

Information for Parents/Carers & Additional Guests



Be Inspired. Be you.

9.30am - 4.30pm

Wednesday 19 February 2025

Monday 24 March 2025

Saturday 26 April 2025

Help With Travel and Accommodation

Event Bursary

You may be able to claim an Event Bursary of up to a maximum of £200 per undergraduate offer holder for travel and accommodation costs associated with attendance at one of our Post-offer Visit Days. We will include the information and link to the application form in your booking confirmation so keep a look out!

Claiming couldn't be easier. Firstly you need to fill in the Event Bursary Application form. We will assess your evidence before you arrive and let you know if you have been successful.

All you then need to do is visit our Event Bursary Claim Desk, on your visit day, located in the Teaching and Learning Centre (Map Ref 50:D6), between 9:30am and 4pm, and speak with a staff member.

You must register at the Event Bursary Claim Desk on the day to confirm your attendance at the event.

In order to claim you will need to provide the following when you apply:

- Evidence that shows you are in receipt of government-funded and income-assessed financial support from your college or sixth form such as a 16-19 bursary or free school meals.

AND

- Evidence that shows you are a student at a state-maintained school/college*.

or

- Evidence which shows you are care experienced and/or estranged (CEES).**

or

- Evidence that shows you are studying at an independent school and in receipt of a full scholarship awarded on the grounds of financial hardship.

or

- Have successfully completed one of the following Access and Participation schemes with Durham University:
 - STEP
 - Sutton Trust Summer School
 - Supported Progression
- - Futures in STEM

* includes Academy and Grammar school sixth forms.

** 'CEES' refers to anyone who is care experienced and/or estranged. 'Care experienced' means anyone who has been, or is currently, in care. This care may have been provided in many different settings, including living with foster carers; living in a residential children's home; being looked after at home under a supervision order; living with friends or relatives in kinship care. 'Estranged' students are those aged 18-24 who are not communicating with either of their biological or adoptive parents due to an irreconcilable breakdown in their relationships with them.

Please note receipt of child benefit for the offer holder is not sufficient evidence. Unfortunately we are unable to make payments retrospectively.



Schedule for Parents, Guardians, Friends and Other Guests

Informational Talks & Sessions

While our offer holders are getting an idea of academic life at Durham we have put on informational talks for parents/guests/friends to attend. These will occur in the Teaching and Learning Centre (Map ref: 50/D6).

1.30pm - 2.15pm: Student Finance (TLC042)

2.15pm - 3pm: Current Student Q&A Panel (TLC042)

3pm - 3.45pm:

College Membership & Allocation (TLC042)

Disability Support at Durham (TLC033)



Discover Durham Tours

We will also be holding tours of the city and campus for parents/carers & other guests during the afternoon.

Tours will leave from the Teaching and Learning Centre (Map Ref 50/D6) at 1.30pm, 2pm, 2.30pm and 3pm and will be led by our fantastic Durham Student Ambassadors.

No need to book - just turn up to the reception of the Teaching and Learning Centre on the day!



Information Hub

We know parents and guardians have questions and we are here to answer them. Whether you want to find out more about college life, or what support is available to students you can drop into our Information Hub on the day (between 9.30am - 4.30pm) in the Teaching and Learning Centre to find out more. We have staff from our Admissions Team and the Accommodation and Allocations Teams on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Activities for Offer Holders - Planning Their Day

Helping to make a great decision

- Experience life as a Durham University student.
- Speak to current Durham students.
- Get answers to questions.
- Experience what it will be like to study at Durham.

College Activity - 9.30am - 12.30pm

Drop into any of our 16 Undergraduate Colleges between 9.30am - 12.30pm. More than somewhere to eat and sleep, your college will provide experiences, challenges and opportunities. Your college will make your time at Durham much more than just a degree. Meet staff and find out more about our unique collegiate system. We recommend choosing 3 colleges to visit during this time.

Your Life (Wider Student Experience) - 9.30am - 1pm

Being at university isn't just about studying; it's also about living. Get a glimpse into the extra-curricular and social side of being a Durham University student. Whatever your passion, whether you participate for fun or to gain and develop additional skills, Durham University can deliver. Visit the Sports and Wellbeing Park to speak to representatives from Team Durham Sport and Volunteering between 9.30 am - 1.00 pm. If you're interested in Music or Theatre, visit the Sir Thomas Allen Assembly Rooms Theatre between 9.30 am - 1.00 pm.

Your Degree (Academic Tasters) - 1.30pm until 4.30pm

Get a flavour for how your degree is structured and delivered, and the teaching and assessment methods. You will also get to meet some of our great departmental staff and students. You will experience what it is like to study in a higher education environment with lectures, seminars, tutorials and subject-specific sessions.

