

**kate & tom's**

*Extraordinary holidays, celebrations & adventures*



## Enjoying your stay at Middleham Hall

*Everything you need to get the most out of your stay*

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# Arrival

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## Where We Are

Property Name: Middleham Hall  
Address: Kirkgate, Middleham  
County: North Yorkshire  
Postcode: DL8 4PG

## Check in and check out

Check in time: 4pm  
Contact name for check in: Joanna Grey  
Contact number for check in: 07792 083392

Check out time for 2 night weekend bookings: 10am  
Check out time for 3 night weekend bookings: 10am  
Check out time for 7 night week bookings: 10am

Please enquire about a later check out time.

# Getting to us

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The best postcode to use with Satnav is:	DL8 4PG
Nearest Train stations and distance:	Northallerton Station, DL7 8AN. (a 36 minute drive)
Taxis are available:	JP of Leyburn. Tel: 07800 513382. M.Y.Taxis. Tel: 01969 623596. North Yorkshire Taxis. Tel: 01748 831414. Redmire Private Hire. Tel: 01969 625635.
The nearest airport is:	Durham Tees Valley Airport, DL2 1LU. (a 52 minute drive)

## **Directions to Middleham Hall**

### ***Arriving by Car***

Middleham House is just off Middleham's market square. As you drive into Middleham towards the market square, just before reaching the square look out for the sign and a large black entrance gate to Middleham House on your right hand side. The entrance to the house is located next to Mark Johnston racehorse training stables and opposite the corner side of The White Swan pub.

# Cooking & dining - chef services

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You'll find our top recommendations below. If you do discover any other gems please do let us know and we will share them with other guests visiting the property.

## **Catering and Drop-off meal service**

**Fairhurst's Catering.** Tel: 07407111806 / 01969 624668 or [guyfairhurstcatering@gmail.com](mailto:guyfairhurstcatering@gmail.com).  
[www.fairhursts.co.uk](http://www.fairhursts.co.uk)

**FIGS Catering.** Tel: 01609 882143 / 07790 021727 or email: [figscatering@me.com](mailto:figscatering@me.com).  
[www.figscatering.co.uk](http://www.figscatering.co.uk)

# Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

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## Nearest Pubs

**The Black Swan**, Market Place, Middleham, DL8 4NP. Tel: 01969 622221 / 622213.

A local pub with its own restaurant for a la carte meals.

[www.middlehamonline.com/blackswan.htm](http://www.middlehamonline.com/blackswan.htm)

**The White Swan**, Middleham, DL8 4PE. Tel: 01969 622093.

A pretty country inn and brasserie, serving food all day.

[www.whiteswanhotel.co.uk](http://www.whiteswanhotel.co.uk)

## Pubs

**The Sandpiper**, Market Place, Leyburn, DL8 5AT. Tel: 01969 622206.

A cosy 16th century Yorkshire pub, serving both international dishes and traditional pub favourites.

[www.sandpiperinn.co.uk](http://www.sandpiperinn.co.uk)

**The Bolton Arms**, Market Place, Leyburn, DL8 5BW. Tel: 01969 623327.

A welcoming real ale pub with excellent food, rated the best in the area by visitors on [tripadvisor.co.uk](http://tripadvisor.co.uk).

[www.boltonarmsredmire.co.uk](http://www.boltonarmsredmire.co.uk)

**The Blue Lion**, East Witton, DL8 4SN. Tel: 01969 624273.

An old country coaching inn and gastropub, surrounded by rolling green hills and featured in the Michelin Guide for its wonderful food.

[www.thebluelion.co.uk](http://www.thebluelion.co.uk)

## Restaurants

**The Wensleydale Heifer**, West Witton, DL8 4LS. Tel: 01969 622322.

A relaxed restaurant specialising in sophisticated seafood meals.

[www.wensleydaleheifer.co.uk/food.html](http://www.wensleydaleheifer.co.uk/food.html)

**Vennell's Restaurant**, 7 Silver Street, Masham, HG4 4DX. Tel: 01765 689000.

An award-winning fine dining restaurant serving seasonal British food. Choose to sit downstairs for a more intimate experience. Booking is essential.

