



## Killhope Lead Mining Museum

Killhope Lead Mining Museum is one of Britain's most important surviving lead-mining heritage sites, located in a remote upland valley in the North Pennines near Cowshill. Sitting at over 1,500 feet above sea level, it is among the highest museums in England and occupies the site of the historic Park Level Mine. The museum preserves not just buildings, but an entire industrial landscape shaped by centuries of mining activity. Developed during the 19th century at the height of the North Pennines lead industry, the site reflects a time when this region was one of the most productive lead-mining areas in the world. The surrounding hills are scarred with hushes, spoil heaps, and old shafts – visible reminders of the intense extraction that once powered the local economy. Today, Killhope forms part of the wider heritage of the North Pennines, an area recognised for both its natural beauty and its industrial past.

**Nearest town/city:** Stanhope > 24 min (13 miles)

**Nearest station:** Bishop Auckland Train Station > 53 min (29.1 miles)

**Nearest direct to London:** Durham Station > 1hr 3 min (33.5 miles)

**Nearest airport:** Newcastle International Airport > 1hr (42.8 miles)

**Nearest unit base:** Killhope car park > 5 min (0.1 miles)

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**Website:** [killhope.org.uk](http://killhope.org.uk)

