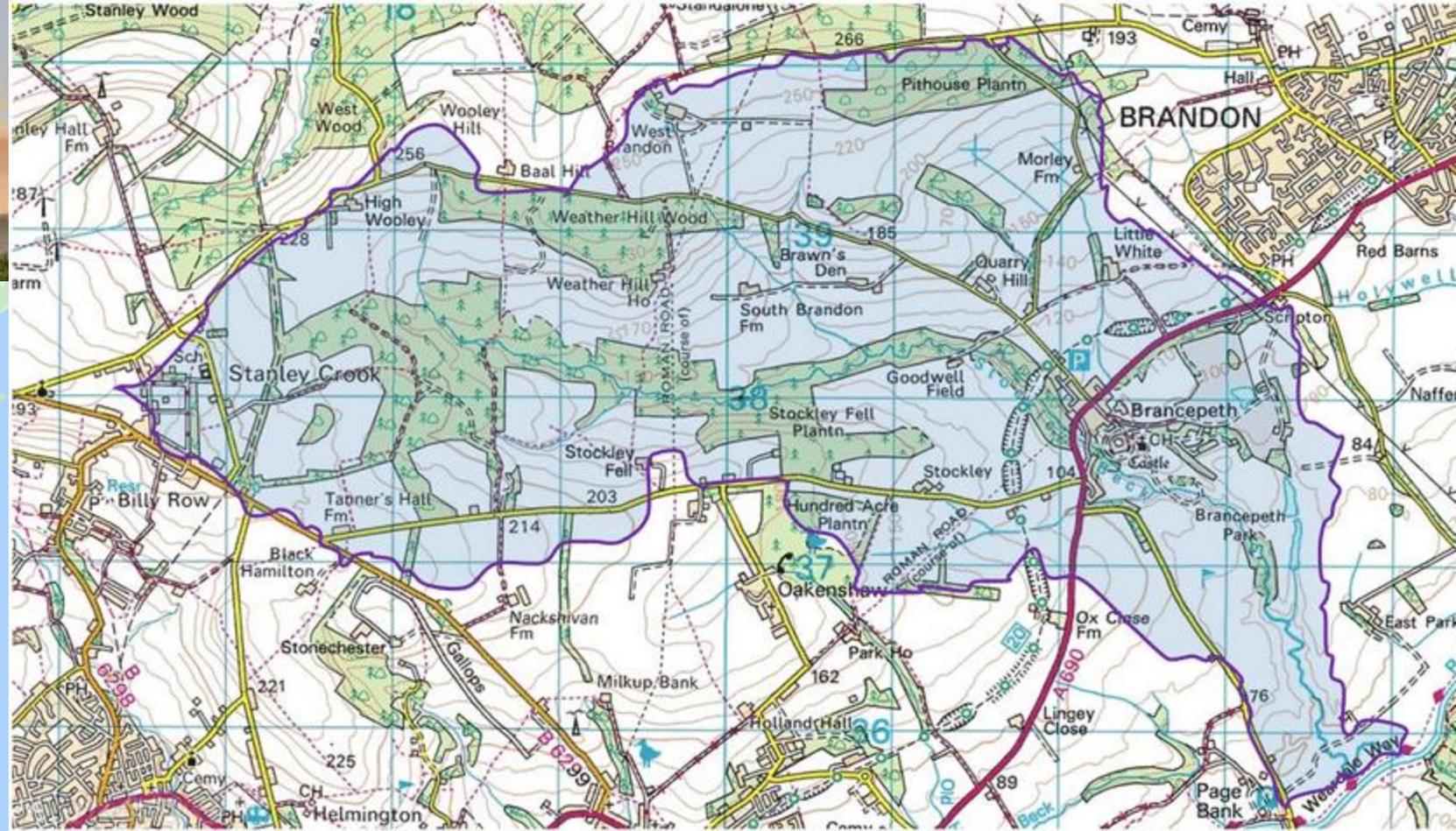
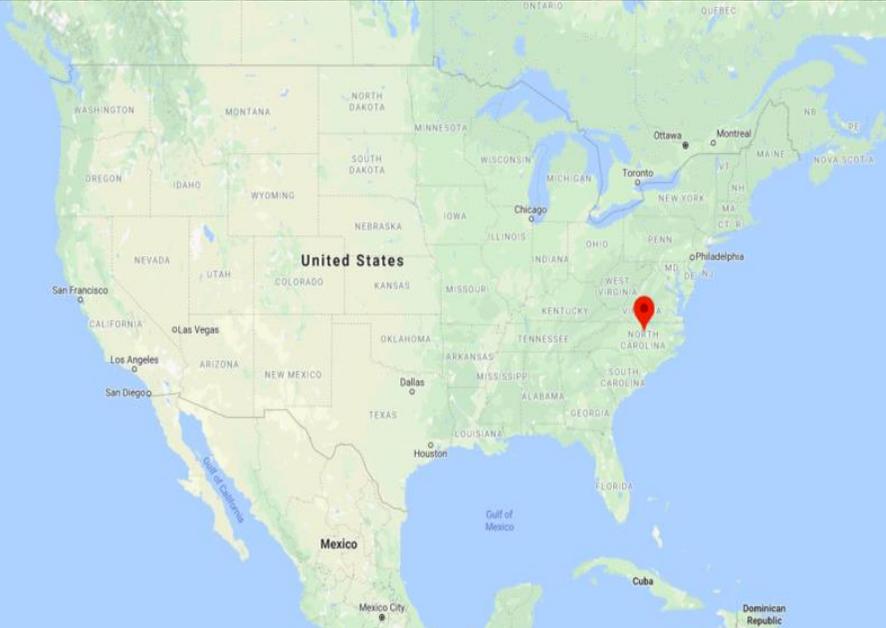


