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rerefordshire's rich history in farming and cider production makes it a county full of stunning landscapes, not least with the River Wye meandering its way through the county before making its way back into Wales. A visit to Herefordshire could see you visiting castles, canoeing on the river, hiking up hills, walking the orchards, or simply taking in village life with a chilled cider!

Festivals & events, markets, local food and drink producers are in abundance, as this really is a 'home-grown' county. The welcome you will receive will make your trip as memorable as the sights you will see.

visitherefordshire.co.uk

#### Plan your visit at

www.visitherefordshire.co.uk where you will find more information on places to stay, things to do, events and much more.

Hereford also hosts a unique event in 2018 with the Weeping Window poppy display at Hereford Cathedral from 14th March to 29th April - the last chance to see this as 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of World War One, and the poppies will no longer be displayed in public after this. This is a year of anniversaries as it also marks the 20th for the family friendly Nozstock music festival near Bromyard, as well as the same landmark for Hereford's theatre. The Courtyard Centre for the Arts. As if this wasn't enough the world famous Three Choirs Festival also returns to the county from 28th July.



Herefordshire has a great range of places to stay. Select the style of accommodation you are looking for using the grading as a guide to your perfect choice.

#### **Quality ratings**

All inspected accommodation has been graded by Visit England, Visit Wales or the AA.

Assessed to have good facilities and service and meet legislative requirements.

★ Simple, practical, clean, no frills

\*\* Well presented and well run

\*\*\* Good level of quality and comfort

\*\*\* Excellent standard throughout

\*\*\*\* Exceptional with a degree of luxury

All ratings will ensure you have clean and tidy accommodation. Higher star ratings will usually indicate more spacious rooms and a higher staff to guest ratio in hotels, so service should be attentive. Why not pamper yourself in five star luxury in glorious surroundings?

#### Feedback

Businesses always welcome feedback from your visit. If there is something not to your satisfaction please give the proprietor/manager the opportunity to rectify any complaint or issue you have. To bring this to the attention of the grading bodies, please write to:

#### **Visit England**

Quality in Tourism, Basepoint Business Centre, Oakfield Close, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire GL20 8SD or complete the complaint form on www.qualityintourism.com

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AA Hotel Services, Floor 14 Fanum House, Basingstoke, RG21 4EA or email

HotelServicesCustomerSupport@theAA.com

#### **Visit Wales**

Quality Assurance Department, Welsh Government, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion SY23 3UR or email quality.tourism@wales.gsi.gov.uk





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- Coach groups accepted by prior arrangement
- Dogs accepted
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- P Car Parking
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- **ይ** Disabled access
- Toilet facilities
- Ġ Ground Floor bedroom
- **OF** Wi-Fi
- Q Licenced
- Pool/hot tub
- Children accepted
- Open fire/woodburner
- ■. Microwave
- \* Garden
- 同 Dishwasher
- Q Electrical hook-up
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- Ŧ Washing up facilities
- ΔIV Children's play area
- Shop ₹-
- r Showers
- Q. Activities on site
- Ŧ) Bar/restaurant
- SC Self catering
- sv Serviced
- CC Caravan & camping





#### Areas are colour-coded as follows:

- City of Hereford and approx 6 mile radius
- North Herefordshire, Leominster, Kington, Black & White Villages, Mortimer Country
- East Herefordshire, Ledbury, Bromyard and The Malverns
- South Herefordshire, Ross-on-Wye and Symonds Yat
- West Herefordshire and The Golden Valley

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#### **Herefordshire Tourist Information**

#### Hereford

Hereford Tourist Information Centre (operated by Rural Concierge) Hereford Butter Market, High Town, Hereford, HR1 2AA

www.rural-concierge.co.uk info@rural-concierge.co.uk Tel: 01432 370514

Rural Concierge located in the Butter Market bespoke tours, and things to do in the county

Bus timetables can be purchased from Hereford Library, Rural Concierge & Hereford Railway station or visit www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transportand-highways/public-transport/ travelling-by-bus

#### Leominster

Leominster Tourist Information Centre 11 Corn Square, Leominster, HR6 8YP 01568 616460

www.leominstertourism.co.uk reception@leominstertourism.co.uk Open 9:30am – 4pm

#### Ledb

Tourist Information @ Ice Bytes 38 The Homend, Ledbury, HR8 1BT 0844 567 8650 www.visitledbury.info

www.visitledbury.info info@visitledbury.info

Open: Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm

#### **Bromyard**

Bromyard Info 41 Broad Street, Bromyard, HR7 4BT 01885 488133

www.visitbromyard.co.uk enquiries@visitbromyard.co.uk

#### Ross-on-Wye

www.visitrossonwye.com

#### Kington

Kington Tourist Information Centre 5 Church Street, Kington, HR5 3AZ 01544 230778

Open Saturday 8th April – Saturday 28th October 2017

www.kingtontourist.info info@kingtontourist.info

#### Hay-on-Wy

Hay-on-Wye Tourist Information Bureau Chapel Cottage, Oxford Road, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5DG 01497 820144

www.hay-on-wye.co.uk/tourism post@hay-on-wye.co.uk

Open: Monday to Friday, and Sunday: 11am to 3pm Saturday: 10am to 3pm



The River Wye from Ross, looking North

With plenty of local producers and places to visit, North Herefordshire offers a unique charm to the county. The market town of Leominster forms one of the villages on the Black & White Village Trail. A 40 mile circular route, you can visit the many villages in one day, or take your time over a few days to experience life in this area. Keen walkers can make their way to Kington which not only has its own walking festival, but is a great link to Offa's Dyke Path, the Mortimer Trail, The Wye Valley Walk and the Herefordshire Trail.

#### Wigmore Church

Founded in the 11th century this 1,000 year old church is located in the small village of Wigmore in North Herefordshire, close to Wigmore Castle, denoting the importance of this village in medieval England, hosting several kings and gueens as well as being the county stronghold for the Mortimer family. The church has very early Norman architecture, with the original herringbone opus spicatum masonry as one of the highlights to view. With a HLF grant award of £1.3 million, the Wigmore Centre Community Interest Company are currently updating the building to provide a Heritage Centre with essential services and cafe for use by the community and visitors.





#### The Game is Afoot

We tend to think of Arthur Conan Doyle's famous Sherlock Holmes mystery The Hound of the Baskervilles as being inextricably linked with Dartmoor. But could it actually have been set in Herefordshire? Over 50 years ago now the then chairman of the Sherlock Holmes Society, Maurice Campbell, published a controversial pamphlet contesting the location of the story. Although today the Sherlock Holmes Society states the provenance to be Dartmoor, the Arthur Conan Doyle Society differs.

