

My favourite historical site

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Skipton Castle is a medieval fortress in Yorkshire. It was gifted to the Clifford family by Edward II in 1310.

Skipton Castle has stood the test of time and one of the most preserved medieval castles in England. It even survived a three year siege during the English Civil War!

For me, Lady Anne Clifford is the hero of Skipton Castle because she fought tenaciously to protect it during the English Civil War and then was responsible for extensive work undertaken on the castle afterwards. Lady Clifford's renovations meant that it has both medieval and Tudor/Stuart features.

The grounds teach you so much about life in a castle. You can tour the great hall, the kitchen, the dungeon and even the toilet! The design of the building illustrates how wars were fought with features such as winding staircases, trip steps, murder holes and 'wind eyes'.

If you would like more information about Skipton Castle visit <https://www.skiptoncastle.co.uk>