A pocket guide to our friendly, hilly city
A lot happens within Sheffield’s seven hills.

Coffee and cocktails in old cutlery works. Art exhibitions in transformed factories. Vintage treasures line the streets in one corner of the city; in another, an inviting, international array of restaurants extends for a mile. The biggest – and best – theatre complex outside of London is just down the road from one of Europe’s biggest indie cinemas. Festivals of art, film, music, the great outdoors and literature bring the city to life, whatever the season.

Get to know Sheffield: the friendly, hilly, multicultural city that around 564,000 people – including 58,000 students – love to call home.

This booklet is written by Our Favourite Places in collaboration with the University of Sheffield. Our Favourite Places is an independent guide to the creative and unconventionally beautiful city of Sheffield, here they have highlighted some of their best loved places in the region.

www.ourfaveplaces.co.uk
Where is Sheffield?

**Edinburgh**
190 miles away, as the crow flies.

**Peak District**
The 5th-biggest national park in the country. One third of Sheffield lies within its borders.

**Doncaster**
25 miles to the closest airport.

**Cleethorpes**
Nearest beach: an hour and a half away by train.

**London**
2 hours’ train ride to the capital.

The big northern cities of Leeds, Manchester and York are less than an hour away by train. Within two hours, you can make it to Liverpool to the west, Newcastle to the north, and Hull to the east.

**Getting to Sheffield:**
**By train**
Trains connect Sheffield directly to most major British cities, as well as outlying suburbs, Meadowhall shopping centre, and the nearby Peak District. Once you arrive, the heart of the city is a short uphill walk from Sheffield station.

**By coach**
National Express coaches regularly pull up at Sheffield Interchange in the city centre, while Megabus drops off and picks up at Meadowhall, a tram ride away.

**By road**
Central Sheffield’s one-way routes are notoriously tricky for newcomers, so make the most of the Park and Ride options at Nunnery Square, Meadowhall and Middlewood, where you can hop on a tram into town.

**Getting around Sheffield:**
**By tram**
The Supertram is the handiest way to get around the city, with stops at the University, the station, the Cathedral, and more.

**By bus**
Across the road from the railway station, Sheffield Interchange is the best place to get to grips with the city’s bus routes. Buses lead in all directions from here, including to Meadowhall and the Peak District, and most buses offer cheap fares to students.

**On foot**
Yes, Sheffield’s hilly – but don’t let that put you off. The city centre is compact enough to walk around fairly quickly and easily, and you’ll soon acclimatise to the inclines.
Many a maker and doer has set up their creative home in Sheffield. The current crop of artists, musicians, filmmakers, developers and designers continue the city’s long tradition of making, and make life for the rest of us here that bit more exciting.

Small galleries dot the area known as the Cultural Industries Quarter. Meanwhile the main cultural attractions – including the biggest and best theatre complex outside of London – gather near urban tropical paradise the Winter Garden.
Theatre top 5

**Lyceum**
A fairy tale Edwardian theatre, the Lyceum reopened just over twenty-five years ago, yet it’s hard to imagine Sheffield without it. Its programme of ballet, musicals and family-friendly drama complements that of its younger sibling, the Crucible next door.
sheffieldtheatres.co.uk

**Lantern Theatre**
A wealthy industrialist originally built the Lantern as his own private theatre in 1886. In the leafy suburb of Nether Edge, this tiny Victorian theatre now hosts local amateur groups and the occasional musician. No matter what’s on stage, its charm won’t fail to woo you.
lanterntheatre.org.uk

**The Library Theatre**
A secret in the city centre, the Library Theatre is hidden away in the basement of Sheffield’s art deco Central Library. Programming here is eclectic: one day it might be a wrestling match, the next a burlesque cabaret.
sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/librarytheatre

**Theatre Delicatessen**
Unlocking creative potential in the most unlikely places is something Sheffield’s particularly good at, and Theatre Delicatessen is a shining example of that. The deserted Woolworths turned artspace makes room for emerging theatre groups to develop and stage new work – anything from immersive theatre to improv comedy to celebrations of queer culture.
theatredelicatessen.co.uk