Tales of supernatural occurrences linked to Thomas Vaughan or 'Black Vaughan' as his nickname goes, inhabiting Hergest Court in Kington. His reputation as a tyrant aided by a devilish hound obviously echoes the Hugo Baskerville figure in Conan Doyle's book. The lineage of the Baskerville name includes Norman barons who built castles. at Eardislev in Herefordshire and across the border into Wales. So the village pub in Clyro is The Baskerville Arms with evidence of links between the Baskerville & Vaughan families, whilst we can also ask the question - what's in a name? Dr. Mortimer is an interesting choice given the importance of one of the most powerful Norman families in the Welsh Marches, the Mortimers. We also have Stapleton, the naturalist who is a key figure in the story - Stapleton also being a small hamlet near Presteigne on the Welsh border. Clyro Court, now Baskerville Hall Hotel, at Hay on Wye, is also a possible location for Baskerville Hall. Certainly enough to make you 'paws' for thought!

#### **Mortimer County**

One of the most powerful families to rule over the Marches, the Mortimer family - a product of Normandy and who established themselves in Wigmore either at or shortly after the Norman Conquest. By effectively creating their own empire over the UK the Mortimers exerted huge influence, playing a key role in the shifting of power between the nobles and the monarchy. Although the War of the Roses saw the battle between Yorkshire and Lancashire, one of the most important battles actually took place at Mortimer's Cross in North Herefordshire during February 1461. The significance of this was also not just confined to military victory but also to historic importance in the ascent of a Mortimer grandson, aged just 18, King Edward IV to the throne as the first Yorkist king. With the aid of Lottery funding the battle site is due to be researched by archaeologists in 2018 until 2021 when new visitor information will be completed.

## The Barns at Upper House



- 01544 208271
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- W: www.thebarns.com

#### The Barns at Upper House - The Space to Celebrate

Big House Self Catering at The Barns at Upper House... looking for a one night corporate event, a big family get together or a walking weekend with your dog - the barns has something for everyone.

Choose your barn - if your party size is between 8 & 48, we have flexible and luxurious accommodation with SKY, Smart TVS, Wifi and Hot Tubs. There's plenty of room to all dine together and each bedroom has its own bathroom... what's not to like?

Get in touch and Come and stay!

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Dilwyn, Herefordshire, HR4 8HP

T: 01544 387652

E: info@buzzardhouse.co.uk

W: www.buzzardhouse.co.uk

Situated in north-west Herefordshire. Buzzard House is perfectly placed to explore this picturesque area in the heart of Black and White village country.

Your hosts are delighted to share their love of good food, wine and invite you to unwind and relax in their comfortable home. Eating here is shaped by the seasons using locally sourced ingredients where possible.

Rooms: 4

Room Type: 4D/T

Price per room: £110-£120







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#### Hampton Court Castle, Gardens & Parkland E4



Hope under Dinmore, Leominster, HR6 0PN

T: 01568 797777

W: www.hamptoncourt.org.uk

Open: 29th Mar - 16th Sep (and 27th Oct - 4th Nov) from 10:30am - 5pm. Gardens open daily. Castle tours most days, unless a private function is taking place.

Discover one of England's best kept secrets. Hampton Court Castle is a 15th Century Castle dating back to Henry IV. Wander through the stunning walled gardens with island pavilions, striking water features, maze and 150 year old Wisteria, before exploring the vast parkland and river walk. Lunch and afternoon tea are served in the delightful Orangery cafe.

Entry: See website for details







#### The Judge's Lodging

Broad Street. Presteiane. Powys, LD8 2AD

T: 01544 260650

E: info@judgeslodging.org.uk W: www.judgeslodging.org.uk

Open: March - October: Tues - Sun & BHMs 10am-5pm, November: Weds – Sun 10am-4pm, December: Sat-Sun 10am-4pm

Explore the odd world of Victorian judges, their servants and felonious guests of this award-winner, totally hands-on historic house. From stunning judge's apartments to gaslit servants' quarters, take the eavesdropping audio-tour featuring actor Robert Hardy. Damp cells and cast courtroom included! Winner of Britain's Best Hidden Gem Award.

Entry: Adult £7.95, Concessions £6.95, Child £3.95, Family £21.50, Registered disabled FREE











#### An historic and friendly airfield set in the stunning Herefordshire countryside.

With introductory lessons starting from just £89, you could be reaching for the skies and seeing the world from a whole new perspective.

Our team of flight instructors are on hand to guide you through from trial lesson to qualified pilot and club members are always happy to share stories and offer encouragement.

#### Shobdon, Leominster HR6 9NR

t: 01568 708369 · www.shobdonairfield.co.uk Open 7 days a week · Apr - Oct 9am - 6pm · Nov - March 9am - 4.30 pm







www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org

Find us just off the A49 between Leominster & Hereford Dinmore Hill, Nr Leominster, HR6 0PY











Rowley Farm, Kimbolton, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0EX

T: 01568 611338 / 07703 798303

E: sue@rowlevcottages.co.uk W: www.rowleycottages.co.uk

A working farm with two delightful cottages with panoramic views of the Black Mountains and surrounding countryside from the comfort of your own conservatory.

Ideal setting for special occasion parties offering Herefordshire's finest produce. Footpath/bridleway runs through 100 acres of cider fruit orchard with close proximity of riding stables.

Centrally situated for the Black and White Villages Trail.

Local attractions within 2 miles: Berrington Hall NT, Stocktonbury Gardens, Hampton Court, Docklow fishing pools. Leisurely walk to Stockton Cross, our village pub. No smokina.

Units: 2 **Sleeps:** 4-10

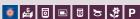
Price per room: £380-£585













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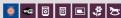
Luntley Court Farm, Pembridge, Nr. Leominster, HR6 9EH T: 01544 388422/07814 797721 E: info@luntleycourtfarm.co.uk W: www.luntleycourtfarm.co.uk

Self-catering cottages with sixteenth century origins on the famous Black & White Village Trail in Herefordshire countryside between Hay-on-Wye and Ludlow. The four cottages are designed around a small courtyard and have their own private garden and large recreation area where a marquee can be sited for a reunion/party venue. Large party bookings taken.