[www.vennellsrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.vennellsrestaurant.co.uk)

**Giovanni's**, 13 Railway Street, Leyburn, DL8 5BB. Tel: 01969 622951.

A little Italian restaurant with a great selection of pizzas, pastas and homemade desserts.

## Best Takeaways

**Indian:** **Saffron**, 16 Market Place, Leyburn, DL8 5BG. Tel: 01969 625777 / 625778.

[www.saffronleyburn.co.uk](http://www.saffronleyburn.co.uk)

**Chinese:** **The Stable Door**, Market Place, Middleham, DL8 4NP. Tel: 01969 623568.

# Cooking & dining - shopping for food

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## **Nearest Convenience Store**

Central Stores, West End Middleham, Leyburn, DL8 4QG. Tel: 01969 623224.

## **Supermarkets**

Tesco, Gough Road/Richmond Road, Catterick Garrison, DL9 3EN. Tel: 0845 677 9137.

## **Supermarket Online Orders**

Sainsbury's - [www.sainsburys.co.uk](http://www.sainsburys.co.uk)

## **Local Produce**

**Campbells of Leyburn**, 4 Commercial Square, Leyburn, DL8 5BP. Tel: 01969 622169.

An award-winning local grocery store with a butchery, delicatessen and wine & spirits department.  
[www.campbellsofleyburn.co.uk](http://www.campbellsofleyburn.co.uk)

**Berry's Farm Shop and Cafe**, Swinithwaite, Leyburn, DL8 4UH. Tel: 01969 663377.

[www.berrysfarmshop.com](http://www.berrysfarmshop.com)

**Wensleydale Longwool Sheep Shop**, Cross Lanes Farm, Garriston, DL8 5JU. Tel: 01969 623840.

A farm shop selling knitting patterns, wool and cozy jumpers and cardigans, made with fleece from their flock of rare Wensleydale sheep.

[www.wensleydalelongwoolssheepshop.co.uk](http://www.wensleydalelongwoolssheepshop.co.uk)

## **Farmers' Markets**

**Leyburn Farmers' Market**, Market Square, Leyburn, DL8 5AH. Tel: 01748 884965.

Held on the 4th Saturday of every month, starting at 8:30am and finishing at 2:00pm.

**Richmond Farmers' Market**, Heron Square, Richmond, TW9.

Held on the 3rd Saturday of every month, starting at 8:30am and finishing at 2:00pm.

# Things to do - activities and pampering

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We strongly advise that all extras and activities are booked as early as possible after booking to avoid disappointment. Our top recommendations for activities and pampering are below.

## Activity Centres

**Marrick Priory**, Marrick, Richmond, DL11 7LD. Tel: 01748 884434.

Offers a huge range of daytime and evening activities, including beck scrambling, gorge walking, caving, archery and mountain biking. If using sat-nav, please note that the Priory's postcode can give unreliable results. Further information on how to get to the centre can be found on their website, on the contact page.

[www.marrickpriory.co.uk](http://www.marrickpriory.co.uk)

**Low Mill Outdoor Centre**, Station Road, Askrigg, Leyburn, DL8 3HZ. Tel: 01969 650432.

Another centre offering a wide range of exciting activities, including rock climbing, abseiling, kayaking, gorge walking and geocaching out on the moors.

