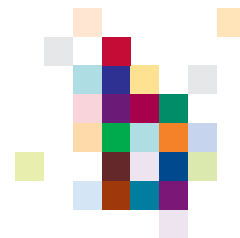


50 things to do in Bradford district



1. Enjoy the Bradford Imax

Bradford IMAX at the National Media Museum was the first IMAX cinema in Europe and offers the ultimate cinema experience. Choose from Hollywood Blockbusters to 3D Imax films; whatever you choose, you'll be impressed.

2. Visit the working horses at the Bradford Industrial Museum

Moorside Mills built in 1875 is home to the Bradford Industrial Museum, which illustrates Bradford's industrial history. The museum also has a team of working horses and weather permitting you can enjoy a ride in a horse-drawn vehicle.

3. Eat some of the best Curry in the UK.

Bradford has a well-earned reputation for some of the best Asian restaurants in the country. There are many award winning restaurants to choose from including the Aagrah, Omar Khans. Mumtaz and Akbars.

4. Admire World Class Art

Discover one of the world's most famous artists – David Hockney. The 1853 Gallery in Salts Mill, Saltaire, houses one of his largest collections. Saltaire is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

5. Take a guided walk in Saltaire

Learn more about Saltaire UNESCO World Heritage Site's history on a highly entertaining and informative guided walk of the village lead by Maria Glot.

6. Jump on board a steam train

The Keighley & Worth Valley Railway is an excellent way to travel through Brontë Country. Not only is it one of Yorkshire's only steam railways it's a great day out. Look out for the many events that are held at the railway including the popular Beer and Music Festival and the Santa Trains.

7. Walk on Ilkley Moor

Impressive views of Wharfedale and beyond can be admired from Ilkley Moor. The Moor is home to pre-historic rocks and is rich in wildlife. Visit www.visitbradford.com/countryside-outdoors and download walking routes, which include the moor.

8. Feeling brave?

Then jump into the icy cold plunge pool at White Wells, Ilkley Moor. White Wells houses two 18th century plunge baths as well as a café. It's open when the flags are flying!

9. Read the News

Read the news with Hugh Edwards, BBC presenter, be the star of your own show or get behind the camera. The whole family will enjoy the TV Making experience at one of the National Media Museum's hands-on exhibitions.

10. Shop for all things vintage in Saltaire

Saltaire has lots of interesting independent shops, including the popular House of Rose & Brown full of vintage clothing, jewellery, accessories, furniture and collectables. Look out for the regular vintage fairs held in nearby Victoria Hall.

11. Spend a night at the theatre

Considered to be the jewel in Bradford crown the magnificent Alhambra Theatre offers the best in West End shows, ballet, musicals, dramas and the annual pantomime. Book your ticket online today www.bradford-theatres.co.uk

12. Relax at the Love Apple

One of the city's most popular venues the Love Apple Café is a restaurant, bar and club with some of the best gigs in the city.

13. Discover Connect at Cartwright Hall Art Gallery

Cartwright Hall's latest permanent exhibition is Connect a rich and diverse collection that includes paintings, prints, drawings, textiles, sculpture, stained glass and ceramics and features key works by artists such as David Hockney, L.S Lowry, Joshua Reynolds, Andy Warhol and Bridget Riley.

14. Have fun at the Bradford Mela

Take the family to the Bradford Mela, a celebration of different cultures, which each year offers a fantastic family friendly mix of quality outdoor entertainment, street theatre, market stalls, children's activities and funfair rides.

15. Become a film buff

Watch the best in world cinema at the Bradford Film Festival (March), one of the city's three film festivals, which include Bite the Mango (September) and the Bradford Animation Festival (November).

16. Learn more about the Brontës

The world of Wuthering Heights is brought to life in the famous village of Haworth, as this picturesque village was once home to the literary greats the Brontës. Their home is now the Bronte Parsonage Museum, which is full of their original possessions as well as a fascinating exhibition about their lives.

17. Shop at the UK's largest Asian department store

Bombay Stores is the UK's largest Asian department store. Luxurious fabrics, Asian fashions, shoes, jewellery, large haberdashery and restaurant make this a day out in itself.

18. Wander through Undercliffe Cemetery

Undercliffe Cemetery is one of the finest Victorian Gothic cemeteries in the UK, full of obelisks, grand columns and statues of angels. Here you will find many of the notable inhabitants of Bradford along with veterans of famous conflicts such as Waterloo and the Crimea.

19. Dine at the Michelin starred Box Tree

The Michelin starred Box Tree in Ilkley is one of Yorkshire's finest restaurants. Go on treat yourself!

20. Learn more about Roman remains in Ilkley

The Manor House Museum in Ilkley stands on the remains of the Roman fort of Olicana. Only a short section of defensive wall remains exposed at the back of the building, but Roman artefacts from the fort and surrounding area are on permanent display inside.

21. Celeb spot at the Ilkley literature Festival

The Ilkley Literature Festival attracts some of the best from the world of literature and entertainment. Choose from author's events, discussions, poetry, readings, literary walks and children's events.

22. Admire Little Germany

Bradford's Victorian past is evident in the impressive buildings in the city's Little Germany. German merchants built these imposing buildings to house their goods and many are now listed.

23. Have fun at the Alhambra's Comedy Club

Bag of Quips is Bradford's monthly comedy night and attracts some of the best acts currently on the circuit.

24. Discover the inspiration for Wuthering Heights

The ruins of the farmhouse Top Withens on Haworth Moor are thought to have been the inspiration for Emily Bronte's classic novel Wuthering Heights. There are many connections to the Brontës in Haworth and the surrounding area. Visit the Bronte Parsonage or Haworth Tourist Information Centre for more information.