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Units: 4 · Sleeps: 2-20

Price per unit: £200-£750













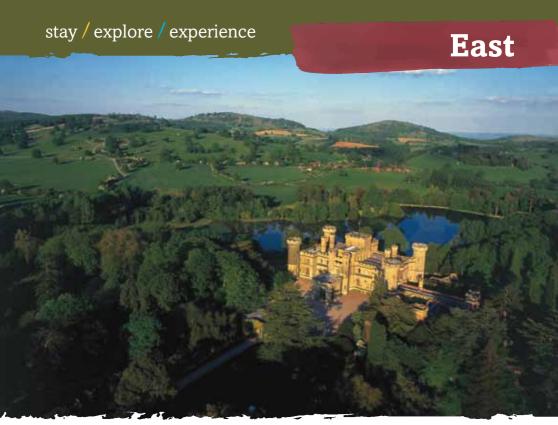




#### Family Friendly Farm. Fun for all ages.

Here at Wynnes, you will find Peckers Tea-Room. With a full selection of cakes, treats and ice-creams, a variety of hot and cold drinks and a delicious menu you will find something to suit all appetites! Teamed with a Country store filled with gifts toys and much more. We have lovely walkway through the paddocks allowing you to get up close and personal and see and feed all the animals such as Pygmy Goats, Pigs, Alpacas, Chickens Ducks & Shetland Ponies

Wynnes of Dinmore Country Store & Farm Attraction Hope under Dinmore HR6 0PX · E: Info@wynnes.co.uk www.wynnes.co.uk · 01568 797314

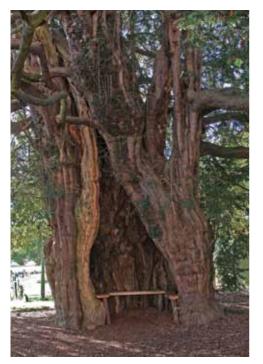


Eastnor Castle

estivals and events are in abundance  $\Gamma$  in the East – from music to food, and almost everything else in-between! Bromyard's charm comes from its independent shops, with Bromyard Downs and Bringsty Common on the doorstep. If you are visiting the Marches, Bromyard is a great base. The town of Ledbury, with Eastnor Castle close by, is a gateway to the Malverns and host to the Ledbury Poetry Festival. Stop by the grade I listed Market House, which stands on 16 pillars built in 1617, wander down the cobbled Church Lane and discover more about the mysterious Painted Room.

## The Master's House & 16th Century Painted Room

The Master's House in Ledbury was built between 1487-1488 and a major renovation took place approximately 100 years later in the Tudor period before another major restoration much more recently between 2011-2015, which has also resulted in several awards. It is part of the St Katherine's Hospital complex, one of the most important medieval hospital sites still surviving in the UK. Founded by Bishop Hugo Foliot, the brethren would choose one of their number to be The Master or Custos (from the Latin word for master hence our word custodian now). The Master would manage the land and crop harvests in order to maximise the profit for the hospital. This structure changed when The Black Death

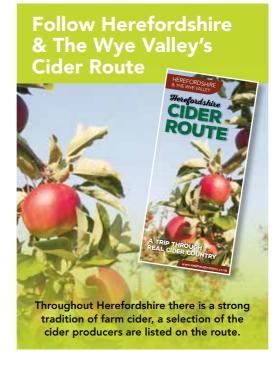


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claimed so many victims that the hospital had to rent out the land rather than farming it themselves, thus reducing their income. (This may well have influenced the author Anthony Trollope whose Barchester Chronicles features both a Master and a charitable hospital, Hiram's).

Also in Ledbury stands one of the town's oldest timber framed buildings, housing the historic 16th Century Painted Room. When a major restoration was embarked upon in 1988 the contractors noticed some unusual painted decorative work applied directly to the walls and plaster. Under the supervision of English Heritage, the rare Elizabethan Wall Painting was gradually revealed. Inspired by the art and tapestries of the aristocracy of the period, the most likely explanation is that this was painted by the occupant in order to assert his own claims to a similar lineage. Constable Richard Skull, connected to minor nobility and then married into merchant gentry, being the most likely painter.





#### Eastnor Castle Holiday Cottages J8-SC



Eastnor, Nr Ledbury, HR8 1RL

T: 01531 633160

E: enquiries@eastnorcastle.com

W: www.eastnorcastle.com

Peacock Villa is a delightful detached Edwardian cottage, sleeping 6, on the edge of the Eastnor Castle Estate in the middle of the Malvern Hills, Golden Gates Lodge is situated in Eastnor's Deer Park, providing single level accommodation for up to 4 guests in two listed buildings. Fantastic walking countryside.

**Units: 2 • Sleeps: 2-10** Price per week: £443-£1104





















Eastnor, Nr. Ledbury HR8 1RL

T: 01531 633160

E: enquiries@eastnorcastle.com

W: www.eastnorcastle.com

A magnificent Georgian Castle situated in the foothills of the Malverns, Nr. Ledbury. The castle is still the home of the Hervey-Bathurst family and its interiors contain medieval armour, fine arts and a Gothic drawing room designed by A. W. Pugin.

In the grounds is an adventure playground, treetop walkway, knight's maze, tea room and ice-cream parlour. 

Entry: See www.eastnorcastle.com

for open days and entry fees







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Garford Farm, Yarkhill, Hereford, HR1 3ST

T: 01432 890226

E: garfordfarm@btconnect.com

W: www.farmstay.co.uk

Set in Herefordshire's scenic hop growing country on a working farm within easy reach of the picturesque market towns of Ledbury, Ross-on-Wye, Leominster and Hay. Spacious bedrooms furnished with antiques, en-suite or private bathrooms. Pleasant walks, Children welcome over 2 years.

Rooms: 3

Room type: 1D/1T/1F (to sleep 3)

Price per room: £50 - £80









Edwyn Ralph, Bromyard, HR7 4LU

T: 01885 483225

E: ralphcourtgardens@aol.com

W: www.ralphcourtgardens.co.uk

Open: All year March - December daily including Bank Holidays (please check website for variations)

12 amazing gardens set in the grounds of a gothic rectory. From Italy to Africa the gardens transport you around the world and beyond into a fantasy world. Whether you are an adult or a child you will be mesmerised with the features and be surprised around every corner of the 3 acre garden.

Our licensed restaurant offers homemade lunches, snacks, scrumptious cakes and cream teas.

Entry: Adults £9, Children £5















Bishops Frome, Worcester, WR6 5BT

T: 01531 640323

E: info@thehoppocket.com

W: www.thehoppocket.com

Open: Tues - Sat 10am - 5:30pm, Sun 11am - 5pm,

Closed Mon, except Bank Holidays

#### The Hop Pocket Shopping Village is an unusual place where there is something for everyone.

The gift shop is an Aladdin's Cave of gifts, in you'll find outfits and footwear for ladies and gents, as well as Children's clothes, with wonderful furniture and interiors. Up the wooden stairs, or the lift, the room opens into an enormous range of wooden and traditional toys. Around one corner gift books and books for children, in another, wonderful original art and jewellery.

When one gets parched the Farmhouse Family Restaurant is at the heart of the site with fresh coffee and tea, freshly made lunches, homemade scrumptious cakes, and a play

The Hop Pocket Wine Co is also on hand if a pick-me-up is needed, with free tasting every day. The Cutting Block is a traditional butcher and delicious farm shop. There is a wonderful garden centre, which is well stocked with good quality plants. A further emporium of delights and the Glass & Lighting studio give added wonder. The independent travel agents will be able to suggest the perfect escape.