[www.lowmill.com](http://www.lowmill.com)

## Clay pigeon shooting

**Warren Gill Shooting Ground**, Fearby Cross, Masham, HG4 4NE. Tel: 01765 689232 / 07977 700017.

[www.warren-gill.co.uk](http://www.warren-gill.co.uk)

## Golf

**Bedale Golf Club**, Leyburn Road, Bedale, DL8 1EZ. Tel: 01677 422451.

[www.bedalegolfclub.com](http://www.bedalegolfclub.com)

**Akebar Golf Complex**, Akebar Park, Wensleydale, DL8 5LY. Tel: 01677 450201 / 450591.

[www.akebarpark.com/akebar-golf-complex](http://www.akebarpark.com/akebar-golf-complex)

## Fishing

**Bellflask Fishery**, Ripon, HG4 5LW. Tel: 01677 470716.

The River Ure offers exceptional fly fishing for trout and grayling, whilst the River Cover offers wild brown trout and grayling. For more information on fly fishing, lessons and day tickets, visit the Yorkshire Dales Fly Fishing website at [www.yorkshire-dales-flyfishing.com](http://www.yorkshire-dales-flyfishing.com).

## Falconry

**Swinton Park Birds of Prey**, Swinton Park Hotel, Swinton, Masham, HG4 4JH. Tel: 01765 680900.

[www.birdsofprey.me.uk](http://www.birdsofprey.me.uk)

## Horse riding

**Masham Riding Stables**, Dykes Hill House, Masham, Ripon, HG4 4NS. Tel: 01765 689241.

[www.yorkshirenorth.co.uk/mashamriding](http://www.yorkshirenorth.co.uk/mashamriding)

## High ropes

**Aerial Extreme Adventure Experiences**, The Camp Hill Estate, Kirklington, Bedale, DL8 2LS. Tel: 0845 652 1736.

[www.aerialxtreme.co.uk/page/north-yorkshire](http://www.aerialxtreme.co.uk/page/north-yorkshire)



### **Gliding**

**The Yorkshire Gliding Club**, Sutton Bank, Thirsk, YO7 2EY. Tel: 01845 597237.

[www.ygc.co.uk](http://www.ygc.co.uk)

### **Wine tasting**

**Thirty Fifty Wine Tasting** Tel: 020 8288 0314 or email: [info@thirtyfifty.co.uk](mailto:info@thirtyfifty.co.uk)

[www.thirtyfifty.co.uk](http://www.thirtyfifty.co.uk)

### **Pampering**

**My Personal Sanctuary**. Tel: 01625 540557 or email: [enquiries@mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk).

[www.mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk](http://www.mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk)

**A-ward Beauty**. Tel: 07936 402145.

[www.awardbeauty.co.uk](http://www.awardbeauty.co.uk)

### **Cookery classes**

**Swinton Park Cookery School**, Swinton Park, Masham, HG4 4JH. Tel: 01765 680900.

[www.swintonpark.com/cookery-school](http://www.swintonpark.com/cookery-school)

### **Brewery tours**

**Theakston Brewery**, Masham, HG4 4YD. Tel: 01765 680000.

[www.theakstons.co.uk](http://www.theakstons.co.uk)

**The Black Sheep Brewery**, Wellgarth, Masham, HG4 4EN. Tel: 01765 689227.

[www.blacksheepbrewery.com](http://www.blacksheepbrewery.com)

# Top things to do with children

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The Yorkshire Dales are outstandingly attractive and filled with an enormous variety of things to do and ways to keep the family occupied. Our personal favourites are:

**Middleham Castle**, Castle Hill, Middleham, DL8 4QG. Tel: 01969 623899.

No day out in the Yorkshire Dales would be complete without a visit to Middleham Castle. Once the childhood home of Richard III, you can relive the castle's illustrious history and unlock the deeds of its great owners.

[www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/middleham-castle](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/middleham-castle)

**West Burton Falls**, West Burton. Grid reference: SE 019 867.

Take a trip to the West Burton Falls, a secret waterfall in a beautiful setting. The whole family will love discovering this hidden gem. The falls can be found by walking to the north end of the village, crossing a footbridge and following the country path until you reach the falls, secluded by some woodland.

[www.waterfallsoftheyorkshiredales.co.uk/info23697.html](http://www.waterfallsoftheyorkshiredales.co.uk/info23697.html)

**Thorp Perrow Arboretum**, Bedale, DL8 2PR. Tel: 01677 425323.

Have a day out with the wildlife at Thorp Perrow Arboretum. Meet birds of prey, meerkats, wallabies, ostriches, Belgian hares and many more wild animals. A hands on wildlife experience for all the family set amongst one of the finest collection of trees and shrubs in the country. There are eighty-five acres of beautiful gardens and grounds to explore, with a playground and tearoom for when you fancy a break.