DURHAM

LOCATION

North East England
(listen) DURR-əm) is a cathedral city and the county town of County Durham in North East England. The city lies on the River Wear, to the south-west of Sunderland, south of Newcastle upon Tyne and to the north of Darlington





Settlements

There are 21 settlements in County Durham.

These settlements are: Newton Aycliffe, Chester-le-Street, Durham City, Peterlee, Spennymoor, Bishop Auckland, Seaham, Shildon, Crook, Gilesgate, Ferryhill, Newton Hall, Murton, Consett, Horden, Deneside, Stanley, Barnard Castle, Brandon, Sacriston, Willington.

Durham city

around 43,000

With a **population** of around 43,000 **Durham** has a compact, friendly feel but still provides the facilities you would expect of a thriving **city** including a number of cafés, bars and restaurants. [13 Apr 2021](#)

Durham Cathedral has been a place of worship, welcome and hospitality for almost a millennium, inspiring all who come. Built in 1093 to house the Shrine of St Cuthbert, Durham Cathedral is renowned for its magnificent Romanesque architecture and spectacular location at the heart of the Durham World Heritage Site. It is also the resting place of the Venerable Bede.

Highlights include the twelfth-century Galilee Chapel with its original medieval wall paintings, the towering sandstone pillars in the Nave, and the stunning Rose Window in the Chapel of the Nine Altars. Don't miss the medieval Cloister, which featured in the first two Harry Potter film



Physical geography

The geographic county includes the entire Durham unitary authority, the unitary authorities of Darlington.

Pennines, major upland mass forming a relief “backbone,” or “spine,” in the north of England, extending southward from Northumberland into Derbyshire. The uplands have a short, steep western slope and dip gently eastward. They are surrounded on the east, west, and south by the Vale of York, the Lancashire and Cheshire plains, and the valley of the River Trent, respectively. On the north, the Tyne Gap and Eden Valley separate the Pennines from the Cheviots and the Lake District mountains

reaching an elevation of 2,452 feet (747 metres) at Burnhope Seat—dip gently eastward and are dissected by the valleys of the Rivers Wear and Tees. Basaltic rocks are exposed at High Force waterfall and near Stanhope.



Human geography

The average age of people in County Durham is about 42 years old. (Office of National Statistics 2011 Census estimates)

53 miles of motorway run through the county. (2010)

Durham City is 265 miles from London and 125 miles from Edinburgh

Throughout history, County Durham has been important to settlers ranging from the Romans to the Anglo-Saxons and Normans.



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