OFFER HOLDERS STUDYING MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT:

You will be able to choose which subject to visit when you book, unfortunately, due to time constraints, we are only able to provide one academic experience per day. However, you can book to attend multiple visit days

Your Support (Information Hub) - 9.30am until 4.30pm

Our Professional Support Services will be available on the day, either in their offices or in the Teaching and Learning Centre so you can find out more about Disability Support and our Counselling and Mental Health Services, as well as finding out more about our libraries, collections and facilities. See page 12 for further details.



Department Session Locations

(See page 12 for the map)

Title	Room number/Name	Building Name	Map Key	Map References
Accounting	WB1001-1002	Waterside - Durham University Business School	73	D1
Anthropology	D104	Dawson Building	16	E6
Archaeology	D210	Dawson Building	16	E6
Biosciences	L50	Biological Sciences	4	E7
Business and Management	WB2005	Waterside - Durham University Business School	73	D1
Chemistry	CG85	Chemistry	14	E6
Classics and Ancient History	ER141	Elvet Riverside 1	33a	E3
Combined Honours in Social Sciences	CLC406 Derman Christopherson	Calman Learning Centre	8	E6
Computer Science	MCS2068	Maths & Computer Science	1	E8
Criminology	ES230	Arthur Holmes Building	9	E6
Earth Sciences	ES228/229	Arthur Holmes Building	9	E6
Economics	WB0001	Waterside - Durham University Business School	73	D1
Education Studies	CB28	Confluence Building	12	E6
Engineering	E005	Christopherson Building	11	E7
English Studies	ER201	Elvet Riverside 2	33b	E4
Finance	WB1004	Waterside - Durham University Business School	73	D1
Geography	W103	Geography West Building	13	D6
Government and International Affairs (Politics)	Room 102	Al-Qasimi Building	66	B7
History	ER140	Elvet Riverside 1	33a	E3
Law	PCL048 Hogan Lovells	Palatine Centre	18	E6
Liberal Arts	ER157	Elvet Riverside 1	33a	E3
Marketing and Management	WB1003	Waterside - Durham University Business School	73	D1
Mathematical Sciences	MSC0001	Maths & Computer Science	1	E8
Modern Languages and Cultures*	ER153	Elvet Riverside 1	33a	E3
Music	MU006	Divinity House	38	C4
Natural Sciences	CLC203 Ken Wade	Calman Learning Centre	8	E6
Philosophy	ER142	Elvet Riverside 1	33a	E3
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	WB2003	Waterside - Durham University Business School	73	D1
Physics	PH8	Rochester Building	7	D7

*Individual language sessions will also take place in Elvet Riverside building, room numbers are provided on page 11

Department Session Locations

Title	Room number /Name	Building Name	Map key	Map References
Primary Education	CB008	Confluence Building	12	E6
Psychology	L68	Psychology	4	E7
Sociology	ES231	Arthur Holmes Building	9	E6
Sport and Exercise Sciences	Dojo	Sports and Wellbeing Park (Maiden Castle)	19	I7
Theology and Religion	ER145	Elvet Riverside 1	33a	E3
Visual Arts and Film	ER149	Elvet Riverside 1	33a	E3

Language Specific Session Locations

Please note these are breakout rooms in Elvet Riverside 1 (33a/E3) following the initial general introduction in ER153.

Language Specific Rooms	Room Number
Arabic	ER147
Chinese & Japanese	ER146
French	ER153
German	ER155

Language Specific Rooms	Room Number
Italian	ER143
Russian	ER144
Spanish (Hispanic)	ER152

College Locations

Building Name	Map Key	Map References
Collingwood College	55	D8
Grey College	54	D8
Hatfield College	42	D3
John Snow College	61	A9
Josephine Butler College	59	C10
South College	60	B9
St Aidan's College	72	A8
St Chad's College	46	D4
St Cuthbert's Society (Bailey)	48	C5

Building Name	Map Key	Map References
St Cuthbert's Society (Parson's Field Court)	22	G4
College of St Hild and St Bede (currently located at Rushford Court)	82	A2
St John's College	47	D4
St Mary's College	51	C7
Stephenson College	58	B10
Trevelyan College	65	C8
University College	36	D3
Van Mildert College	63	B8

Wider Student Experience, Support and Facilities

Take some time to explore the wider student experience, our support services, and of course the facilities during your visit.

Staff and students in the Teaching and Learning Centre and the Sports & Wellbeing Park will be available to talk to you between 9.30am and 4.30pm. All other locations will have representatives available between 9:30am - 1pm.

