

Williamston Barns

Eating Out during your stay at Williamston Barns

One of the wonderful things about staying at Williamston Barns is that it is very remote. Whilst it is lovely to be tucked away far from the madding crowd it does also mean that there are only a few options for eating out in the immediate vicinity. If you are exploring a little further afield then more choices are available and it can be worth planning your excursions around somewhere good to eat!

If you are heading out from the Barns to explore there here are a few of our favourite places that we would recommend:

The Nook Farm shop and café is just 2 miles south on route to Alston on the right serving hot drinks and cakes.

If you would like to visit somewhere close by for morning coffee, a light lunch or afternoon tea then head to Lanercost Tea Room (contact 016977 41267) situated next to 12th Century Lanercost Priory (well worth a visit) and within the World Heritage Site of Hadrian's Wall.

Corbridge is a very pretty Roman market town which has plenty of options for eating out. Try The Duck House (2-3 Town Hall Buildings) for breakfast and delicious meals throughout the day (evenings Thursday to Saturday) or The Angel of Corbridge (Main Street) for excellent pub food.

If you are visiting Hexham we recommend the Beaumont Hotel (01434 602331) a recently refurbished hotel with a wonderful bar and restaurant opposite the 6th century Abbey in the heart of the town. You may want to visit the award winning Rat Inn (01434 602814) in nearby Anick. Regularly featured in the UK's top Gastropubs it offers a wide range of locally sourced, local produce.

If you are heading South across the Pennines into County Durham to visit High Force, Barnard Castle and the Bowes Museum do call in to The Rose and Crown (01833 650213) at Romaldekirk - a great place for lunch or dinner.

Further afield if you exploring Weardale then do visit the Lord Crewe Arms, at Blanchland - a great place for lunch or dinner. Sunday lunch is particularly good but booking is required - 01434 675469.

A journey west towards Penrith and the Lake District would provide you with an opportunity to visit The George & Dragon at Clifton (01768 865 381) where lunches and dinner feature local food grown and reared on the Lowther estate.

On your journey to Penrith do stop at the Village Bakery at Melmerby, a great café and a good spot for morning coffee or a light lunch as well as a great spot to stock up on their delicious breads.

If you are planning a picnic then do visit Alston Wholefoods (01434 381588) where you will find an excellent range of cheeses - many of them locally produced. You will also find locally baked bread and pies.

And don't forget if you want to relax and get someone else to do the cooking during your stay, arrangements can be made for freshly cooked meals delivered to the Barns ready for you to pop in the oven or to have served to you whilst you dine. We have a number of arrangements with local chefs who will be more than happy to discuss your own requirements and prepare something special to enjoy in the comfort of the Barns. Please do contact us to discuss.