The Hop Pocket is a rural shopping destination that can be found 12 miles out from Hereford on the A4103 Hereford

Entry: Free









# Eastnor Pottery

Home Farm, Eastnor, Ledbury, HR8 1RD

T: 01531 633886

E: admin@eastnorpottery.co.uk W: www.eastnorpottery.co.uk

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

Remarkable pottery and clay experiences for families, groups and individuals, designed to explore and develop creativity in all ages and abilities. Family sessions, children's events, birthday parties, potter's wheel, school projects, creative development, festivals and pottery teambuilding. Visit our idyllic Herefordshire studio or 'The Flying Potter' can come to you.

Entry: Free entry.

Projects start at £5 including refreshments







#### White House Cottages





Aylton, nr. Ledbury, HR8 2RQ

T: 01531 670349

E: bookings@whitehousecottages.co.uk

W: www.whitehousecottages.co.uk

Five characterful, listed cottages nestled in tranquil countryside just 5 miles from Ledbury. Set on the Gloucestershire/Herefordshire border, it's the perfect base for exploring the Malvern Hills, Forest of Dean, Welsh Borders and Herefordshire's historic market towns. Ideal for relaxing, walking and touring. Free Wi-Fi.

Units: 5 **Sleeps: 2-15** 

Price per unit: £150-£560







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#### Holloways & The Glasshouse Café

Lower Court, Suckley, Worcestershire, WR6 5DE

T: 01886 884665

E: sales@hollowavs.co.uk W: www.holloways.co.uk

Open: All year Mon – Sat 9am – 5pm and Sun (March - December) 11am - 4pm

#### A day out to appeal to anyone who loves their home and garden.

Holloways is much more than a garden centre. Their furniture showrooms, in converted hop kilns and the courtyards around them, make a perfect backdrop for displays of living room, dining room, conservatory and garden furniture.

There is a Gift Shop, courtyards full of garden ornaments, large pots and planters, garden antiques and old farm curiosities.

The award-winning Glasshouse Café is a popular spot for breakfast, home cooked lunches, Italian coffee, or afternoon tea. Set inside a stunning conservatory with views of the Suckley Hills. Children welcome.





Entry: Free







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Stourport Road, Upper Sapey, Herefordshire WR6 6XT

T: 01886 853201

E: info@baitinghouse.co.uk W: www.baitinghouse.co.uk

Since re-opening in 2016 after extensive renovation. The Baiting House at Upper Sapey has gone from strength to strength. Its restaurant has gained 2 AA Rosettes and included in the Good Food Guide, and its extensive selection of local ales and ciders has gained repute throughout the county.

The Baiting House is set in glorious unspoilt countryside just outside Bromvard, close to the border with Worcestershire. It has six ensuite bedrooms ranging from small twin to large king rooms. All rooms have Wifi, flat screen TVs, Egyptian cotton bedding and power showers. Full Herefordshire breakfast included in all

Guests can unwind in an armchair in the bar with the papers or enjoy the large patio area, which also hosts an outdoor pizza oven in summer months.

Rooms: 6

Room Types: 3K/2D/1T Price per unit: £70-£130





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#### The Lodges at the Baiting House

Stourport Road, Upper Sapey, Herefordshire WR6 6XT

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E: lodges@baitinghouse.co.uk

W: www.baitinghouselodges.co.uk

Winner of the 2017 Visit Herefordshire Tourism Award in the self-catering category. The Lodges at the Baiting House are luxury self-contained wood cabins with full kitchen, bathroom, king bedroom and a living room with large sofa bed. Their biggest selling point is the private patio area with barbecue, fire pit in winter and a Jacuzzi hot tub for each Lodge.

All set with spectacular country views in a 3 acre field in the grounds of the award-winning Baiting House inn. Guests can choose to eat award-winning food at the Baiting House itself, cook for themselves in the full kitchen or order a barbecue or gourmet food pack to prepare on the patio. The best of all worlds.

Feedback since the opening of the Lodges in Summer 2017 has been overwhelming, and they tend to book up early for weekends and for summer holidays. Come and relax in our little corner of paradise.

Lodges: 5

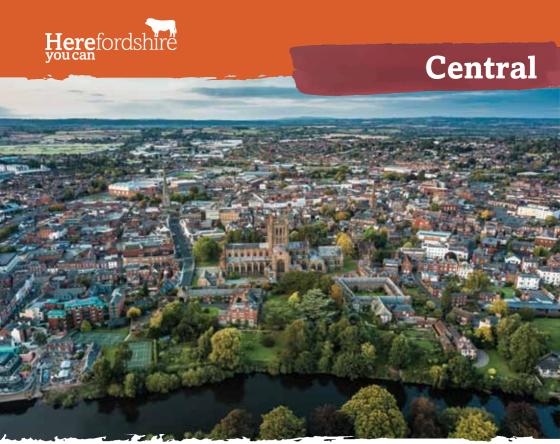
Room Types: Deluxe lodges with private hot tub

Price per unit: £90-£200









Hereford

The city of Hereford blends the charm of the Independent Quarter along East, West and Church Streets and the nearby High Town area with the bright lights of the Old Market shopping district. The Cathedral stands proud against the backdrop of the River Wye, and is host to the famous Mappa Mundi and Chained Library.

With plenty of museums, markets and walks, Hereford is a city which allows you to enjoy a slower pace of life. Don't miss the Black & White House, Waterworks and Cider museums which offer a glimpse at Herefordshire's rich history and diversity.

#### Here be Dragons...

Mordiford is a village 4 miles south east of Hereford with the River Lugg running through it and home to the oldest surviving bridge in the county, dating back to 1352. It is also home to the legend of the Mordiford Dragon, reputedly a green creature who would come down from nearby Haugh Woods to drink from the river.

The story has it that the beast soon tired of a diet of milk and cattle, graduating onto human flesh before eventually being slain by a member of the local Garstone family via a well aimed lance to the throat. A painting of the dragon was housed in the village church until 1811 when the vicar ordered its destruction, considering it to be an unsuitable demonic influence inside the church. A reproduction of the painting remains in the church to this day.

So it's not only Game of Thrones which has a monopoly on dragons and with winter coming, you could do worse than sample the new Nights Watch ale from Herefordshire.

#### Mappa Mundi

Taking pride of place in Hereford Cathedral, the mappa mundi, (circa 1300), is the largest and most detailed map surviving from before the fifteenth century. Not just merely a map, but a document drawing together both the mythical and the natural world, as well as diverse lands and people. With Christ cast as a figure of judgement sitting at the top of the map, within a cadre of Christian belief, the mappa mundi would have been a valuable and unique resource for learned scholars of the period.