[www.thorpperrow.com](http://www.thorpperrow.com)

**Egglestone Abbey**, 1 mile south of Barnard Castle, on a minor road off the B6277. Tel: 0870 3331181.

Egglestone Abbey gives the whole family the chance to see the charming ruins of a small monastery of Premonstratensian 'white canons', picturesquely set above a bend in the River Tees. A pleasant stop for budding artists and photographers.

[www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/egglestone-abbey](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/egglestone-abbey)

**Lightwater Valley**, North Stainley, Ripon, HG4 3NB. Tel: 0843 504 3893.

Spend the day at Lightwater Valley at Ripon. There's a theme park with more than forty attractions for all ages, including roller coasters, a farm zoo and the UK's first Angry Birds Activity Park, bringing the game to life. Entrance to Lightwater Valley Falconry is also included in the ticket price.

[www.lightwatervalley.co.uk](http://www.lightwatervalley.co.uk)

# Top places to visit & shop nearby

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## Leyburn

Leyburn is a small market town, centred around a large market square. It's very close to Middleham and is the best place to shop nearby, with two markets, three art galleries, plenty of small speciality stores and two banks with cash machines.

Leyburn has developed a reputation for fine food; its Dales Festival of Food and Drink, held on the first bank holiday weekend in May, has become the most anticipated food festival in the North of England. As well as several great food shops, the town boasts a working chocolate factory that runs fascinating tours.

The nearby Forbidden Corner is one of the oddest attractions in the UK: a four acre garden full of follies, tunnels, chambers and bizarre sculpture, great for a surreal day out. Please note that tickets must be booked before you arrive, either via their website or over the phone. There's also Bolton Castle to see, one of the best preserved fortresses in the country.

**The Little Chocolate Shop**, Leyburn Business Park, Harmby Road, Leyburn, DL8 5QA. Tel: 01969 625288.  
[www.thelittlechocolateshop.co.uk](http://www.thelittlechocolateshop.co.uk)

**The Forbidden Corner**, The Tugill Park Estate, Coverham, DL8 4TQ. Tel: 01969 640638.  
[www.theforbiddencorner.co.uk](http://www.theforbiddencorner.co.uk)

**Bolton Castle**, Near Leyburn, DL8 4ET. Tel: 01969 623981.  
[www.boltoncastle.co.uk](http://www.boltoncastle.co.uk)

## Aysgarth

A little village, about 17 minutes' drive from Middleham Hall, best known for its waterfalls, which once fascinated painter J. M.W. Turner.

**Aysgarth Falls**, Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre, Aysgarth, DL8 3TH.  
[www.yorkshire-dales.com/aysgarth-falls.html](http://www.yorkshire-dales.com/aysgarth-falls.html)

## Masham

Masham, pronounced "Massum", is a small market town around a 15 minute drive away, known for excellent real ales. The two breweries in town, Theakston's Brewery and The Black Sheep Brewery, both run informative brewery tours and tastings. Masham is also home to the fantastic cooking school and falconry centre at Swinton Park, both, at the time of writing, unanimously rated as 'excellent' by visitors on [tripadvisor.co.uk](http://tripadvisor.co.uk).

Brymor Dairy is a great place to stop for ice cream, found mid-way between Middleham and Masham. Its ice cream parlour offers more than thirty different flavours, ranging from traditional clotted cream to the exotic pineapple and tiramasu, all made on the farm. It's also worth stopping to see the atmospheric ruins of Jervaulx Abbey, just five minutes' drive from the dairy and a great spot for a picnic.

