

Come & explore

Skipton Castle

Open every day



Tour Sheets
in 9 languages

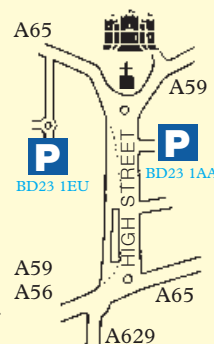
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from 10 am (Sundays from 12 noon).
Last admissions 6 pm (Oct-Feb 4 pm).
Closed 25th December.

Visitor amenities include the **Clifford Tea Rooms** (licensed), the **Castle Shop** (with noted book section) and the peaceful **Chapel Terrace** picnic area. Large coach and car park off the High Street nearby; Skipton's rail and bus stations are also close by.

Please note that there is no wheelchair access to the ancient castle.



Admissions

Adults – with illustrated tour sheet in a choice of nine languages (English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese or Esperanto) – **£6.20**

Over 60s – with illustrated tour sheet – **£5.60**

Students – with illustrated tour sheet – **£5.60**

Under 18s – with illustrated tour sheet and 2010 Castle Explorer's badge – **£3.70**

Under 5s – with 2010 Castle Explorer's badge – **Free!**

Family tickets – two adults + up to three under-18s – **£19.50**

Party visits welcomed

Guides are available for **pre-booked** parties of 15 or more at **no extra cost**. Otherwise Tour Sheets will be provided.

School parties (all ages) **£3.70** per head. One free supervising teacher with every five children.

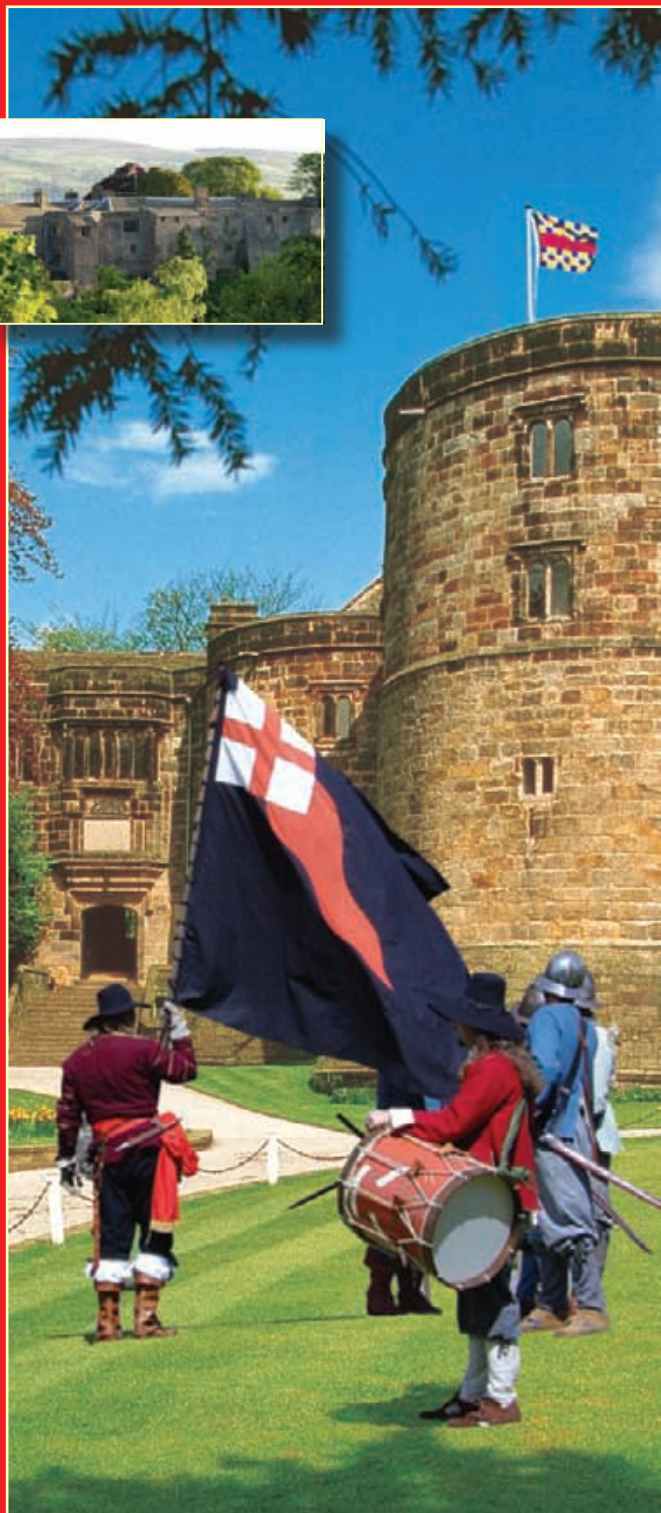
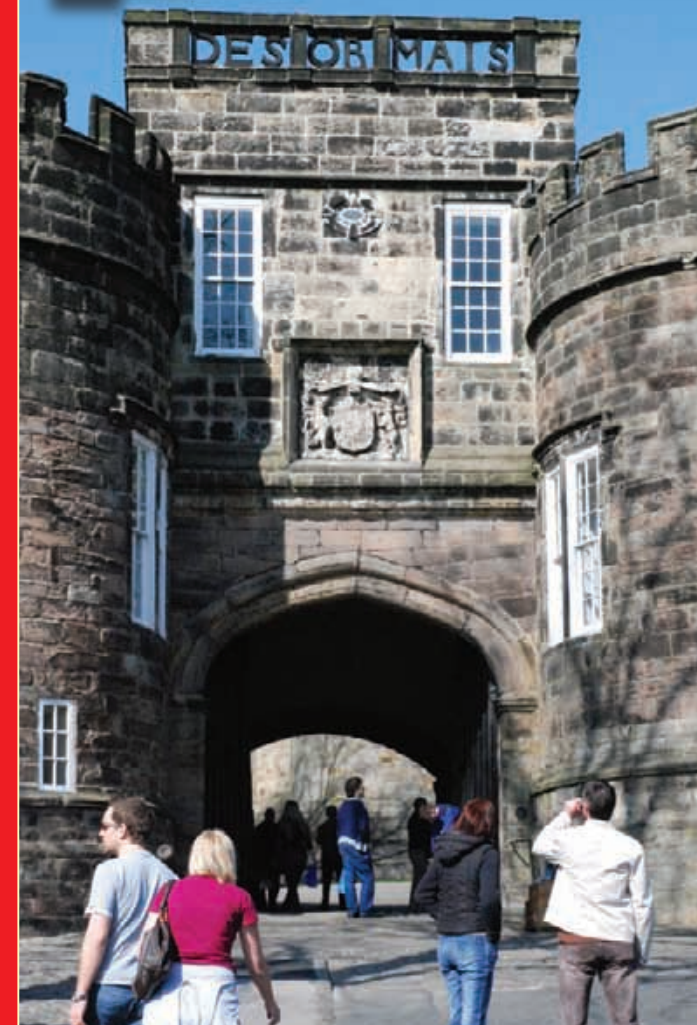
Adult parties **£5.20** per head. Evening visits can be arranged in May, June, July and August.