Take a look at the table below to see what is available and use the map on page 13 to find out where.

Title	Building Name	Map Key	Map References
Accommodation and Allocations	Teaching and Learning Centre	50	D6
Admissions	Teaching and Learning Centre	50	D6
Academic Support for Students	Teaching and Learning Centre	50	D6
Bill Bryson Library (Self-Guided Tours)	Bill Bryson Library	17	E6
Counselling and Mental Health Services	Palatine Centre	18	E6
Disability Support	Palatine Centre	18	E6
Durham Students' Union	Dunelm House	35	E4
International Office	Teaching and Learning Centre	50	D6
Performing Arts (Tours)	Sir Thomas Allen Assembly Rooms Theatre	45	D4
Performing Arts Music and Theatre	Sir Thomas Allen Assembly Rooms Theatre	45	D4
Placement Years	Teaching and Learning Centre	50	D6
Scholarships and Bursaries	Teaching and Learning Centre	50	D6
Sports Facilities, Team Durham	Sports and Wellbeing Park	19	I7
Sports, Team Durham	Sports and Wellbeing Park	19	I7
Student Loans Team	Teaching and Learning Centre	50	D6
Study Abroad	Teaching and Learning Centre	50	D6
Volunteering (Student Enrichment)	Sports and Wellbeing Park	19	I7

Finding your way

Our campus locations are colour coded. Look for the colour in the tables above to narrow down your search.

Leazes

As you enter the city from Belmont Park and Ride you will start to see some of the university Buildings.

New/Old Elvet

As you head towards our main campus site (Mountjoy) you will pass our Elvet Riverside buildings and Dunelm House the home of Durham Students' Union.

Peninsular

Within the bend of the River Wear the Peninsular houses our 'Bailey' Colleges, Music, Theology and Religion and our Assembly Rooms Theatre.

Mountjoy

Our main campus location, previously referred to as the 'Science Site', houses many departments and Professional Services.

