

## **Visit Yorkshire Sculpture Park this festive season for a magical Christmas**

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Get into the festive spirit at Yorkshire Sculpture Park (YSP) this Christmas. Enjoy an invigorating winter walk against the backdrop of open-air art, the chance to see exhibitions by world-renowned artists, a busy calendar of enticing events, glorious food, and a unique shopping experience for all your gift buying needs.

Situated in the beautiful grounds of the 18th-century Bretton Estate, YSP is one of the world's leading open-air galleries. With over 500 acres of historic landscape, more than 80 sculptures on display in the open air and five indoor galleries, YSP is the perfect place to visit this winter.

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### **Discover world-class exhibitions**

See [Giuseppe Penone](#)'s extensive exhibition *A Tree in the Wood* in YSP's light-filled Underground Gallery and across the historic landscape. The exhibition traces the celebrated artist's thoughtful consideration of humanity's intimate relationship with the natural world, and features nine bronze sculptures in the open air, the tallest of which is an imposing 16-metres-high.

In Longside Gallery and across the Park, Irish-born artist [Sean Scully](#) explores abstraction, landscape, emotion and human experience through his familiar paintings, works on paper and new sculptures made especially for YSP. The monumental *Wall Dale Cubed* (2018) in Lower Park is made using over 1,000 tonnes of Yorkshire stone from a local quarry.

Explore the western edges of the British Isles with [Norman Ackroyd](#) CBE, RA, one of Britain's foremost landscape artists and contemporary printmakers working today. Starting in the extreme north of the Shetland Islands, *The Furthest Lands* journeys south over 950 miles to the far south-west point of Ireland, through a display of the artist's intricate aquatint etchings and a small collection of watercolours. With all works available to buy, you could find the perfect unique Christmas gift.

### **Enjoy festive-themed events**

Celebrate the season with a packed programme of festive events.

Get into the Christmas spirit at the [Festive Tree Decorations](#) workshop for families (2 Dec / £5); book a table at [Brass Christmas](#) for an evening of food and live music (15 and 21 December 2018 / adults £40, children £32); and immerse yourself in the completely unique [Sunrise in the Skyspace](#) experience (1 and 8 December 2018 / £27, including breakfast and 10% discount in YSP Shop). Visitors can also hear [Festive Music](#) in YSP Centre throughout December. Find out more and book online at [yvsp.org.uk/events](http://yvsp.org.uk/events)

### **Pick up the perfect Christmas gift**

A visit to the award-winning YSP Shop is a must for all your Christmas shopping needs. Choose from a distinctive selection of products from international artists, contemporary designers and talented makers. Shop in store or online at [yvsp.org.uk/shop](http://yvsp.org.uk/shop)

### **Indulge in delicious food**

Don't miss our Christmas afternoon tea package in YSP Restaurant with delicious locally sourced, festive food, which can be enjoyed overlooking stunning views of the Henry Moore bronzes in the Country Park.

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Admission to the Park is free. YSP is open every day over the festive period, from 10am to 5pm, except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Last order date for Christmas delivery (within the UK) is 17 December 2018. Collect in store service available.

Find out more, book events and shop online at [yvsp.org.uk](http://yvsp.org.uk)

## **ENDS**

### **Notes to Editors**

Yorkshire Sculpture Park (YSP) is the leading international centre for modern and contemporary sculpture which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2017. As an independent art gallery, accredited museum and accredited charity (number 1067908), YSP's core work is made possible by investment from Arts Council England, Wakefield Council, Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation and Sakurako and William Fisher through the Sakana Foundation. YSP was named Art Fund Museum of the Year in 2014.

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