**

**Underground tour**

**Talk**

**Workshop**

**Rock climbing**

**Advance bookings only**

**Bring a packed lunch**

**Bring outdoor clothing**

**Suitable for children**

**Minimum age**
Peter Moorhead – Northumbria Branch of the Dry Stone Walling Association
Discover more about this traditional skill which contributes so much to the North Pennines landscape. As part of a small team you’ll learn basic dry stone walling techniques. Meet Slaggyford village green [NY 677 524], then short drive to start
Distance/duration/grade 1 mile (1.5 km)/7 hrs/Hard
Cost £10 per person (payable to Northumbria Branch of the Dry Stone Walling Association)
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Venue YHA Ninebanks [NY 771 514]
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Fri 29 May 4pm – 6.30pm
Ride a Pack Pony Route
Sinderhope Pony Trekking Centre & North Pennines AONB Partnership
If you’ve always wanted to try horse riding and love North Pennine landscapes, this could be for you. Sinderhope Trekking Centre is offering this special event with geologist Dr Elizabeth Pickett.
Venue Sinderhope Pony Trekking Centre, Allendale [NY 845 515]
Distance/duration/grade 6 miles (10 km)/2.5 hrs/Moderate
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Gordon Lamb – Local artist (Gallery Upstairs) & North Pennines AONB Partnership
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Venue The Lord Crewe Arms Hotel, Blanchland [NY 964 504]. Please park in public car park and walk short distance to hotel
Distance/duration/grade 1½ miles (2.5 km)/6 hrs/Moderate
Cost £40 adults/£25 children (12-15 yrs)
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The Railway at the Top of the World
Dr Iain Boulton - Environmental scientist
A walk to explore the route of the highest standard gauge railway line ever built in the UK. We’ll trace the history of the Weardale Iron Company and the Weardale Lead Company which worked the treasures of the Boltsburn Mine.
Start Rookhope Village Hall car park [NY 938 429]
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**Nenthead - Past Lives and Landscapes**
Roger Morris - Local historian

Come and see England's highest church and stand where John Wesley once preached. Discover how Isaac Holden and others made their mark on the North Pennines and beyond on this leisurely stroll back to the 1800s, with a cup of tea at the end.

Start  Nenthead Mines Heritage Centre  [NY 781 436]
Distance/duration/grade  4 miles (6.5km)/3hrs/Moderate
Booking AONB P'ship 01388 528801

⚠️ Bring some money for refreshments at the end

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Sun 31 May 11am – 4pm
**Burtreeford and Back: Upper Weardale's Geology**

Durham County Council

Join John Burgess to explore the geology of Upper Weardale and how it has been exploited through mining and quarrying. Ascend from St John's Chapel to Sedling Rake, returning via Cowshill and Wearhead along the Weardale Way.

Start  St John's Chapel Town Hall  [NY 885 379]
Distance/duration/grade  6.5 miles (10.5km)/5hrs/Moderate
Cost  £2.50 per walker, family ticket for £7.50 (2 adults and up to 3 children). Pay on the day
Booking AONB P'ship 01388 528801

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Sun 31 May 10am – 4pm
**Dukerdale and Nine Standards**

North Pennines AONB Partnership

This linear walk with geologist Dr Elizabeth Pickett takes us past dramatic Dukerdale to Nine Standards Rigg and its stone cairns. We'll descend all the way back to Kirkby Stephen, through some lovely limestone country. Includes transport from Kirkby Stephen to Nateby Common.

Start  Kirkby Stephen Tourist Information Centre  [NY 775 087]
Distance/duration/grade  6 miles (10km)/6hrs/Moderate
Cost  £4 (includes bus travel)
Booking AONB P'ship 01388 528801

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Sun 31 May 1pm – 4.30pm
**All that Glitters – Kids’ Spar Box Workshop**

Draw your inspiration from the fabulous Victorian spar boxes on display at Killhope and then have a go yourself!

Venue  Killhope, the North of England Lead Mining Museum  [NY 826 430]
Cost  £5 per child plus normal Killhope charges – pay on the day

⚠️ 5 (up to 12)
Dress to get messy! No need to book – just turn up

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Sun 31 May 1.30 – 3.30pm
**Rock and Fossil Foray**

Harehope Quarry Project

Come along and discover the rocks and fossils of Harehope Quarry, make Plaster of Paris fossils and dig for fossils in the ‘Georium’!