**Crucible**
The leading light of Sheffield theatreland since 1971, the Crucible, with its starry ceiling and thrust stage, is iconic. An impressive lineup of actors regularly tread the boards and, once a year, it goes snooker loopy as it plays host to the World Snooker Championship. 16- to 26-year-olds can often get tickets for a fiver, and it’s always worth checking what’s on the smaller Crucible Studio stage for less conventional, more thrifty theatre-going.
sheffieldtheatres.co.uk
**Contemporary art trail**
Starting at S1 Artspace in Park Hill – Sheffield’s iconic, brutalist 1960s housing experiment – this trail calls in on small galleries specialising in everything from screen printing to digital art. It ends with Millennium Gallery, the city’s largest exhibition space, and the splendid 1930s Graves Gallery, home to permanent displays from the city’s collections.

1. **S1 Artspace**  
   [s1artspace.org](http://s1artspace.org)
2. **Site Gallery (closed for refurbishment 2017-18)**  
   [sitegallery.org](http://sitegallery.org)
3. **SIA Gallery**  
   [shu.ac.uk/sia/events/gallery](http://shu.ac.uk/sia/events/gallery)
4. **APG Works**  
   [apgworks.co.uk](http://apgworks.co.uk)
5. **99 Mary Street**  
   [99mary.st](http://99mary.st)
6. **B&B Gallery**  
   [bandbgallery.com](http://bandbgallery.com)
7. **Bloc Projects**  
   [blocprojects.co.uk](http://blocprojects.co.uk)
8. **Graves Gallery**  
   [museums-sheffield.org.uk](http://museums-sheffield.org.uk)
9. **Millennium Gallery**  
   [museums-sheffield.org.uk](http://museums-sheffield.org.uk)

Gallery opening hours vary so please check websites for times.
**Kelham Island Museum**
In what once was the heart of industrial Sheffield, this museum is a history lesson in what made the city we know today – cutlery, steel, hard graft – and a celebration of all things Made in Sheffield.
simt.co.uk

**Alfred Denny Museum**
The University’s very own cabinet of curiosities. The Alfred Denny opens the first Saturday of every month, when its grinning skeletons, pickled critters and fossils fill visitors with awe and wonder.
sheffield.ac.uk/alfred-denny-museum

**Weston Park Museum**
Weston Park is pretty much the University’s back garden, rolling out to the side of Firth Court, Western Bank Library and the Arts Tower. Its blossom trees, duck pond and Victorian bandstand make it ideal for a calming study break, but the curious will want to head inside to its museum. There you’ll find out about significant events in the city’s social history – the floods, the miners’ strike, and so on – and meet Snowy the polar bear.
museums-sheffield.org.uk
Music
For many, Sheffield music is synonymous with early-80s synthpop chart-botherers The Human League, Heaven 17 and ABC. The city’s nourished a varied bunch of musicians since then though: from Pulp and Moloko in the 90s, to, more recently, Arctic Monkeys, Richard Hawley, Bring Me The Horizon, Drenge, Slow Club, Toddla T and The Sherlocks.

Venues include the legendary likes of the Leadmill and the art deco City Hall. There’s music in former warehouses (Hope Works), on trains (Folk Train), in pubs (The Harley and The Greystones, for starters), basement ballrooms (Picture House Social), trading co-ops (Regather) and, during Tramlines festival weekend, pretty much everywhere. And you can put on your dancing shoes most nights of the week at places like Plug, Corporation, the Students’ Union, and the bars and clubs around Division Street and West Street.

Sheffield is home to:

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Culture – festivals

Festivals
Music, zines, food, documentaries, heritage, the great outdoors, books. There’s a festival for all of them, and more, in Sheffield. See ourfaveplaces.co.uk/festivals for details.

February
Sheffield Zine Fest

March
Outlines (music)
Sheffield Beer Week
The Outdoor City Weekender

April
Art Sheffield (biennial)
Sharrow Lantern Carnival
Multi-story: the Sheffield Library Festival

May
Open Up (art)
Sheffield Food Festival

June
Doc/Fest (film)

July
Sheffield Pride
Tramlines (music)

August
Sheffield Fayre

September
Festival of the Mind (biennial)
Heritage Open Days

October
Off the Shelf (literature)
Sensoria (music & film)
Sheffield Design Week

November
Yorkshire Artspace Open Studios

Image: Simon Butler. Courtesy of Tramlines
The urban landscape

Sheffield’s visual landscape is nothing if not varied.