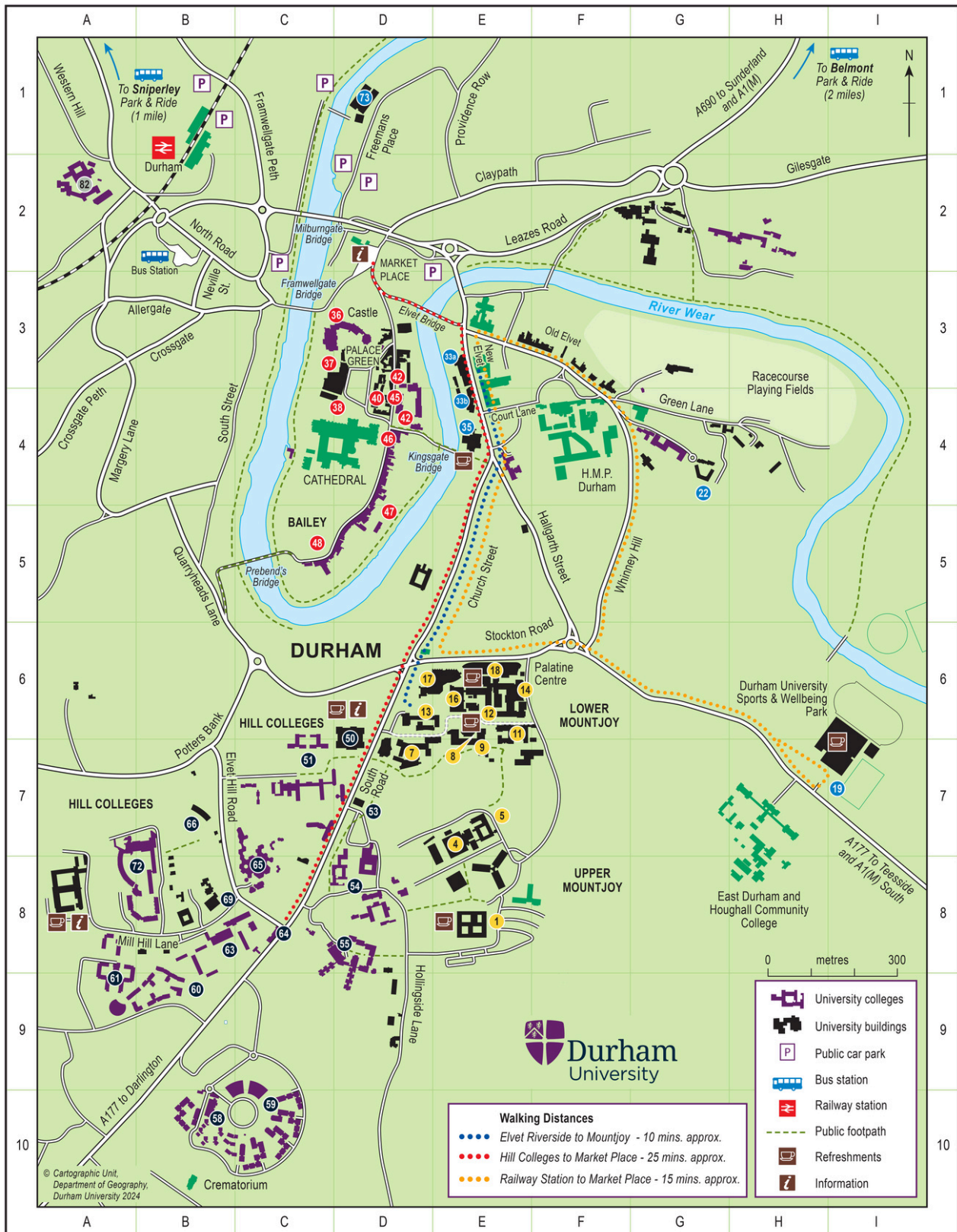
The Hill

As you head further up the hill you will see the home of many of our 'Hill' Colleges and the School of Government and International Affairs.

Durham City Map

To help you find your way our campus locations are colour coded. Look for the colour in the tables above to narrow down your search.

Durham University Sites: ● Rushford ● New/Old Elvet ● Peninsula ● Mountjoy ● The Hill



Shuttle Bus Schedule

Free buses will run at regular intervals between the times shown below. Just show your confirmation email when you get onboard!

Shuttle Bus 1 8.30am - 5pm

- [Train Station](#)
 - [Palatine Centre/Stockton Road](#) (for Lower Mountjoy buildings)
 - [Sports & Wellbeing Park](#) (Maiden Castle)
 - [Rushford Court](#) (for College of St Hild and St Bede) - until 12:15pm
- Returning on the reverse route

Top Tip



If you are heading to Palace Green from the train station it is quicker to walk!



Shuttle Bus 2 9.30am - 1pm

- [Howlands](#) - Drop off only (For Hill Colleges: Josephine Butler College, Stephenson College, South College and John Snow College)
- [South Road](#) (For Hill Colleges: Grey College, Collingwood College, St Mary's College, Trevelyan College, St Aidan's College and Van Mildert College)
- [New Elvet](#) (For Bailey Colleges: St Cuthbert's Society [Bailey], St John's College, St Chad's College, Hatfield College, University College and Durham Students' Union).
- [Old Elvet](#) (For St Cuthbert's Society [Parson's - Field]).
- [Sports & Wellbeing Park \(Maiden Castle\)](#) optional, depending on interest
- [Palatine Centre/ Stockton Road](#) (For the Information Hub in the Teaching & Learning Centre and Palatine Centre Support Services).

Shuttle Bus 3 1pm - 5pm

- [Maiden Castle](#) (last bus will leave at 4.45 pm)
- [Upper Mountjoy](#) (for Mathematical Sciences, Computer Science, Psychology, Biosciences)
- [Palatine Centre/Stockton Road](#) (for Lower Mountjoy)
- [Waterside Building](#) for Durham University Business School Subjects

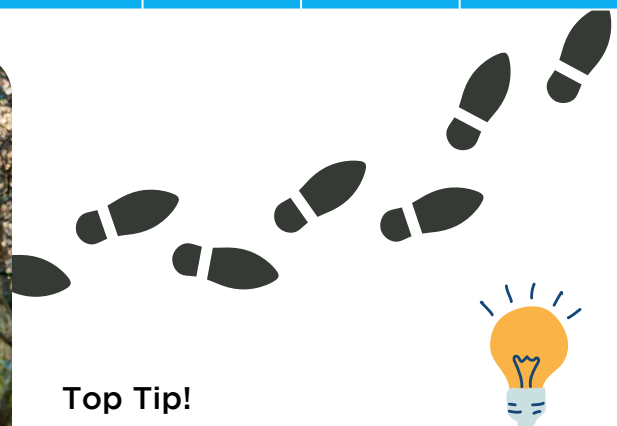


Walking Times

Being a student in Durham will require you to use your own steam to get around! It is often quicker to walk than it is to get in a car or use public transport.

Our buildings are spread across the city, however, the city itself is not very big and everything is within walking distance. We have included some of the approximate walking times below to help you with planning your day. These times do however depend on how fast you walk! You can also use Google Maps to plan your walking route and find out how long it will take you to move between venues.