Venue  Harehope Quarry, Frosterley  [NZ 038 365]
Cost  £2 per child (pay on the day)
Booking  Harehope Quarry 01388 528599/528633 or jill@harehopequarry.org.uk

⚠️ Under 8s must be accompanied by adult. Dress to get messy!
Freshments available
June

Mon 1 June – Sat 20 June 10.30am – 5pm

Cronkley Fell: on the Roof of Teesdale
Brian Young – Local geologist
Explore some of the remarkable, but little known, geological and landscape features of Teesdale. See how rocks influence the unique plants, hear about some of the new ideas on the origin of these rocks and, weather permitting, enjoy some great views.
Start Hanging Shaw car park, Forest-in-Teesdale [NY 867 298]
Distance/duration/grade 7 miles (12km)/6.5hrs/Hard
Booking AONB P’ship 01388 528801

Thur 4 June 10am – 4pm

Tindale Trail – The Earl of Carlisle’s Railway and Collieries
Dr Iain Boulton – Environmental scientist
A linear walk following a private railway that operated for over 155 years between Brampton and Lambley. Walk along part of the original route of the railway, passing long-abandoned collieries and an innovative zinc smelter. Includes transport from Coanwood to start of walk near Hallbankgate.
Start Coanwood car park [NY 679 595]
Distance/duration/grade 6 miles (10km)/6hrs/Moderate
Cost £6 (includes minibus transport)
Booking AONB P’ship 01388 528801

Tues 2 June 10am – 5pm

John Martin Heritage Trail
The John Martin Project
John Martin (1789-1854) was born in Haydon Bridge and became one of the most popular artists of his day. The trail visits many of the places associated with his early life which may have inspired his later work. (For further info about John Martin visit www.wojm.org.uk.)
Start Haydon Bridge Library, next to Railway Station [NY 842 646]
Distance/Duration/Grade 11 miles (17km)/7hrs/Moderate (some short strenuous ascents)
Booking AONB P’ship 01388 528801

Wed 3 June 10.30am – 5pm

South Tyne Valley: To the Backbone of the Earth
Brian Young – Local geologist
Explore the South Tyne Valley and see how rocks shape the landscape. Learn how to read evidence of millions of years of Earth history and discover evidence of past mineral wealth. Try striking it rich at the North Pennines’ only trial gold mine!
Start Garrigill village green [NY 744 415]
Distance/duration/grade 8 miles (13km)/6.5hrs/Moderate
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Fri 5 June 9am – 5pm

Across to the Nick

North Pennines AONB Partnership
Discover geology, landscape and wildlife on this fantastic, linear hill walk between Cow Green Reservoir and Dufton, via the spectacular High Cup Nick. Includes minibus transport from Dufton to start of walk at Cow Green.

Meet Dufton village car park
[NY 689 250]
Distance/duration/grade 1½ miles (2km)/2hrs/Easy
Cost £6 (inc. travel)
Booking AONB P'ship 01388 528801

⚠️ Once started the full walk must be completed – there is no short cut! Full hill walking kit required.

Fri 5 June 11am – 1pm & 2 - 4pm

Alston: The Town Rocks

Brian Young – Local geologist
This stroll around town will reveal the amazing variety of rocks that give Alston its unique character, and also help us understand millions of years of Earth history.

Start Alston Market Cross [NY 718 465]
Distance/duration/grade 1½ miles (2km)/2hrs/Easy
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Fri 5 June 10am – 12noon

Have a Go at Caving

Harehope Quarry Project
Find out about the special properties of limestone and have a go at caving in Jacob’s Pot at Harehope Quarry.

Venue Harehope Quarry, Frosterley [NZ 038 365]
Distance/duration/grade ½ mile/2hrs/Hard
Booking Harehope Quarry 01388 528599/528633 (jill@harehopequarry.org.uk)

⚠️ Charge for refreshments at the end
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*Cost* £20 – includes one year’s membership of NPHT  
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**Touching the Rock**

Harold Edwards – Climbing instructor  
Have a go at rock climbing and abseiling with a fully qualified instructor. Suitable for beginners; all climbing and safety equipment provided. A great way to look at rocks from a different view point!  
*Meet Appleby Broad Street car park [NY 685 204]. Car share to crag*  
*Distance/duration/grade* 1 mile (1.5km)/5.5hrs/Moderate  
*Cost* £7 (inc. equipment)  
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John O’Reilly – Local ecologist & botanist  
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