The city does concrete really well. You’ll notice that almost immediately on arrival, as the 1960s, brutalist ‘streets in the sky’ of Park Hill estate make for a sweeping backdrop to Sheffield station.

Then there’s the likes of the Moore Street Substation and the Crucible theatre; they may provoke a love-it-or-hate-it reaction, but they’re undeniably enchanting by night when they’re all illuminated. Turn a corner from one of these modernist icons, though, and you might spot a neoclassical beauty like the City Hall or the Central Library.

Keep your eyes peeled as you wander the city’s streets and alleyways, for signs of Sheffield’s past or murals by some of its resident artists. Typographical relics of industrial Sheffield are scattered across areas like Kelham Island, while street art adds colour, humour and mystery to otherwise ordinary walls all over the city.
Where's best for

... arthouse films?
Showroom
Right by the station, the Showroom is a 1930s art deco car garage turned four-screen indie cinema. As well as all the films, it also pulls a great pint of local ale and scoops a delicious ice cream.
15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX
0114 275 7727
showroomworkstation.org.uk

... art books?
Roco
A creative co-op right by Uni, with a gallery, shop, cafe and a rooftop terrace to boot.
338-346 Glossop Road, S10 2HW
theroco.org

... a peek into Sheffield’s industrial past?
Kelham Island Museum (see p.16)
Alma Street, S3 8RY
0114 272 2106
simt.co.uk

... natural history?
Alfred Denny Museum (see p.17)
University of Sheffield, Western Bank, S10 2TN
sheffield.ac.uk/alfred-denny-museum

... a quiet moment?
Sheffield Cathedral
Sit amidst centuries’ worth of history in one of the most atmospheric buildings in town. And make sure you look up: the starry stained glass window in the lantern tower is something else.
Church Street, S1 1HA
0114 275 3434
sheffieldcathedral.org

... a cheap night at the theatre?
Theatre Delicatessen (see p.13)
17 The Moor, S1 4PF
0114 278 6500
theatredelicatessen.co.uk

... hidden history?
Manor Lodge
Mary, Queen of Scots, was once locked up here. Now, the ruins form the backdrop to historical reenactments and beautiful wildflower meadows.
389 Manor Lane, Sheffield S2 1UL
0114 276 2828
sheffieldmanorlodge.org

... classical music?
Music in the Round
With cheap tickets for under-35s and first-time bookers, plus the occasional ‘pay what you want’ concert, MITR are all about making classical chamber music as accessible as possible. Ideal for those who don’t know their Beethoven from their Bach.
Crucible Studio, 55 Norfolk Street, S1 1DA
0114 281 4660
musicintheround.co.uk
Food and drink

London Road for a culinary tour around the world. Kelham Island for a real ale trail. The Devonshire Quarter for independent coffee shops and US-inspired deep-fried chicken and doughnuts. Certain corners of Sheffield are defined by the food and drink they offer. Get out there and discover what makes each unique, all while giving your tastebuds a treat.
Food and drink – coffee

Coffee top 5

**Marmadukes**
A homely, popular spot next to the theatres, serving a mean slice of red velvet cake, a warming homity pie and, of course, a damn fine cup of coffee.
marmadukescafedeli.co.uk

**Upshot Espresso**
A dapper place, conveniently close to campus. They’re serious about coffee here and tend to offer something a little unusual alongside their regular excellent blend.
upshotespresso.co.uk

**Tamper**
Sheffield immediately lost its heart to this New Zealand coffee shop when it opened in 2011. The original ‘little Tamper’ brews a fresh, distinctive blend on Westfield Terrace, while ‘big Tamper’ at Sellers Wheel does all that, and dishes up delicious, hearty brunches and lunches to boot.
tampercoffee.co.uk

**Steam Yard**
Cosy corners, a cobbled courtyard and a menu that includes guest blends alongside its own cold brew. This Americana-heavy cafe is the Devonshire Quarter’s go-to guy come rain or shine. Excellent doughnuts, too.
facebook.com/SteamYard

