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Visitor Guide 2024/25

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#### What's Inside?

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An area of outstanding natural beauty, the Malvern Hills allow visitors to experience a truly iconic landscape as well as cultural heritage, wildlife and geology. A hike up to the Worcestershire Beacon must be at the top of your list!

A chocolate box village on the edge of

the Cotswolds. Broadway offers unique charm and class with its many independent retailers and historic museums.

#### 2. Worcester Cathedral

A famous landmark in the heart of Worcester city centre. Home to the resting place of the infamous 'bad' King John and known for sealing the Magna Carta, which some historians regard as the first step towards England's constitutional monarchy.

#### 4. Severn Valley Railway

One of the UK's finest heritage railways, starting from Kidderminster you will make your way through the picturesque Worcestershire countryside, heading towards your final destination of Bridgnorth.



#### 5. Witley Court & Gardens

Once a magnificent country house hosting the finest of regal parties, now a dramatic ruin with beautiful gardens and woodland. This English Heritage property is a mustvisit attraction!

#### 6. West Midlands Safari Park

Home to some of the world's most beautiful and endangered animal species, West Midlands Safari Park is one of the region's most popular attractions. Explore 4 miles of Drive-through Safari, walk-through attractions and an Adventure Theme Park.

#### 7. Morgan Experience Centre

The Morgan Motor Company welcomes over 30,000 visitors from around the world to tour the factory each year. Each one of those visitors gets within metres of the vehicles being crafted as they walk the production line. The experience of a Morgan factory tour is unparalleled within the automotive industry, with visitors being able to immerse themselves in the production process.

#### 8. Wyre Forest

The UK's largest native woodland with acres of rich forest for visitors to enjoy. Walking routes are available for all abilities. For adventurers, climb to the top of the treetops with Go Ape!

#### 9. Worcestershire Vineyards

Worcestershire is fast becoming a wine producing county, with tours and tasting experiences available to visitors. Astley Vineyard and Deer Park Wines have bookable tours where you can learn the craft of English wine production.

#### 10. Waterways

Experience Worcestershire's waterways and natural beauty. The county is home to the River Severn and the River Avon.
There are so many water-based activities to enjoy including paddle-boarding with Wittering SUP, canal boat hire with ABC Leisure or canoe hire from the market town of Bewdley.



# Walking & The Outdoors

Discover Worcestershire's evolving landscapes, enjoy bracing walks and stunning scenery.

## • Malvern Hills



A Worcestershire landmark, known for its pure beauty. The Malvern Hills offer scenic views, fine vantage points and the copper-tinged Worcestershire Beacon.



over 200 years with plenty of easily

accessible paths, bike trails

and bridleways.



Explore the UK's longest river in Worcestershire, with many walking trails and quaint market towns located on the riverside.



Iron Age hillfort located in the Vale of Evesham. The hill has a variety of paths and trails that provide opportunities for circular walks and point to point adventures.



Escape to the largest woodland National Nature Reserve in England!

With a selection of walking, running and horse riding routes, Wyre Forest has something for everyone. Take a break in the café or take to the skies with our Go Ape high ropes course. You may even find a Gruffalo hiding in the woods.



The Worcestershire Way is a walking route which winds through picturesque landscapes, quaint villages and historic landmarks

Starting from Bewdley and finishing in Great Malvern. A walk for experienced hikers.

#### Dog-friendly walks in Worcestershire.

Remember to respect the countryside code.

- Severn Way
- Croome Court
- Arley Arboretum
- Worcester Woods Country Park
   Tiddesley Wood
- Hanbury Hall
- Waseley Hills
- Evesham Country Park

For more inspiration, please go to www.visitworcestershire.org





# Wyre Forest

England's largest woodland National Nature Reserve has something for everyone.

It's the perfect place to spot wildlife – or start a family adventure!

#### What's here?

- Trails for walking, cycling, running or horse riding
- Go Ape and play area
- Café and picnic areas
- Off-road mobility hire
- Dog wash
- Orienteering, yoga classes and other activities

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# Family Days Out

Discover family fun in Worcestershire with a mix of attractions and outdoor activities.



#### West Midlands Safari Park

West Midlands Safari Park is an award-winning visitor attraction, located in Bewdley, Worcestershire and is home to over 100 different species including elephants, giraffes, rhinos, tigers and lions. Guests can experience up close animal encounters across a 4-mile Safari Drive-through and walking trails, and enjoy family fun at the Explorer's Playpark and Adventure Theme Park during the summer season.

01299 402114 | wmsp.co.uk



#### Go Ape

Located to the West of Birmingham and just 6 miles from Kidderminster. Go Ape at Wyre Forest hosts two high ropes experiences. Ideal for young thrill-seekers or families wanting to enjoy a great family day out. Available for those over 1 metre tall. One of Worcestershire's best visitor attractions.

01603 895500 | goape.co.uk/locations/wyre



#### Severn Valley Railway

Experience the golden age of travel as you step back in time on the Severn Valley Railway. Running through Worcestershire and Shropshire, explore 16 miles of heritage railway that passes beautifully restored stations and fascinating towns and villages, as you travel in comfort behind steam and heritage diesel locomotives.

01562 757900 | svr.co.uk



#### **Becketts Farm Shop**

Take a wander through Becketts Farm Shop showcasing the finest local produce. From freshly baked bread, British meats and tasty pork baps to fresh fruit & vegetables, flavoursome cheese and local beers and wines, customers will discover the finest food and drink that Worcestershire has to offer.

01564 823402 | beckettsfarm.co.uk



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#### Attwell Farm Park

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01527 66191 | attwellfarmpark.co.uk



#### **Boundless Outdoors**

Scale new heights on the climbing wall, test your archery skills or fly through the trees on the amazing zip wire. Boundless Outdoors offers a holiday club for 8-12 year olds that gets them having action packed fun in the great outdoors.

