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Elsecar Heritage Centre

Elsecar Heritage Centre is packed with places to explore and things to buy. It buzzes with activity and makes a great day out for all the family.

T: 01226 740203



Cannon Hall Museum, Park & Gardens

An elegant Georgian stately hall set in 70 acres of parkland and gardens. Year-round events and exhibitions make it a memorable place to visit.

T: 01226 790270



Cooper Gallery

The Cooper Gallery is an incredible hidden gem – a vibrant creative arts space situated at the heart of Barnsley town centre.

T: 01226 242905

Opening times

April to October:
Saturday to Wednesday
11am to 4pm

November, December
and March:
Sundays only
11am to 4pm

Contact details

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Location

Worsborough Mill is situated on the A61. From junction 36 of the M1, follow the heritage signs.

Site facilities



Toilets



Induction loop



Parking



Shop



Picnic area



Partial disabled facilities

For transport details please contact Traveline on 01709 515151



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A FASCINATING GLIMPSE INTO A LIVING TRADITIONAL INDUSTRY



Flour-milling and bread-making are nowadays taken for granted, but history reveals that it was not always such a quick and easy process. From the 1086 Domesday Survey to their rapid decline in the 19th century, over 75 mills – corn mills, textile mills, paper mills and wood mills – in the local area have disappeared. There are a few visible remains today, but the gem that is Worsbrough Mill is fully operational and still producing stoneground flour.



The history of the oldest part of the mill can be traced back to 1625 when the mighty power of natural water, drawn from the adjacent River Dove, first turned the great grinding stones. Three pairs of stones are driven by a huge cast-iron wheel – a thrilling sight to see (and hear)! An additional mill was built alongside around 1843 that enabled a steam-driven beam engine to turn a further two pairs of stones, increasing the production of flour. That same stoneground flour that has sustained Worsbrough's inhabitants for almost four hundred years can be bought at the mill – a tangible and tasty reminder of the past.

The parkland surrounding the Mill was designated a Local Nature Reserve in 2000, and open water dominates the area. A reservoir and canal basin, willow carr, reed bed, meadows and ancient woodland all provide welcoming habitats for birds, insects

and amphibians. While ambling down the pathways it's possible to spot a whole host of wildlife, while an ever-changing array of bird species punctuates the air with trill, chatter and warble – skylark, linnets, reed bunting, spotted flycatcher, tree sparrow, grey partridge, bullfinch, kingfisher and song thrush have all been recorded here.

An outing to Worsbrough Mill and Country Park not only provides a fascinating glimpse into a living traditional industry, but also a chance to delight in over 200 acres of natural environment. When you've sated your historical curiosity, enjoy a walk or a picnic, go cycling on the bordering Trans Pennine Trail, or simply enjoy an idyllic afternoon by the fishing reservoir – there's no shortage of activities to make your visit to Worsbrough both perfect and memorable.