**Bragazzis**
Alongside the knickknacky shops of the Antiques Quarter sits this neighbourhood Italian cafe-deli. Its coffee and sandwiches are unbeatable and the decor impeccable.
bragazzis.co.uk
Peddler
Once a month, Peddler turns a former warehouse in Kelham Island into the liveliest market in town. Tuck into street food, sip on prosecco, enjoy some music, pick up some artwork – and repeat into the night.
www.peddlermarket.co.uk
Eat your way around the world, with a visit to London Road. From a Chinese bakery to sushi bars to a Latin tapas restaurant, this mile-long stretch has something to suit all tastes – and budgets.
Food and drink – specialists

Sheffield’s an international city, and its many food and drink shops reflect that.

Pick up top quality meat at family-run butcher Simmonites or the Moor Market’s stalls. Shop local on charming suburban high street Sharrow Vale Road. Stock up on Chinese groceries at the likes of KH Oriental, Tai Sun, WaDing and West Street’s Oriental Mart. Go organic at Beanies Wholefoods Co-op or volunteer-run New Roots. And fill the rest of your kitchen cupboards with a visit to London Road, home to everything from Mr Pickles’ Yorkshire Food Emporium to Ozmen International Food Centre.

Sheffield is also known as the UK’s real ale capital. Look out for these local brews in shops like Beer Central, Hop Hideout, Starmore Boss, Walkley Beer Co and Turner’s Craft Beer Bottle Shop – as recommended by Jules Gray from Sheffield Beer Week:

**Abbeydale Brewery:**

**Heathen 4.1%**
Mosaic hopped pale ale with tropical fruit and herbal pine notes.

**Little Critters:**

**Rye Fox 4.3%**
Hints of rye spice and moreish biscuity malt.

**North Union:**

**Dubbel 6.5%**
Rich, fruity and dark sumptuous Belgian style dubbel.
Where's best for

... breakfast?
Forge Bakehouse
302 Abbeydale Road, S7 1FL
0114 258 8987
forgebakehouse.co.uk

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... afternoon tea?
Jameson’s
334 Abbeydale Road, S7 1FN
0114 255 1159
jamesonstearooms.co.uk

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... burgers?
Twisted Burger Company
The Harley, 334 Glossop Road, S10 2HW
0114 275 2288
twistedburger.co.uk

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... fish and chips?
Two Steps
249 Sharrow Vale Road, S11 8ZE
0114 266 5694
twostepssheffield.co.uk

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... doughnuts?
The Depot Bakery
92 Burton Road, S3 8DA
0114 275 7779
thedepotbakery.co.uk

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... Sunday dinner?
The Beer Engine
17 Cemetery Road, S11 8FJ
0114 272 1356
beerenginesheffield.com

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... pizza?
Picture House Social
383 Abbeydale Road, Nether Edge, S7 1FS
0114 258 1690
picture-house-social.com

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... curry?
Ashoka
307 Ecclesall Road, S11 8NX
0114 268 3029
ashoka1967.com

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... burritos?
Street Food Chef
90 Arundel Street, S1 4RE, 0114 275 2390
98 Pinstone Street, S1 2HQ (takeaway only), 0114 273 7909
343 Glossop Road, S10 2HP, 0114 275 8627
streetfoodchef.co.uk

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... fried chicken?
Lucky Fox
72 Division Street, S1 4GF
0114 278 0811
theluckyfox.com

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... something fancy?
The Milestone
84 Green Lane, S3 8SE
0114 272 8327
the-milestone.co.uk

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... cocktails?
Daisy’s Bar
73-75 Division Street, S1 4GE
0114 273 1050
thegatsbybar.co.uk/daisys.php

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... veggie meals?
Blue Moon Cafe
2 St James Row, S1 2EW
0114 276 3443
bluemooncafesheffield.co.uk

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As one of the greenest cities in Europe and with the Peak District for a back garden, it’s no surprise that Sheffield has declared itself The Outdoor City. It’s known as the UK’s climbing capital, while hikers, runners and cyclists flock to its surrounding hills, ancient woods and winding valleys. Fans of team sports – both players and spectators – will find plenty to keep them active at centres like Ponds Forge, the English Institute of Sport, Ice Sheffield, and its football stadiums at Bramall Lane and Hillsborough.
Sports venues top 5

**Ponds Forge**
In the heart of the city, Ponds Forge has something for all kinds of leisure pursuit: an Olympic-sized pool and diving pool (the deepest in Europe and host to the British Diving Championships), multi-purpose sports hall, trampolining classes, a gym, steam room and a sauna.

