



UPDATE from 8.3.21 Outdoor recreation

You can now spend time in outdoor public spaces for recreation on your own, with your household or support bubble, or with one other person. This means you can sit down for a drink or picnic. You must continue to maintain social distance from those outside your household. This is in addition to outdoor exercise, which is already permitted.

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In line with the current lockdown regulations; and with full compliance to government guidelines, we are happy to welcome you to visit our gardens and grounds. At Ushaw we are mindful of the importance of outdoor space for wellbeing, for people to find solace whilst walking in the open air, or to connect with nature and art. The Bounds Cafe is open daily from 11am-3pm serving takeaway hot drinks and snacks.

Staff and Volunteers have been briefed and are fully compliant with the latest regulations; we have ample safety measures in place across our historic grounds and gardens, which enables us to continue welcoming visitors to our open-air spaces - we will however, continue to review this situation...

We hold a Good to Go certification from VisitEngland in recognition of the measures we have taken to meet government and industry COVID-19 guidelines, and we will continue to uphold these high standards to keep our visitors, staff and volunteers safe.

Access into the grounds is free but Car Parking charges will apply unless you are an Annual Pass holder or a local resident (proof will be required).

Ushaw is well known for providing visitors with a special place to visit - we invite you all to enjoy our grounds and gardens safely...

Checklist when visiting:

- During Lockdown people are able to exercise in a public outdoor place: alone, with the people they live with; with their support bubble (if you are legally permitted to form one); in a childcare bubble where providing childcare or, when alone, with one person from another household
- Do not visit if you, or a member of your household or bubble have symptoms of coronavirus, or have been told to self-isolate
- Visitors must follow current Government rules, you can update yourselves here based on your postcode at: [gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions](https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions)
- Visitors must adhere to social distancing and keep two meters apart from other households - this will help keep our staff, volunteers and yourselves safe

- Systems are in place for our alfresco cafe, follow these guidelines and help keep you safe - face covering are required to access the cafe counter
- Hand sanitising is available in the car park and, when open, and at The Bounds Café. Please note we are not able to sanitise the touch points around the gardens, like seating, sculptures, railings so please make use of the hand sanitiser at the start and end of your visit
- Purchase of car parking and Visitor Passes are payable at The Bounds Cafe
- The WCs will not currently be open to visitors
- Wear suitable footwear as the ground is uneven and can get wet slippery in some areas and certain weather conditions

Our Code of Conduct:

- Drive carefully on to our site: there are pedestrians around and we have a 10mph speed limit
- Follow instructions given by staff and volunteers/ that are given on signs around the site
- Keep to the paths and walkways from the carpark, and around the gardens and grounds - many areas are very muddy at this time of year so take care
- Recent weather has been very wet so our lake, formally known as 'the pond' has filled up - take care with children and vulnerable adults around the pond
- Don't go beyond any barriers or into areas that have been cordoned off, or enter the pond
- Suitable footwear is advised as the ground is uneven, wet and slippery in some areas
- There are formal paths around the ornamental gardens - please supervise children and vulnerable adults in your care, especially when climbing on the sculptures or logs
- Please try and respect the formal gardens, keep to paths - the rose and flower beds are people and dog free zones
- Our gardens are maintained by volunteers who work hard throughout the year to make the spaces suitable for all to enjoy - let's all play our part to help keep them this way!
- Please keep dogs under control/ on a lead, and please pick up your dog's waste to take home/ put in the bins provided
- Put any litter in the bins or take it home
- Leave all gates as you find them
- The Junior House building is in a dilapidated condition, we are developing plans to bring these back into use - for safety reasons please keep away from these buildings
- No barbeques or wild fires are permitted anywhere on the Ushaw Estate

Thank you for your continued support #StaySafe