#### City Walls & Hereford Castle

As one of only five city AAI's in the UK, (Area of Archaeological Importance), the remains on the city walls are an integral part of the city, dating back to the 8th century. Its close proximity to the River Wye, together with the Battle of Hereford in AD760 between English and Welsh forces, is most probably what led to the city being fortified. Hereford Castle occupied what is now know as the Castle Green area of the city, built as an earth and timber construction with a motte and bailey fortification. The exact date of this is contested but varies between 1052-1067 depending which source you believe. Not contested is the fact that the castle became a key outpost following the Norman Conquest of England. Scene of many battles over its history, including during the English Civil War, Hereford Castle was finally demolished during 1660 as a sad coda to over one thousand years of fortifying the city.

#### The Dinedor Serpent (also known as the Rotherwas Ribbon)

This beguiling mystery was discovered during archaeological surveys for the Rotherwas relief road. To find Rotherwas - home to a mainly sprawling industrial area, as the site of a possible Bronze Age ritual path is fascinating

to say the least. Numerous theories abound but it is thought that the small stones which appear to delineate the snaking pathway, are fire-cracked - that is the product of being dropped into a burning pit. It is debatable as to whether these small stones were really designed for walking on, but one theory offered is that this may have been a ritual pathway from the top of Dinedor Hill down to the River Wye. Also, the quartz content in the stones could glow under the moonlight as a kind of Bronze Age ode to the meandering, serpentine river.

#### Nell Gwynne

Born 2nd February 1650, reputedly in Pipe Well Lane, later named Gwynne Street in Hereford, Eleanor or 'Nell' Gwyn (also spelled Gwynne), moved to London and became an actress at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, before becoming the long-time mistress to King Charles II of England and Scotland.





Marking the sacrifices made by the people of Herefordshire during the First World War.

#### 14 March until 29 April 2018

For more information visit www.herefordcathedral2018.org





#### **Apple Store Gallery**



Unit 1, Rockfield Road, Hereford, HR1 2UA

T: 01432 263937

E: applestoregallery@btinternet.com W: www.applestoregallery.co.uk

Open: Wed to Fri 10am - 4pm, Sat 10am - 1pm

Apple Store Gallery is a fine art gallery exhibiting local artists' paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics, glass, sculpture and much more.

We have artists' working on site to talk to you and show you their work. We offer poetry and music events, unframed prints and cards and a bespoke framing service.

Entry: Free









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#### **Hereford Tourist Information**







The Butter Market. High Town, Hereford HR1 2AA

T: 01432 370514 E: herefordtic@gmail.com

W: www.herefordtouristinfo.co.uk Open: Monday - Saturday 10.00 - 4.00

Located in the historic Butter Market in High Town, the newly opened Tourist Information is based in the heart of the City.

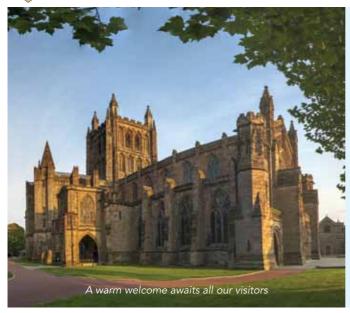
Hereford Tourist Information has leaflets, maps, local books, gifts, Herefordshire tourist information and local knowledge.

Why not pop in to see us during your visit.

You can also find us on Twitter and Facebook



## EREFORD CATHEDRAL



Cathedral Close, Hereford HR1 2NG

T: 01432 374212

E: office@herefordcathedral.org W: www.herefordcathedral.org

Poppies: Weeping Window by artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper 14 March - 29 April

- Ascension, new SAS window and sculpture
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- Hereford Three Choirs Festival 28th July - 4th August
- Guided Tours
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- Garden Tours

Cathedral open 7 days a week Admission Free

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#### Somerville House

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12 Bodenham Road, Hereford, HR1 2TS

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E: enquiries@somervillehousehereford.co.uk

W: www.somervillehousehereford.co.uk

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Enjoy luxury and comfort with 'feel at home' friendly service from Rosie, Bill and their staff.

Large, luxurious rooms and smaller characterful rooms. all en-suite, with local produce minibars, hospitality tray, ironing board, hairdryer and all other facilities to make your stay a home from home.

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Free Wi-Fi throughout, free off-road parking, cyclists welcome. Sorry no pets allowed.

Rooms: 12

Room Type: 9D/T. 2F. 1S. Price per room: £65-£150









#### Castle House Hotel

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Castle Street, Hereford, HR1 2NW

T 01432 356321

W: www.castlehse.co.uk

Castle House is an independent boutique hotel owned by a local farming family, situated in a quiet part of Hereford city, just yards from the famous Cathedral. It has 24 luxury guest rooms, 8 of which are in a nearby contemporary town house, Number 25, it is the perfect base from which to explore the very special county of Herefordshire and the Wye Valley.

Rooms: 24 • Room type: 10D-9D/T-1F-1S

Price per room: £130-£250











Sink Green Farm



Rotherwas, Hereford HR2 6LE

T: 01432 870223

E: sue@sinkgreenfarm.co.uk

W: www.sinkgreenfarm.co.uk

16th century farmhouse on banks of river wye with stunning views, 3 miles from Hereford, Individual ensuite rooms, one 4-poster, all having hospitality-trays, TV & Wi-Fi. Relax in extensive garden, summer house and hot-tub, or enjoy strolling by the river. Centrally located, easy access to Herefordshire, and surrounding areas.

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Rooms: 3

**Type:** 2D. 1T.

Price per room: £45-£90









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#### Hereford Cider Museum

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Pomona Place, Hereford HR4 0EF

T: 01432 354207

E: enauiries@cidermuseum.co.uk

W: www.cidermuseum.co.uk

Open: Monday - Saturday 10.30 - 4.30

Set in an 1887 cider factory, the museum reveals cider's fascinating 400 year old story.

- Find out about cider in Herefordshire and beyond how it was made, who drank it, what social customs surround it
- Visit the atmospheric Bulmer champagne cider cellars
- Finish with small samples of cider or juice in the shop
- · Free entry to the lovely tearoom, with free wifi and parking.
- · Download the tour app 'Golden Fire' or simply explore our family friendly displays.
- Groups can pre-book guided tours or cider tutorials. Some coach parking is available.

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Experience a true taste of Herefordshire.

Entry: Adults £5.50, Concessions £5.00 Students and children £3.00, Family Ticket £16.00.

Disabled access to ground floor only. Coaches by appointment.











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#### 8-16 September

Meet a myriad of artists; chat about the creative process in an artist studio; seek out group exhibitions; discover the counties galleries and discover hidden talent in Herefordshire.

> 2018's artists, on the website from May. Images of artwork shown are from 2017

#### www.h-art.org.uk

#### Museum Resource & Learning Centre



58 Friars Street. Hereford HR4 0AS T: 01432 383383 W: www.herefordshire. gov.uk/museums

The Museum Resource & Learning Centre is home to Herefordshire's superb museum collections of Archaeology, Costumes, Textiles, Natural Sciences, Arts, Local & Cultural History, Agriculture, Photographs, Arms and Numismatics. These can be visited through tours. group visits, individual study, schools sessions, adult education, workshops and events.