[icesheffield.com](http://icesheffield.com)

**Foundry**
Climbers flock to Sheffield – partly to take advantage of nearby gritstone edges like Stanage, but also for the excellent array of indoor climbing walls. The Foundry has been at the heart of Sheffield’s climbing scene since the early 90s, and is a good place for beginners. Also try Awesome Walls, The Climbing Works and the University’s own Matrix (within the Goodwin Sports Centre).

[foundryclimbing.com](http://foundryclimbing.com)

**Ice Sheffield**
A short tram ride from the city centre, IceSheffield is a huge ice skating rink, perfect for showing off your cool moves or taking up ice hockey lessons. If you’re not eager to pull on a pair of skates yourself, you can always watch a Sheffield Steeldogs game.

[icesheffield.com](http://icesheffield.com)

**English Institute of Sport**
Olympic heroes like Jessica Ennis-Hill and Nicola Adams as well as some of the GB wheelchair basketball team train at EIS, but don’t let that intimidate you: its gym and courts are open to all, while spectators can enjoy events like the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) Nationals.

[siv.org.uk/eiss/upcoming-eiss](http://siv.org.uk/eiss/upcoming-eiss)

**The Peak District**
Running, walking, climbing, mountain biking, kayaking, swimming. Name an outdoor activity and there’s a good chance you can do it in the Peak District. The national park is Sheffield’s glorious back garden, and its paths, hills, crags, reservoirs and lidos are easily accessible from the city by bus and train.

[visitpeakdistrict.com](http://visitpeakdistrict.com)

Image: Will Roberts, courtesy of theoutdoorcity.co.uk
For a couple of weeks each spring Sheffield goes snooker loopy, as it welcomes visitors from far and wide for the World Snooker Championships.

Hosted at the Crucible Theatre since 1977, over the years the competition has made champions out of the likes of Ronnie O'Sullivan, Steve Davis and Stephen Hendry. It’s a lively time to be in the city, and even if you don’t get tickets you can enjoy the nail-biting action on the big screen outside the theatre.
Cycling
A city of seven hills, Sheffield offers plenty of opportunity to feel the burn, followed by the thrill, of climbing up and freewheeling back down its many steep inclines on two wheels.

From disused railway line the Monsal Trail to picturesque reservoir loops, the nearby Peak District has tons of glorious routes to charm cyclists. Mountain bikers will want to take to the trails on the moors, in woods like Wharncliffe, Grenoside and Lady Canning's, and at inner-city hotspot Parkwood Springs. Bolehills, meanwhile, is home to the city's finest BMX track, and in Hillsborough there's chance for people with disabilities to ride all kinds of adapted bikes at Cycling 4 All.

Running
With five river valleys and over 200 parks and woodlands, Sheffield isn't short on picturesque trails to explore on foot.

Routes like the Sheffield Round Walk, Norfolk Heritage Trail, Upper Don Walk and Five Weirs Walk combine nature and beauty with a peek into the city's social and industrial history. Anyone looking to pick up the pace or beat their personal best will do well to set their alarm clocks on Saturday mornings: at 9am, hundreds of runners converge on six of the city's parks to join in the timed 5k parkruns.
Show your support for...

...just some of the city’s teams who’ve known national sporting success:

Sheffield Wednesday (AKA The Owls) / Sheffield United (AKA The Blades) / Sheffield FC Ladies – football
Sheffield Steelers – ice hockey
Sheffield Hatters / Sheffield Sharks – basketball
Sheffield Eagles – rugby league
Sheffield Tigers – rugby union
Sheffield Steel Rollergirls – roller derby
Sheffield Tigers / Sheffield Stormers – netball
Sheffield Eagles – rugby league
Sheffield Tigers – speedway
Sheffield has all the big name shops you’d expect to find in a large city. Just a tram ride away is Meadowhall – one of the UK’s biggest shopping centres with 230 popular high street and independent retailers, over 50 places to eat, and an 11 screen cinema. Off the beaten track, though, you’ll find streets lined with treasure in the Antiques Quarter, and everything from designer jewellery to skateboards to vintage clobber in the independently minded Devonshire Quarter.
The high street
In the city centre, Fargate is dotted with the likes of Marks and Spencer, Topshop, H&M, River Island, New Look, Pandora, Office, Starbucks, Paperchase, and Lush, and leads up to John Lewis in Barker's Pool.

