

Explore the changing
landscape of coal mining



Pit Wood

Listen to the babbling stream and the birds sing as you walk through the woodlands and reed beds that help transform bright orange mine water into clean river water.



Nature Trail

Step inside our Pony Discovery Centre to meet our three ponies and Clydesdale horse. Chat to the experienced Horsekeepers and try our interactive activities to discover how our four-legged friends have been entwined with coal mining for many centuries.



Pony Discovery Centre

Adventure Playground

Let off steam in our mining
themed adventure playground!



Visit Us

We are open Wednesday–Sunday except 1 January and 25 & 26 December.

Details of our regular events, activities and exhibitions are available at ncm.org.uk and on social media.

Prices

When booking the Underground Tour you'll get a traditional miner's 'check' and be asked for a £7.50 deposit. After your tour you can keep the check and donate the £7.50 to help us keep the mine running, or you can return it. Some events are also chargeable.

Access

The site has good access for those who use wheelchairs and pushchairs. Accessible underground tours and manual wheelchairs are available. Visitors with additional needs may wish to visit ncm.org.uk/access or call **01924 848806** in advance to discuss specific requirements.

Getting Here

National Coal Mining Museum, Caphouse Colliery,
New Road, Overton, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF4 4RH

🚗 **WF4 4RH**

🚌 **Route 232** (Wakefield–Huddersfield)

🚆 **Wakefield Westgate** (20 min taxi ride)

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Visitor Guide



**UNEARTH THE
UNEXPECTED**

Experience the life
of a working colliery



Caphouse

Every tour 'darn pit' is led by an ex miner with loads of experience under his somewhat heavy tool belt. He'll unhand you of your 'contraband' and take you 140m underground through 180 years of mining, explaining why he has every right to tell you to 'shut tha' trap'.

Once you are 'done and dusted' delve into the fascinating evolution of mining tools and machinery. See the Steam Winder which transported miners into the pit and brought coal out, learn about the hardships that influenced child labour laws and explore the revolutionary Pithead Baths that enhanced the miners' work-life balance.



Book your underground tour online
at ncm.org.uk or on arrival

(First come first served)



Welcome to the site and galleries /
The story of coal mining



The Hub



Mining Lives Gallery

Bring to light the story of coal, a rock that in its heyday influenced the development of technologies that enabled the Industrial Revolution and made Britain a powerhouse. At its peak, one in every twenty British men was a coal miner – unearth their stories at work and find out what it was like to live in a mining community.

Tuck into a great selection of freshly made hot and cold food or snap open your own picnic in one of our indoor or outdoor picnic areas. Then make sure your visit remains unforgettable with a great selection of affordable mementos from our Shop.

Underground Tours

Book at ncm.org.uk or on arrival.

Apr–Oct: 10am–3.20pm

Nov–Mar: 10am–2.30pm

Warm clothing (suitable for 12°C) and sensible footwear is recommended. If you are 5 and over you can experience our Underground Tour, while all ages can enjoy Santa Underground.



Discover the
mechanics of mining



Hope Pit

Investigate the mechanical workings of the pit through interactive models, touch screen displays, and the giant machinery used to keep everything moving.

Relax and reflect in the Miners' Memorial Garden.



Miners' Memorial Garden

Events

Throughout the year discover a range of exciting events from live brass bands and mighty machines, to seeing Santa Underground and so much more. Explore what's coming up: ncm.org.uk/whats-on



Supporting the Museum



Your donation, however large or small, is very important to us. Without you, we wouldn't be able to keep the history of coal mining alive. To donate, visit ncm.org.uk/donate



- 1 Welcome Area
- 2 Mining Lives Exhibition
- 3 Learning Space
- 4 Café

- 5 Community Space
- 6 Library
- 7 Conference Suites

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- 9 Underground Tour
- 10 Screens Building Limited Access
- 11 Steam Winding House
- 12 Victorian Gallery

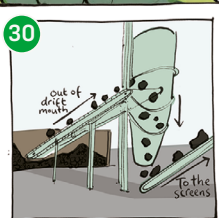
- 13 Lancashire Boilers Limited Access
- 14 Pithead Baths
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- 17 Kellingley Memorial

Caphouse

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- Toilets
- Accessible Toilets
- Picnic Area
- Train Station
- Steep Slope
- Car Parking



Drift Mouth

Pit Wood

Hope Pit

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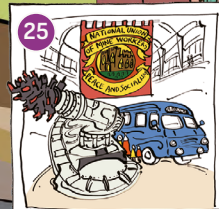
- 18 Blacksmith's Workshop
- 19 Tunnel Limited Access
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Power House



Compressor House

Hope Pit

