

# John Martin

1789 ~ 1854

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Born in Haydon Bridge, John Martin became the most popular artist of his day. His paintings are frequently based on biblical stories, reflecting his religious upbringing. They are set in dramatic landscapes, possibly inspired by the countryside of his youth.

The trail visits many of the places associated with John Martin: East Land Ends Cottage where he was born; the churches where he worshipped, Haydon Old Church and St. Cuthbert's; Shaftoe School where he was a pupil; Langley Castle, Allen Banks and Staward Gorge.

John Martin left Haydon Bridge when he was fourteen to work in Newcastle and he then moved to London. He died in Douglas, on the Isle of Man, where he is buried.

There is an exhibition of prints of John Martin's work in Haydon Bridge Community Centre. His paintings can be seen in the Laing Gallery, Newcastle and in the Tate Gallery, London.

For further information about John Martin visit [www.wojm.org.uk](http://www.wojm.org.uk).



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John Martin. Laing Art Gallery (Tyne and Wear Museums)

## GETTING TO HAYDON BRIDGE



### By road

A69 from A1 at Newcastle 24 miles.

A69 from M6 at Carlisle 29 miles.

### By rail

Newcastle – Carlisle service calls at Haydon Bridge (check timetables).

### By bus

685 service Newcastle – Carlisle (hourly during the day)

### By air

Newcastle Airport – direct flights from many UK and European cities.

### Other attractions

Haydon Bridge is an ideal centre for visiting:

- Tynedale
- Hadrian's Wall and Northumberland National Park
- North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Tyneside: Newcastle, Metro Centre, Baltic and Sage Arts Centres
- Historic Carlisle
- Durham Cathedral
- Northern Lake District

[www.visit-haydon-bridge.co.uk](http://www.visit-haydon-bridge.co.uk)



## John Martin Heritage Trail

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A waymarked trail through the beautiful Tyne Valley around Haydon Bridge



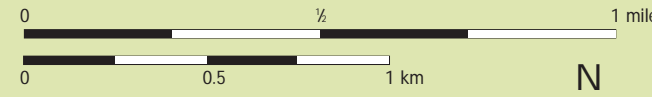
An artist's life and inspiration, all on show in this beautiful country walk!





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## Southern Section



South Tyne valley near Tedcastle Farm



**Start here**  
From the Library follow Church Street towards Ratcliffe Road. Go through the subway, across the old bridge then turn right into Shaftoe Street. From Shaftoe Street turn right into Land Ends Road and follow the way markers.



**Allen Banks & Staward Gorge (National Trust)**

This section of the walk can be hazardous especially for children.

- Please observe warning signs and supervise children carefully especially near cliff edges, on steep paths and by the river.
- The River Allen can be particularly dangerous when in flood and high winds can bring down trees and branches.
- After rain the paths through the gorge can be very muddy.

✳ From this point there is a choice of routes, both are way marked.

- The direct route to Staward Pele is steep and reveals the dramatic position of the pele but can be very slippery after rain.
- The alternative route continues on the riverside path, with gorge scenery similar to that seen in some of Martin's paintings, before rising through the trees to join the path from Staward Pele. To visit the pele turn left along the ridge and then retrace your steps to continue the trail.

**Please respect the countryside :**

- Protect trees, plants, wildlife and farm stock.
- Leave things as you find them; take nothing away.
- Keep dogs under proper control and on a short lead near farm animals.
- Don't damage buildings, walls, fences, hedges or signs.
- Leave no litter.
- Keep to the way marked footpaths.



The John Martin Heritage Trail was devised and planned by the John Martin Heritage Group. They wish to thank the following organisations and people:

- The pupils of Allendale Middle School for their help in producing this leaflet
- The National Trust for their help and cooperation in setting up the trail through their Allen Banks and Staward Gorge Estate.
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