Under the Meadowhall dome, meanwhile, you’ll find Urban Outfitters, Apple Store, Primark, Jack Wills, Hollister, Disney Store, Zara, House of Fraser, and hundreds more.
Devonshire Quarter

Centred around Devonshire Green, with its skatepark and lawn, is Sheffield’s independent quarter. Yes, there’s a Taco Bell, but mostly the streets are lined with the city centre’s finest indie shops, dealing in cool clothes (CollardManson, Syd & Mallory’s, Slugger Skate Store, Sakis), homeware (Moonko, Plantology), vintage gear (Vulgar, Mooch, Freshman’s), and coffee (Steam Yard, Tamper, Ink and Water). Bonus: the Devonshire Quarter is just five minutes’ walk from Uni.
It’s easy to be both fashionable and thrifty in Sheffield, thanks to the city’s many vintage boutiques. Pre-loved gems are waiting to be unearthed on a city centre crawl round the likes of Mooch, Freshman’s, Vulgar, Cow, A New Shop, Brag, and the huge Thrifty Store. Meanwhile Shalesmoor is home to the delightful two-storey Nichols Building and, to the south-west of the city, the many emporiums of the Antiques Quarter brim with treasures. Kit out your digs in similar style with a visit to the charity shops in studenty Crookes, Broomhill and Ecclesall Road.
Record Collector
A crate-digger's paradise in the pretty, student-heavy suburb of Broomhill, Record Collector has been going strong for nearly 40 years. Look out for in-store sessions and see if you can spot any luminaries of the Sheffield music scene at the checkout – the likes of Pulp’s Jarvis Cocker, Richard Hawley, and Def Leppard’s Joe Elliott have all professed their love for the place.
recordcollectorsheffield.co.uk

Tonearm Vinyl
Up the hill in Walkley, Scott McMullin’s friendly shop has all genres covered: new wave, punk, dance, reggae, metal, prog, electronic, hip-hop, funk. Its local shelves are a great place to discover the Arctic Monkeys/Pulp/Human League of the future, too. All of which makes it easy to while away time in here, and hard to leave empty-handed.
tonearmvinyl.co.uk

Spinning Discs
Open for evening browses two nights a week, the atmospheric Spinning Discs is worth making the trip to Meersbrook – particularly if you round it off with a drink in The Tramshed next door, where you can also sometimes catch the record shop’s owners spinning some vinyl.
spinningdissheffield.co.uk

Bear Tree Records
Bear Tree is run on sheer adoration for vinyl. Upstairs next to Waterstones, the shop focuses on quality over quantity. As an added bonus, owner Joe adds a personal note to each record, handily enlightening your browsing.
beartreerecords.com

LP Records
The place to stock up on secondhand 7-inches, with an eclectic mix of soul, dance and indie, plus a decent amount of Morrissey for good measure.
facebook.com/LP.Vinyl.Sheffield

Moor Market
Pork pies and Portuguese tarts. African fabrics and adventurous ales. The city’s oldest ice cream company and its most indulgent burgers. Find them all, and more besides, under one roof at the Moor Market – much cheaper and much fresher than you’ll find them at any supermarket.
sheffieldmarkets.com
Green spaces

From the Winter Garden to the woodlands that dot the city, Sheffield is home to more than 200 public green spaces, and has more trees per person than any other city in Europe. On top of that, around a third of Sheffield lies within the borders of the Peak District national park – and the city’s residents certainly know how to make the most of its beautiful back garden.
Green spaces – botanical garden

Botanical Gardens
**Parks top 5**

**Crookes Valley Park**
A triumvirate of green spaces opens out to the back of Western Bank Library and the Arts Tower, made up of Weston Park (see p17), the Ponderosa, and Crookes Valley. Running parallel to the road up to studenty Crookes, the latter is ideal for a post-revision stroll, with its peaceful lake and pretty blossom trees.