**Brymor Dairy**, High Jervaulx Farm, Masham, HG4 4PG. Tel: 01677 460337.  
[www.brymordairy.co.uk](http://www.brymordairy.co.uk)

## Top places to visit and shop nearby

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**Jervaulx Abbey**, Jervaulx, Ripon, HG4 4PH. Tel: 01677 460391.  
[www.jervaulxabbey.com](http://www.jervaulxabbey.com)

### **Richmond**

Richmond is a market town around 23 minutes' drive from Middleham Hall, described by The Rough Guide as 'an absolute gem' and named UK town of the year for 2009. It is best known for its Norman fortress, which offers interesting historical exhibits and fantastic views across the town. Richmond is also good for shopping, with a nice range of independent shops as well as some high street chains.

Richmond's tiny Georgian Theatre Royal, built in 1788, is one of the oldest existing playhouses in the UK and still runs regular productions and events. It's well worth a visit for its intimate atmosphere and a sense of stepping back in time.

**Richmond Castle**, Riverside Road, Richmond, DL10 4QW. Tel: 01748 822493.  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/richmond-castle](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/richmond-castle)

**The Georgian Theatre Royal**, Victoria Road, Richmond, DL10 4DW. Tel: 01748 825252.  
[www.georgiantheatreroyal.co.uk](http://www.georgiantheatreroyal.co.uk)

# Useful information

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## **Middleham Hall at a Glance**

### **Bedrooms and Bathrooms**

- Sleeps up to 21 people
- Ten bedrooms, of which four have ensuite bathrooms
- Five shared family bathrooms
- All rooms are zip and link and can be set up as either kingsize or twin

### **Cooking and Dining**

- Dining table seats 20 comfortably
- Chef available for a special meal or throughout the weekend
- Wall fitted twin ovens, gas hobs and range cooker
- Walk to a good pub
- Fantastic dining nearby
- Online deliveries

### **Children Welcome**

- Toys, books and DVDs for children
- Billiard Room
- One cot available
- One high chair available

### **Top Things to Do for Children**

- Riding
- Treetop Ropes Adventure
- Lightwater Valley

### **Where We Are**

- The postcode is DL8 4PG
- The nearest village is Middleham Market Square
- The nearest station is Northallerton, 40 minute's drive away
- The nearest airport is Leeds Bradford, 60 minute's drive away
- Taxis available
- Lots of parking space

## **About Your Booking**

### **Payment process**

- We take a one third deposit at the time of booking
- The balance is due three months before the date booked
- Cautionary deposit
- £1,000 refundable deposit

## Useful information

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### **House restrictions**

- Up to two well behaved dogs welcome, sleeping downstairs in the utility room
- Noise policy in place
- No fireworks please
- Not suitable for stag parties

### **Arrival and Departure**

- Check in 4pm
- Check out 10am – please enquire about a late check out

### **What's included**

- Linen
- Towels
- Essentials
- Utilities
- Extra housekeeping available on request

# Guest reviews

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This wonderful home receives fantastic feedback from our guests.

“This was a fantastic location for my Dad's 80th Birthday. The ideal venue to bring 4 generations of family together in one place for a long weekend. It had wow factor and it was homely. Plenty of space for young and old. The place is full of history, both inside and out. Everyone went home wishing they could stay longer, which is always a great sign of a successful event. Thank you for giving us access to your country home.” - *Andrew*

“Along with 19 other guests I spent a wonderful, 60th birthday weekend at this beautifully appointed and comfortable house. Everyone had a fabulous time and many hope to return!” - *Karen*

“We stayed at Middleham House on the most glorious weekend in October to celebrate my husband's surprise 60th birthday. It was a wonderful setting for a family party. The weather was lovely and we were able to enjoy the beautiful countryside around Middleham. Joanna, the housekeeper was very helpful and the house had a lovely atmosphere. The facilities were excellent and we all had a wonderful time. Thanks again.” - *Janys*

“Effortless style and charming in every way. My guests couldn't believe it and nor did I realise I could manage these things, maybe I was to the manor born after all. Simply magical. Thank you.” - *Tobias*

“We had such a fun weekend at Middleham - really comfortable and extremely memorable - we will be back.....!!!!” - *Piers*