



## High Force

High Force is one of England's most spectacular and powerful waterfalls, located in Upper Teesdale within the North Pennines. Here, the River Tees plunges dramatically over a wide rock ledge, dropping around 21 metres (70 feet) into a churning gorge below. Unlike many tall, narrow waterfalls, High Force is renowned for its sheer volume and breadth – particularly after heavy rain, when the full force of the River Tees creates a thunderous curtain of white water and mist. The waterfall owes its striking shape to the unique geology of the area. The River Tees flows over a layer of hard volcanic rock known as Whin Sill before cutting into softer limestone beneath. Over thousands of years, erosion has carved out a dramatic gorge, leaving a near-vertical rock face that creates the waterfall we see today.

**Nearest town/city:** Darlington > 53 min (35 miles)

**Nearest station:** Darlington Station > 56 min (30.8 miles)

**Nearest direct to London:** Darlington Station > 56 min (30.8 miles)

**Nearest airport:** Teesside International Airport > 1hr 2 min (36.7 miles)

**Nearest unit base:** High Force car park > 8 min (0.5 miles)

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