Crookes Valley Road

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**Sheffield Botanical Gardens**
The start of a riddle trail at the Botanical Gardens’ entrance refers to the place as a ‘garden of surprise’. And it’s not wrong. In one corner of the 19th-century garden you’ll find a former bear pit, now home to a friendly ursine statue. In another, there’s a fossilised tree trunk. The gardens and beautifully restored pavilions, meanwhile, are home to over 4,000 types of plant from all over the world.

Clarkehouse Road, S10 2LN

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**Endcliffe Park**
Student-friendly Ecclesall Road and Sharrow Vale Road are lined with cute cafes and independent shops. After a potter, there’s nowhere nicer to unwind than nearby Endcliffe Park. Stroll downstream to join the Sheffield Round Walk route, which leads to a an old grinding wheel, a dam, and an alpaca farm (see p66). And don’t miss the park’s rubber duck race in spring.

off Rustings Road, S11 7AA

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**Devonshire Green**
As soon as the sun’s out, Dev Green and its skatepark become the lively heart of the Devonshire Quarter. If you’ve forgotten to pack your picnic blanket, pull up a deckchair at the Forum and sip on a cocktail as you people-watch across the grass.

Devonshire Street, S3 7SW

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**Norfolk Heritage Park**
Clamber uphill from Sheffield station, past Park Hill, the Cholera Monument and Victorian mansions, and you’ll come to the expanse of green that is Norfolk Heritage Park. The public park is one of the oldest in the country, and its vantage point across the city centre is unbeatable.

Guildford Avenue, S2 2PL
Chatsworth & the Peak District

Known as the Palace of the Peak, Chatsworth House is one of the country’s most beloved stately homes. Hop on the 218 bus in Sheffield and within 45 minutes you’ll be on the doorstep of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire’s home, complete with glorious gardens, tea rooms, fountains, sculptures, a farmyard and maze.

Reach other picturesque Peak District villages by train or bus for a day in the great outdoors. Explore caves in Castleton, enter the ‘plague village’ of Eyam, go for a dip in the lido in Hathersage, potter along Padley Gorge from Grindleford, or hike from Edale up Mam Tor.
Green spaces – Mayfield Alpacas

Mayfield Alpacas
The fluffiest, friendliest field in Sheffield. The alpaca farm, with a visitor centre and cafe, is on the Sheffield Round Walk route, right where Sheffield meets the Peak District.
mayfieldalpacas.com

Campus landmarks

Whether it’s the Grade II listed Arts Tower dominating the Sheffield skyline or the grandeur of the redbrick Firth Court, the buildings within the University of Sheffield’s campus play a big part in the make up of the city.

The campus covers a mile-long stretch close to the city centre. The mix of contemporary design and traditional architecture make the campus worth exploring in its own right.
Campus landmarks

The Arts Tower

The Arts Tower is a Grade II listed building. It houses a hop-on, hop-off paternoster lift. Only a few paternosters remain in use in the UK, and the Arts Towers’ is the largest.
The Information Commons is open 24/7. It has 100,000 books, 500 PCs and wireless coverage throughout. The IC also has lots of features that reduce its environmental impact, including a rainwater recycling system and motion sensors to activate lighting when you walk into an area.
Campus landmarks

- Hicks Building
- Kroto Research Institute
- Firth Court
- Jessop West
  The stripey Jessop West by Berlin architects Sauerbruch Hutton is the home of the Arts and Humanities.
- Students’ Union
- Soundhouse
1. Bartolomé House
2. Octagon Centre
3. Sir Frederick Mappin Building
4. ICOSS Building
5. Alfred Denny Building
6. Education Building
7. The Arts Tower
8. Western Bank Library
9. Jessop Building
10. The Diamond
11. Information Commons
12. Goodwin Sports Centre
13. Richard Roberts Building
14. Hicks Building
15. Firth Court
16. Kroto Research Institute
17. Jessop West
18. Soundhouse
19. Students’ Union