

1 Day Visit:

Porter's Lodge

Start your visit at the recently opened Porters Lodge and find out what it was like to be a monk in Medieval England. The model of Fountains Abbey at the height of its success gives you an idea of how wealthy and important the abbey was.

Fountains Mill and The Abbey

Move on to Fountains Mill and try your hand at the milling machine. In the abbey you can wander from room to room and marvel at the size and splendour of the Church. Can you find the prison cells where the monks who broke the rules were imprisoned?

Water Garden

Walk along the river from the abbey to the Water Garden where you can enjoy peace and tranquillity amongst the ponds, statues and temples. The more adventurous can climb the High Ride and enjoy views across the garden and to the abbey. The walking trails leaflet (available in the shop and at admission points £1.50) suggests a number of walks around the garden. Enjoy lunch at the tea room overlooking the lake before continuing on your walk into the deer park.

St. Mary's Church

Using the steeple as your guide, make your way towards St. Mary's Church. This Victorian masterpiece reflects the glory of its age, with a beautiful mosaic floor, wooden carvings and stained glass depicting Christian stories. There is a trail for the children to enjoy – can they find the mischievous mouse?

Visitor Centre

Follow the path along the woodland walk to the Visitor Centre. Time to browse in the shop amongst the locally sourced gifts, plants and books, before afternoon tea in the restaurant.