25. Get dressed up for 1940s Weekend

1940s Weekend is a spectacular celebration of the 1940s. Get dressed up in 40's attire, dance the night away at one of the dances and enjoy live music at one of Haworth's most popular events.

26. Visit East Riddlesden Hall

East Riddlesden Hall is a beautiful 17th century manor house and is an ideal place for a family day out with its impressive gardens, play area and children's events.

27. Discover Bradford Cathedral

Bradford Cathedral is the city's oldest place of worship and has a fascinating history. The Cathedral is a beautiful building and has many interesting features including twelve stained glass windows designed by William Morris. A varied programme of cultural events, performances and exhibitions are also available.

28. Shop in Main Street, Haworth

Haworth's Main Street is a shopper's paradise with its many independent shops selling fresh local produce, gifts and clothes. There are plenty of pubs and cafes nearby to rest weary feet.

29. Rock climb on Ilkley Moor

Ilkley has some of the best grit stone bouldering territory in the country and the Cow and Calf Rocks on Ilkley Moor are just one of the places to try.

30. Watch TV classics in TV Heaven

Watch any of the classic television programmes from the TV Heaven collection completely free of charge at the National Media Museum. With over 900 programmes, encompassing the last 60 years of television broadcasting history there's plenty to choose from.

31. Take a stroll through Middleton Woods

It's best to visit Middleton Woods in May when the forest floor is awash with pretty bluebells. Ilkley Tourist Information Centre has walking routes, which cover this beautiful part of Ilkley.

32. Spend an afternoon in Salts Mill

Salts Mill has lots to offer: One of the largest collections of David Hockney's works, lots of independent shops and several cafes and restaurants.

33. Admire Saltaire United Reformed Church

Saltaire United Reformed Church is a spectacular Grade 1 listed building and is a unique example of Italianate religious architecture. Built by Sir Titus Salt it is a focal point of the village, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

34. Enjoy a Victorian Christmas

The village of Haworth is the perfect place to celebrate Christmas. Every weekend from mid November the village celebrates Christmas with 6 weekends of Victorian festivities. Join the torchlight parade or watch the tradition of scrogging the holly.

35. Shop for delicious Yorkshire produce

Delicious Yorkshire produce can be purchased at one of Bradford or Saltaire's local produce markets held once a month. Alternatively visit the Kirkgate Market in Bradford City Centre for clothes, jewellery and cafes.

36. Enjoy a night out in Bradford's West End

Bars, restaurants, clubs and the Alhambra Theatre can all be found in Bradford's West End, the city's liveliest quarter.

37. Visit Keighley's transport museums

The town of Keighley has an array of transport museums, which include the popular Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, the Keighley Bus Museum, the Museum of Rail Travel and the Ingrow Loco.

38. Choose to eat in Shipley

Whatever your taste you'll find it in Shipley a town full of fantastic restaurants. Try the award winning Aagrah or enjoy Thai cuisine at Thai Fever.

39. Visit the Museum of Reed Organs and Harmoniums

Discover a large collection of organs along with advertising materials of the period. Original catalogues, posters, trade cards and plate negatives create a vivid impression of the extent of the industry in its heyday.

40. Enjoy a drink in Branwell Brontë's local

Branwell Brontë the brother of Anne, Emily and Charlotte was well known in the Black Bull a pub he would regularly frequent. Enjoy a drink in the pub and see Branwell's chair. There are lots of other pubs nearby if you fancy making a night of it!

41. Step back in time to an old apothecary shop

The Old Apothecary in Haworth is a fascinating place full of old-world remedies, antique chemist bottles and all kinds of aromatic bath mixtures.

42. Join a guided walk

Bradford Council's countryside runs a programme of guided walks throughout the year covering walks for all abilities. The walk leaders are very knowledgeable and the walks are a great way to meet new people and learn more about Bradford's countryside. www.visitbradford.com/countryside-outdoors

43. Eat a Fat Rascal at Bettys Café and Tearooms

Betty's Café and Tearooms is a Yorkshire institution with its impressive selection of teas, coffees and cakes. Try a Fat Rascal a large bun which is a Bettys speciality.

44. Watch Bradford Bulls in action

If you enjoy rugby watch Bradford Bulls, Bradford's rugby league team at home at the Grattan Stadium. It's sure to be a good match if they are against their rivals the Leeds Rhinos.

45. Swim and sunbathe at the Ilkley Lido

The Ilkley Lido was built in 1935 and is one of the only remaining Lidos in Yorkshire. It's the perfect place to spend a hot summer's day.

46. Visit Haworth Parish Church and graveyard

The famous literary family, the Brontës once lived in Haworth and they are buried in Haworth Parish Church, with the exception of Anne. The graveyard is a fascinating place full of atmosphere and history.

47. Explore the countryside

Bradford is surrounded by beautiful countryside and there are many different walks to be discovered for all abilities. Visit one of the Tourist Information Centres for more routes or download from www.visitbradford.com/countryside-outdoors/

48. Follow the heritage trail

Bradford has an impressive history and the city centre is full of striking Victorian architecture. Follow the heritage trail available from Bradford Tourist Information Centre to learn more about Bradford's past.

49. Visit Impressions Gallery

Impressions Gallery is one of the leading independent venues for photography. With an exciting programme of talks and events, a specialist bookshop and frequently changing exhibitions, there's always something new to do.

50. Be impressed by Bingley Five Rise Locks

Bingley Five-rise lock staircase is the most spectacular feature of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. This unique 5-rise staircase has a total fall of 60 feet.