Room hire is also available.

Open all year through advanced booking. Nearby car parks available, some parking on site. Fully accessible.

For details and bookings phone us or check our website

#### Hereford Museum and Art Gallery

Broad Street, Hereford, HR4 9AU

T: 01432 260692

W: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/museums

Hereford Museum and Art Gallery, housed in a spectacular Victorian gothic building, has been exhibiting artefacts and works of art connected with the local area since 1874. Although the exterior of the building has changed very little, the museum and gallery have kept up with the times. The museum is full of interesting local history with hands-on elements for all the family including a children's kitchen and puppet theatre. Exhibits include fascinating archaeology artefacts, a two metre long sturgeon fish, a horse!, rocks & fossils, a display about bees, and some stunning costumes.

The Art Gallery hosts regularly changing exhibitions of contemporary and historic art and objects. In the Brian Hatton Gallery art works by local artist Brian Hatton, killed in the First World War, are regularly displayed.

Open all year. But may be closed for a short period for building work in 2018.

Toilets, wheelchair access via lift, tactile images, braille guides.

For full details of opening hours please check our website www.herefordshire.gov.uk/museums or contact us 01432 383383

#### The Black and White House Museum



High Town, Hereford HR1 2AA T: 01432 260694

W: www.herefordshire. aov.uk/museums

A magnificent Jacobean half-timbered building in the heart of Hereford City, furnished in period style.

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explore the rooms which give a glimpse into daily life during the 17th Century. Including fashion, dining and bedrooms. Learn about the city during the Civil War. Hands on activities for children and families.

Discover more about the history of Hereford then visit our special shop which is stocked with unique gifts which have been inspired by the Museum's collections and the House

Open all year but may be closed early in 2018 for building work. Wheelchair access ground floor only.

For full details of opening hours please check our website www.herefordshire.gov.uk/museums or contact us 01432 260694.

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#### Waterworks Museum - Hereford



Broomy Hill, Hereford, HR4 OLJ T: 01432 342192

E: info@waterworksmuseum.org.uk W: www.waterworskmuseum.org.uk

Open: Every Tuesday (not in steam): 11am - 4pm. 2nd and last Sunday of each month + Bank Holiday Mondays between Easter and the end of October (all engines working in steam): 12pm - 4pm

A museum with something for visitors of all ages: splendid engines and pumps, children's water park, hands-on artefacts and trails plus Hereford in WW2 exhibition. Site fully accessible. Free car park. Picnic area. Light refreshments. See website for calendar of special events (Easter-October) - including school holiday activities. Group visits welcomed.

Entry: Tuesdays: Adult £4; Senior £3; Children £2 In Steam Days: Adult £6; Senior £5; Children £2

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T: 01432 269444 / 07825 912816

E: stay@charadeshereford.co.uk

W: www.charadeshereford.co.uk

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Room Type: 6 S/D/T/F Price per room: £55-£95



















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#### **EVENING** HIGHLIGHTS

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#### Sunday 29 July

Programme to include: Holst The Planets

#### Monday 30 July

Elgar King Olaf

#### Tuesday 31 July

Monteverdi Vespers

#### Wednesday I August

Bruckner Te Deum Mendelssohn Lobgesang

#### Thursday 2 August

Parry Blest pair of Sirens Parry Symphony No 5 Parry Invocation to Music

#### Friday 3 August

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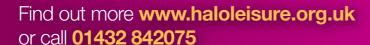
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Sports Halls

Golf and putting green

Cafés

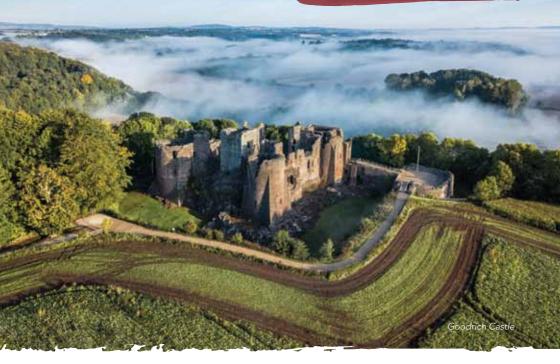
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10 centres across Hereford, Leominster, Ross-On-Wye, Ledbury, Bromyard, Wigmore, Kington, Leominster



## South



visit to South Herefordshire isn't complete without a trip down the river Wye at Symonds Yat. If boats aren't for you, why not try scaling Yat Rock, available during the warmer months. As part of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, don't miss the town of Rosson-Wye, which is credited as being the birthplace of tourism - and with the views on offer, it's not hard to see why! For local arts and crafts enthusiasts. Made in Ross is located in the historic Market House on the second floor where you may find an interesting souvenir to take home with you. For families, Goodrich and Wilton Castles are well worth a visit. as well as a visit to the Wye Valley Visitor Centre with its butterfly zoo, aMazing hedge puzzle and miniature golf.

## The Birthplace of British Tourism

"If you have never navigated the Wye, you have seen nothing." William Gilpin, 1782.

In the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries it became quite fashionable to take boat trips on the River Wye and explore the Wye Valley area,

Dr John Egerton, a rector from Ross on Wye, was the first to build a boat specifically to take guests on tours down the Wye. In 1782, the seminal tour guide to be published in Britain, Observations on the River Wye and Several Parts of South Wales, by William Gilpin, launching not just a commercial flotilla of boats, but also a mini tourism industry. Gilpin took the Wye Tour from Ross to Chepstow in 1770 and wrote that, 'Part of the popularity



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of the Wye Tour was that tourists viewed the valley from boats on the river and Observations started the fashion for 'picturesque tourism' - travel which focused on an appreciation of scenery rather than just history or architecture.

This appreciation helped make Gilpin's book an instant success and brought many visitors, including artists, writers and poets to the Wye Valley. with such success that by 1850 over twenty guidebooks had been published, firmly establishing the area as the birthplace of modern British tourism.

Today the Wye Valley is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the landscape is still truly inspiring. Although admittedly enjoyed more from footpaths and from vehicle windows, the original experience can still be replicated by small boat trips running and of course, with the popular appeal of canoeing now.

#### Game Larders & Old Bakehouse

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Wythall Estate, Walford, Ross-on-Wye HR9 5SD

T: 01989 562688

E: bookings@wythallestate.co.uk

W: www.wythallestate.co.uk

Wythall is a 16th century, half timbered, private manor house with garden, lake, wooded grounds and vineyard. The west wing has been converted into two well equipped cottages. You will enjoy peace and quiet here and see an abundance of wildlife. Vineyard tours and tastings of Tudor Manor wines by appointment.