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For up-to-date information and coming events, see our website www.skiptoncastle.co.uk

Easy to get here!



Skipton is one of the best-preserved and most complete medieval castles in England, despite enduring a three-year siege in the Civil War.

After the battle of Marston Moor it was the only Royalist stronghold left in the north. At last the Governor, Sir John Mallory, negotiated a surrender, and on 21st December 1645 the garrison marched out with colours flying and trumpets sounding. Cromwell ordered the removal of the castle roofs; but only ten years later the owner, Lady Anne Clifford, was allowed to replace them - on condition they were not strong enough to bear firing cannon.

Today we can clearly read in the castle's stones the story of this period of English history and of many earlier ones, for in Cromwell's time Skipton was already ancient. For centuries the little market town

The Chapel Terrace Picnic area with ample seating, scented Herb Garden

A new entrance replaced the drawbridge after 1485



The 13th century chapel of St. John the evangelist

Conduit Court with entrance down to the Dungeon

huddled for safety beneath the castle walls. Successive Lords of Skipton lie buried in the Parish Church - the most famous was George Clifford, 3rd Earl of Cumberland, Champion to Queen Elizabeth I; one of her Admirals against the Armada.

Come and explore this historic Castle: still fully roofed, well worth a visit at any time of year. With your Tour Sheet in hand, step back into Craven's colourful past!

A fine summer afternoon, and patrons of the Clifford Tea Rooms relax outdoors; beyond is the popular Castle Shop



Right: The charming Tudor Conduit Court with yew tree planted in 1659 by Lady Anne Clifford.

Below: The arms of John Clifford, 9th Lord of Skipton ("The Butcher"), with wyvern sejant crest and two wyvern supporters.