	Train Station	Market Place	Dunelm House	Lower Mounjoy	Palace Green	Waterside Business School	Sports and Wellbeing Park
Approximate Walking Times in Minutes (Based on Google Maps)							
Train Station		9	16	24	13	31	32
Market Place	9		7	15	4	26	23
Dunelm House	16	7		8	6	21	19
Lower Mountjoy	24	15	8		13	18	15
Palace Green	13	4	6	13		25	24
Waterside Business School	10	5	8	12	25		15
Sports and Wellbeing Park	32	23	19	15	24	30	



Top Tip!

It's often quicker to walk around Durham rather than taking the bus. Make sure to wear comfortable footwear in Durham as there's quite a few hills and some uneven cobbled streets.



Refreshments

University catering outlets offer a wide variety of snacks and drinks to keep you refreshed and raring to go. Please see individual café information for opening times.



The following University outlets will be open during your visit. There will be a range of hot and cold lunches, cakes, snacks and cold drinks, as well as a range of brilliant hot drinks from local coffee roasters and Starbucks.

Calman Café

8am – 4pm

Location: Calman Learning Centre (Map Ref 8:E6)



Maiden Castle Café

8am– 4pm

Location: Maiden Castle (Map Ref 19:H7)



Zing Kitchen

8am – 4:30pm

Location: Teaching and Learning Centre (Map Ref 50:D6)



Bill Bryson Café

9:30am – 4pm

Location: Bill Bryson Library (Map Ref 17:E6)



Maths and Computer Science Café

8am – 4 pm

Location: Maths and Computer Science Buildig (Map Ref 1/E8)



Palatine Centre Café

9am – 4:30pm

Location: Palatine Centre (Map Ref 18:E6)



Top tip

We're expecting that 'Zing Kitchen' will be extremely busy during the event. If you would prefer an alternative that is close to there, which may be quieter, visit the Palatine Café which serves Italian style handmade pizza and authentic pasta and Mediterranean salad.

Please note: We ask that you please use cashless payments in our cafés.

Public parking

We strongly advise visitors to use public transport to travel to Durham.

Public car parks within walking distance of the city centre are:

- Prince Bishop's Shopping Centre (DH1 3UJ)
- Sidegate (DH1 5SY)
- Walkergate (DH1 1SW)
- The Riverwalk (DH1 4SJ)

Please note there is a parking charge to use these car parks.

The road running through the Market Place to the Cathedral is subject to a £2.00 congestion charge which must be paid in advance or by 6pm on the charging day. Please call 0191 384 6633 to make payment by credit or debit card.

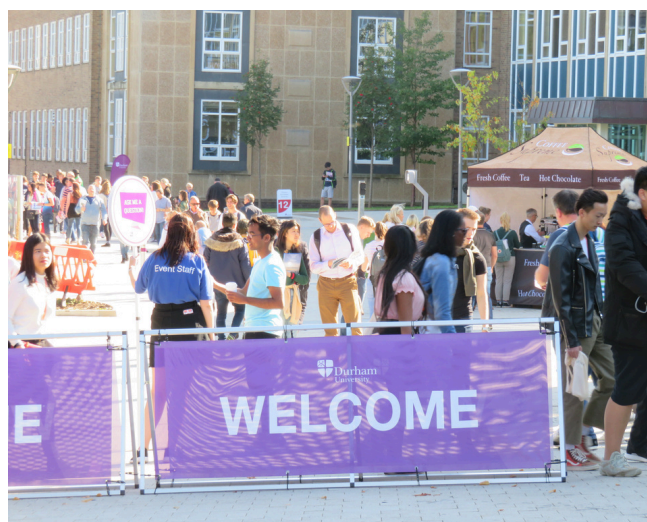


For more information on car parking please visit durham.gov.uk and search for Durham City Car Parks.

Park and Ride

Public transport runs from the Park and Ride car parks into Durham city. One ticket must be purchased for each passenger (£2.00 per person) when using these facilities, and the bus must be used. Park and Ride sites close at 7pm and vehicles will be locked in overnight if still on site at this time. We recommend arriving at the Park and Ride a minimum of one hour prior to your first session as roads may be congested.

Park and Ride sites are operated by Durham County Council - please visit durham.gov.uk/parkandride to find out more.



Visit durham.gov.uk/transport for more travel information

- Bus timetables and routes
- Durham City Park and Ride
- Roadworks, road closures and improvement schemes
- Bus fares and passes
- Blue Badge disability parking scheme
- Get the latest travel updates
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- Emergency road closures.