Units: 2 • Sleeps: 2-4

Price per week: £335-£555













Monmouth Canoe & Activity Centre

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Castle Yard, Old Dixon Road, Monmouth, NP25 3DP

T: 01600 716083

W: www.monmouthcanoe.co.uk

Open: March-Oct, 8:30am - 5:30pm

A large fleet of quality modern canoes and kayaks for canoeing trips to enjoy the River Wye. Short hire periods to multi day hire. Book in advance.

Entry: See website











#### **Cowshed Cottage & The Dairy** H11-SC

GOODRICH CASTLE



Gage Farm, Newland, Coleford, Glos GL16 8NR T: 01594 833259

E: eileenwood662@btinternet.com W: www.cowshedcottage.co.uk

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Units: 2 • Sleeps: 4-8 Price per week: £250-£449



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Wellsbrook Lane, Peterstow, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 6QG

T: 01989 562824

F: broomefarm@tesco.net

W: www.broomefarmhouse.co.uk

A 300 year old cider farm with en-suite rooms set in the peaceful Herefordshire countryside with beautiful views yet only two miles from Ross-on-Wye.

Cider tasting everyday, orchard walks and cream teas during the summer. Children accepted over 10 years. Pets are welcome but not in the dining room.

Room Type: 5D

Price per room: £50-£90











The Golden Valley beckons those looking to get away from it all. Nestled in the Black Mountains, the West side of Herefordshire has an abundance of walking opportunities, as well as heritage hidden gems such as Arthur's Stone and Longtown Castle.

Of course, there is always Hay-on-Wye, renowned for its world famous Literary Festival and town of books. You may like to take time to visit the delights of Peterchurch, Vowchurch, Abbey Dore, Longtown and Dorstone along the way.

- 1. Kilpeck Church.
- 2. Vowchuch Bridge.
- 3. Dore Abbey.

#### **Dore Abbey**

Founded in 1147, this is the only medieval Cistercian Abbey surviving in England, nestling within the rural splendour of the Golden Valley region, west of Hereford.It was dissolved in 1537 with the abbey being bought by local landowner John Scudamore. Falling into disrepair the building was then restored during the 1630's by Scudamore's great-great-grandson, John Scudamore, 1st Viscount Scudamore, in order to preserve his family heritage. Amazingly, the original medieval altar was found being used in a local farm for making cheese and salting meat! A new oak rood screen featuring the arms of Scudamore, William Laud (Archbishop of Canterbury) and King Charles I, was carved by local craftsman John Abell, whose work is also displayed in Grange Court in Leominster.



Appropriately given the importance of music to the Cistercian monks, a Musicians Gallery was added between 1700-1710 and Dore Abbey continues to host music concerts due to the excellent acoustics it has.

Working closely with English Heritage, the Friends of Dore Abbey raised significant funds to save the abbey 20 years ago and now have ambitious plans to the roof area and form a Heritage Centre for the community and visitors alike. As a thriving church and an important part of Herefordshire heritage, Dore Abbey is also used as a community resource for arts, education, charities and local festivals. Visit www.doreabbey.org.uk for more information.



#### Snodhill Castle

This relatively little known gem's claim to fame is it is one of the largest early Norman castles in Britain. It's strategic position along the borders mean that it would have been central to many disputes and skirmishes including the wars along the Welsh Marches and the English Civil War. Amongst the remains are a unique 12-sided tower keep whilst other partially uncovered features indicate the importance of the castle with some high status accommodation areas and sophisticated defences. Now managed by the Snodhill Castle Preservation Trust there are limited quided tours available.

Visit www.snodillcastle.org for further information.

#### **Old King Street Llama Farm**

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Ewyas Harold, Herefordshire, HR2 0HB

T: 01981 240208

info@oldkingstreetfarm.co.uk

W: www.oldkingstreetfarm.co.uk

Enjoy seeing llamas from the cottages and book a llama trek during your stay. Ten acres with stream and lake to relax by. Cottages are spacious and uncluttered barn conversions. Spectacular views. Farm overlooks village with pubs and chip shop. Guests say 'the best weekend break I have had."

Units: 2 **Sleeps: 2 - 6** 

Price per week: £370 - £640













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Staunton-on-Wye, HR4 7NH

T: 01981 500125

W: www.oakchurch.net

Open: Monday-Saturday 9am-5.30pm.

Sunday 10.30am-4.30pm

#### "A Great Day out for all the family"

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Set in the beautiful Wye Valley and known locally as the "Harrods of Herefordshire", Oakchurch developed from a passion for farming.

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Our country department store sells clothes, shoes, jewellery, handbags, toys, gifts and much, much more. Why not relax and explore this gem of the Wye Valley.











## Here fordshire



Herefordshire holds within it's borders a treasure trove of characterful landscapes, each providing distinct habitats for a wealth of British wildlife.

The Lower Lugg Valley and floodplain runs down the centre of the county to the confluence of the Lugg and Wye at Mordiford. This stretch of wetland habitat includes the Lugg Meadow on the outskirts of Hereford, an historic lammas meadow. The meadow boasts swathes of the iconic floodplain wildflower the snake's head fritillary in spring when you may also hear the bubbling call of a curlew. Along the valley also lie a chain of gravel pits, some still active, which are home to many species of wetland bird. Bodenham Lake Nature Reserve

was once one such gravel pit but is now a haven for wildlife including otter which breed on the river here.

In the Black Mountains valleys in the West lie some of the country's most special lowland wildflower meadows. Such meadows have been all but lost from much of our countryside but those that remain are treasured - enjoy the buzz of the meadows in summer when they come alive with bees and butterflies!

Herefordshire is rich in Commons, land to which local people held common rights such as the right to graze livestock or collect firewood. These areas of land, such as Bromyard Downs and Ewyas Harold Common are often a mix of grassland, heathland







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and trees and support myriad species from reptiles such as grass snakes and slow worms, many birds including skylark, yellowhammer, meadow pipit, willow warbler and great spotted and green woodpeckers.

The wooded slopes of the Doward are geologically and historically fascinating as well as rich in wildlife. Here, greater and lesser horseshoe bats are found in the area's limestone caves while rare butterflies such as pearl bordered fritillary, wood white and grizzled and dingy skippers inhabit the woodland edges and pied flycatcher, lesser spotted woodpecker and hawfinch are shy residents.

It is perhaps the Woolhope Dome which best captures the essence of the Herefordshire landscape. Villages and small farms nestle amongst a patchwork of small fields, woodlands and orchards through which well-worn footpaths wind. Both woods and meadows are botanically rich while abundant hedgerows provide food and shelter for birds and small mammals.

