

GCSE Geography Coursework Castleton

Introduction

Castleton is a small village located in the Derbyshire Peak District. Castleton is famous for its beautiful scenery in which many people come to hike, Cycle, and Climb. Castleton has a wide variety of Attractions which all the family can involve including Peveril Castle; Castleton's many Caverns which range from Limestone gouges to Underground Rivers. Castleton also has exquisite surroundings including the 517 foot mountain Mam Tor.



We visited Castleton to prove whether three hypotheses are right or wrong. These Hypotheses were:

1. Is Castleton a 'Honeypot site'?
2. Does Castleton Suffer problems caused by Tourism?
3. How can the problems caused by tourists in Castleton be solved or reduced?

I aim to answer these three hypotheses in this piece of coursework.

A national park is a reserve of land, usually declared and owned by a national government, protected from most human development and pollution. There are almost 7000 national parks in the world. The largest being Northeast Greenland National park with an area of 375,000 square miles.

A honey pot Site is a popular Visitor attraction which attracts tourists in large numbers. It is called a Honey pot site due the simile of bees buzzing round a hive, in connection to tourists being attracted to an site or attraction.. Honey pot sites include The great pyramid of Giza and the Grand Canyon in the United States. Honey pot sites can be amazing to look at, this is why they attract so many people although there could be setbacks for the area; setbacks include overcrowding, litter, a strain on facilities and public transport. Also there are problems such as footpath erosion.

Castleton is situated in the Heart of England, being only 18 miles from Sheffield and 25 miles from Manchester. It is easily accessible from all over the UK as it is only 40 minutes from the M1 and M6. This leads to high levels of



People visiting the area; this could also be the reason that people give it the title of a “honeypot Site.”

Attractions

Peveril Castle

Peveril Castle was found soon after 1066 by William Peveril who was one of William the conquerors most trusted Knights. The Castle played an important Part in Protecting Peak Forest. The castle used to be called Peak Castle. Displays in Castleton Visitor Centre tell the story of Peveril as the focal point of Peak Forest, which in his time was a royal hunting preserve.



Speedwell Cavern

Set High above the village of castleton, Speedwell Cavern takes you on a incredible underground journey which sometimes lasts up to an hour. The entrance is an almost Hidden cave which leads down to an underground canal which you then start your boat trip through the 200 year old mine. A wide selection of Gifts and mementos are available to buy to remember the amazing boat trip, including Jewellery made from the Blue John stone.



Peak Cavern

Set in the middle of Castleton, A Unique ‘World’ Which consists of Rock Formations and eerie Sounds. Tours Last up to an Hour with a riverside walk, A limestone gorge, 280ft vertical cliffs and a traditional rope making demonstrations that can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

