

York Designer Outlet

York Designer Outlet is the designer destination of the north, featuring top brands and a wealth of designer labels all under one roof. The designer outlet is one of York's leading tourist attractions rivalled only by the famous York Minster.

Located at the A19/A64 intersection, the centre is within easy reach of York city centre. A park and ride bus service operates between the outlet and the city centre from 7am every day except on Sunday.

Attractions close to the centre include the Jorvik Viking centre, the National Railway Museum and York Minster.

Covering almost 350,000 square feet, York Designer Outlet is big enough to house three Premier League football pitches. It has over 115 stores including Gap Outlet, Marks & Spencer Outlet, Penhaligon's, Armani Collections, Paul Smith, Descamps, Coccinelle, Calvin Klein Jeans, Burberry, Le Creuset and The Professional Cookware Company.

Three million people visit the designer outlet every year, some from as far a field as Hong Kong, Australia and Japan.

Centre facilities include:

- Spacious foodcourt with outlets including McDonald's, Pizza Hut Express, Fat Jackets, and Pret a Manger.
- Cafes include Thornton's Café, Caffe Nero and Starbucks
- An award winning safety-approved children's play area
- Over 2,700 free car parking spaces

The centre is open 364 days a year, including Bank Holidays, from 10am-6pm weekdays (until 8pm Thursday), 10am to 6pm Saturday and 10am* to 5pm Sunday (* larger stores open at 11am).

For more information, visit www.yorkdesigneroutlet.com or call 01904 682700.

Quick facts about York Designer Outlet:

- York Designer Outlet was built on the site of a former hospital, and many of the outlet's staff were born there!
- The outlet spans 350,000 sq ft. That's big enough to house three Premier League football pitches.
- Over 400 trees were planted on the site during the centre's construction.
- TV's style guru Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen opened the centre's third shopping area in 2001.
- Two large Viking figures in the food court are based on traditional chess pieces.
- The Outlet's mascot is Erik the Viking.
- Celebrity shoppers at the centre have included Dame Judi Dench, Vic Reeves, Spice Girl Mel B, lead singer of the Who, Roger Daltry, Rio Ferdinand, Linda Barker from the BBC's Changing Rooms, Ex England and Yorkshire Cricket Captain Geoff Boycott and football manager Kevin Keegan.
- The Outlet has created over 1000 jobs since it opened in 1998.
- The Outlet has 900 cycle racks for eco-friendly staff and shoppers.
- The outlet was awarded a certificate of merit for its landscaped grounds in the 2003 Yorkshire in Bloom competition.