More information about Herefordshire's wildlife can be found at www.herefordshirewt.org

- 1. Tawny Owl. Margaret Holland.
- 2. Fallow Deer; Woolhope Dome. Evan Bowen Jones.
- 3. Otter. Sophie Cowling, HWT.
- 4. Pearl Bordered Fritillary. Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.
- 5. Pied Flycatcher. Margaret Holland.
- 6. Wood White Butterfly. Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.
- 7. Common Toad. Sophie Cowling.
- 8. Hare. Evan Bowen-Jones.
- 9. Waxwing. Trevor Hulme.













#### A Selection of Events 2018

Please note that dates given are correct at the time of going to press but it is always advisable to check with the organisers regarding timings and dates, especially if you are making a special journey to attend.

23 Feb – 11 March

Borderlines Film Festival

www.borderlinesfilmfestival.co.uk

14 March – 29 April Weeping Window Poppies Display www.herefordcathedral.org

20 – 22 April **Kington Walks Spring Festival** www.kingtonwalks.org

4 – 5 May Hereford River Carnival www.rivercarnival.org

5 – 19 May **Wye Valley River Festival** www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk

Sunday 6th – Monday 7th May Eastnor Chilli Fest www.eastnorcastle.com

6 – 7 May Big Apple Blossomtime Weekend www.bigapple.org.uk

7 May Hergest Croft Gardens Spring Flower Fair www.hergest.co.uk

8 – 10 May **Hereford May Fair** www.herefordshire.gov.uk

24 May – 3 June Hay Literary Festival www.hayfestival.com

2 June
Kington Food Festival
www.kingtonfoodfestival.co.uk

2 June

Leominster Festival

www.leominster-festival.co.uk

9 – 10 June **Hereford Food Festival** www.bigbullevents.co.uk

16 – 24 June **Herefordshire Walking Festival**www.walkingfestival.com

16 June
Offa's Dyke 15 Run
www.tempoevents.co.uk

23 June

Historical Hereford Day

www.friendsofcastlegreen.org.uk/
diary-events

29 June – 8 July Ledbury Poetry Festival www.poetry-festival.co.uk

30 June – 1 July Bromyard Gala www.bromyardgala.org.uk

30 June – 1 July
Shobdon Food & Flying Festival
www.shobdonfoodandflyingfestival.co.uk

6 – 8 July **Linton Music Festival** www.lintonfestival.org

6 – 8 July (tbc) **Beer on the Wye**www.herefordcamra.org.uk

8 July (tbc)
Kington Classic Sportive Bike Ride
www.kingtonlions.org

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14 – 15 July **Leominster & Hereford Kite Festival** www.kitefestival.org.uk

21 – 22 July Much Marcle Steam Rally www.muchmarclesteamrally.com

21 – 23 July Nostock Music Festival www.nozstock.com

28 July – 4 August Three Choirs Festival www.3choirs.org

5 August Herefordshire Country Fair www.herefordshirecountryfair.co.uk

9 – 12 August Lakefest www.lakefest.co.uk

12 – 13 August
English Civil War society Siege of
Brampton Bryan Castle re-enactment
www.exploremortimercountry.com

18 – 19 August (tbc)

Kington Vintage Rally

www.classiccarwebsite.com

26 – 28 August (tbc)
Ross Rowing Regatta
www.rossrowingclub.co.uk

31 August – 2 September Ross Cider Festival www.rosscider.com

1 September **Leominster Food Fayre** www.leominsterfoodfayre.co.uk

6 – 9 September Bromyard Folk Festival www.bromyardfolkfestival.co.uk 8 September Kington Show www.kingtonshow.co.uk

8 – 16 September h.Art Week www.h-art.org.uk

20 – 23 September Kington Walking Festival www.kingtonwalks.org

22 – 24 September Ross Walking Festival www.rosswalkingfestival.co.uk

14 – 15 October **Big Apple Harvestime** www.bigapple.org.uk

October (tbc) **Leominster Apple Fayre**www.leominstertourism.com

14 October **Hergest Croft Gardens Plant Fair** www.hergest.co.uk

20 – 21 October (tbc)

Cider Festival

www.cidermuseum.co.uk

25 November Hereford Advent Market www.bigbullevents.co.uk

25 November Christmas Fair on the Green www.friendsofcastlegreen.org.uk

1 December (tbc)

Kington Festive Food Fair
www.kingtontourist.info

December **Leominster Victorian Christmas Market** www.leominstertowncouncil.gov.uk

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## Herefordshire Walking

We are spoilt for choice with great walking countryside in Herefordshire to explore. Links are included below to some of the primary websites for further information:

www.visitherefordshire.co.uk/thingstodo/walking.aspx
www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200136/travel\_and\_transport/188/walks\_and\_trails
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#### Walking Festivals

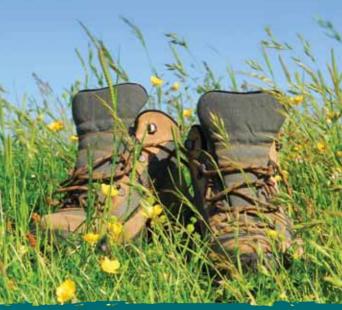
Malvern Walking Festival 26th May – 3rd June 2018 www.malvernwalking.uk

Herefordshire Walking Festival 16th – 24th June 2018 www.walkingfestival.com

Kington Walks Spring Weekend 20th – 22nd April 2018 www.kingtonwalks.org

Kington Walking Festival 20th – 23rd September 2018 www.kingtonwalks.org

Ross-on-Wye Walking Festival 28th – 30th September www.rosswalkingfestival.co.uk



## **Herefordshire Cycling**

There is a wealth of fabulous countryside and wildlife to explore in Herefordshire with the bike being an ideal way to see it. Links are included below to some of the primary websites for further information:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200136/travel\_and\_transport/312/cycling www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/214/herefordshire\_walks\_ and\_cycling\_maps

You can also cycle the Cider Route – visit www.ciderroute.co.uk



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#### Planning your trip

Why not make Herefordshire your base for a holiday or short break, it's not only a great location, but close to many other great destinations well worth a visit.

Herefordshire's location bordering Wales makes it extremely accessible and closer than you think!

#### **Getting here**

It's easy when you know how!

#### By car

3 hours from London and Manchester and 1 hour from Birmingham, Cardiff and Bristol.

#### **Bv Coach**

National Express Coaches run nationwide with direct links to Hereford, Ross-on-Wye and Ledbury, from London and Birmingham T: 08717 818181 www.nationalexpress.com

#### By rail

There are railway stations in Hereford, Ledbury, Leominster and Colwall with direct links to London, Birmingham and Manchester T: 03457 484950 www.nationalrail.co.uk

#### For local Herefordshire bus information

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-anhighways/public-transport/travellingby-bus/

If you require any addtional information on any of the areas you are visiting and to make sure you get the most from your visit...

#### www.visitherefordshire.co.uk

E: reception@visitherefordshire.co.uk T: 01432 268430