01684 574546 | boundlessoutdoors.co.uk



#### Little Owl Farm Park

Enjoy a fun-filled day of family fun at Little Owl Farm Park, whatever the weather this year. We have a variety of indoor and outdoor play areas, including our new Duo Zipline and four lane Sledge Run. Not forgetting over 90 species of animals/birds. So there's something for all the family!

01905 620325 | littleowlfarmpark.co.uk



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### **Rainy Days**

The great British weather! But don't let a few rain showers spoil your visit.

#### 1. Webbs of Wychbold

Webbs is a proud, independent family business committed to providing the very best for your garden and home.

#### 2. Commandery Quest

Experience an escape room game in the uppermost rooms of one of Worcester's most historic buildings, The Commandery.

#### 3. Museum of Royal Worcester

Home to the finest and most extensive collections of Worcester Porcelain. Paint-your-own-pottery sessions are also available. The ideal interactive experience for children!

#### 4. The Buzz Worcester

The Buzz is the perfect place to burn away any excess energy! Catering for all ages, the inflatable adventure course is a great group activity with time trial courses.

#### 5. Attwell Farm Park

Delve deep into our traditional and new age farming world, a fantastic and educational way to enjoy a family fun day out.

#### 6. Becketts Farm

A farm shop and restaurant combining over 80 years of hard work and shared family knowledge - a visit to Becketts Farm is a must!

#### 7. Malvern Splash

Plenty of fun guaranteed with an indoor swimming pools, wave machine, flume slide and beach area.

#### 8. The Regal Cinema

Visit the historic 1930's Art Deco style cinemas located in Evesham and Tenbury. Films range from blockbusters to classics, family favourites to art house and independent. Be sure to look out for the latest events too!

#### 9. Mr Mulligans, Worcester

Tee up for an epic selection of activities; from 24 holes of crazy golf and electro-darts to shuffleboard, ping pong, pool and much more.

#### 10. Greenfrog Pottery

Paint-your-own pottery in the heart of Malvern. Get creative with over 100 items to choose from!

#### Historic Houses & Gardens

Step back into Worcestershire's past with a visit to a historic house or garden.

## • Witley Court & Gardens

Romantic ruins

Step back in time to an age of wealth and splendour in this spectacular garden and ruined mansion. Wander through enchanting woodlands, discover elegant parterres and be wowed by the Perseus and Andromeda fountain – a magical world for all to explore. Young explorers will love to picnic in front of the fountains or let off some steam in the wilderness play area.

01299 896636 | english-heritage.org.uk



#### **Hanbury Hall**

Hanbury Hall is a William and Marystyle country house set in the heart of the Worcestershire countryside. Inside the Hall, find original wall-paintings by Sir James Thornhill, full of drama and politics. Discover the formal gardens and explore almost 400 acres of parkland with three-waymarked routes, perfect for dog-walking.

01527 821214 | nationaltrust.org.uk/hanbury-hall



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Arley Arboretum features 300 species of trees, formal and informal gardens. Popular with outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers, it is a magical place to explore and offers a different experience in every season. Breathe in the tranquillity and immerse yourself in the unspoilt landscape of the Severn Valley, at Arley Arboretum.

01299 861368 | arleyarboretum.co.uk



#### **Spetchley Park & Gardens**

This beautiful historic garden has a wondrous display of plants, shrubs and trees woven into a garden of many rooms and vistas. Enjoy wonderful walks through beautiful herbaceous borders, sweeping lawns and woodland glades, followed by a delicious visit to our Granary Coffee Shop.

01905 345106 | spetchleyparkestate.co.uk



#### **Croome Court**

Owned by the Coventry family since the 16th century, the house and parkland were redesigned in the 18th century into what you'll see today. Croome later became a World War II airbase, a boy's school and UK headquarters for the Hare Krishna before being acquired by the National Trust in 1996.

01905 371006 | nationaltrust.org.uk/croome



#### **Greyfriars House & Gardens**

Greyfriars House & Garden is a late medieval merchant's house located in the heart of Worcester city centre. The House was saved from demolition and carefully restored by siblings Elsie and Matley Moore in the mid-20th century. Escape the city and relax in the walled garden with Italianate features.

01905 23571 | nationaltrust.org.uk/greyfriars-house-and-garden



#### The Firs

The Firs, National Trust

The birthplace of Sir Edward Elgar, set in sight of his beloved Malvern Hills, with small family cottage, fascinating visitor centre and beautiful cottage garden, is just outside Worcester. Look out for their musical programme of concerts and events, for adults and children alike, throughout the year.

01905 333330 | nationaltrust.org.uk/the-firs

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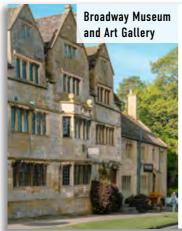
Come and enjoy the variety of collections, which are displayed over three floors. There is also a delightful garden for visitors to relax and take in the atmosphere.

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01386 859047 | broadwaymuseum.org.uk



Broadway Tower is an iconic landmark with magical views. The Tower has enjoyed a colourful history since its conception by Capability Brown over 200 years ago. Visitors can relive its history via multimedia guide on three museum floors and roof top platform with views over 16 counties.

01386 852390 | broadwaytower.co.uk



Combining historical intrigue with elegant beauty, Harvington is steeped in storytelling, boasting a large collection of Elizabethan wall paintings and more priest holes than any other house in England. Original Tudor features will transport you back in time and immerse you in the darker side of Elizabethan England!

01562 777846 | harvingtonhall.co.uk



Located within the Charles Hastings Education Centre at Worcestershire Royal Hospital, the museum's displays explore changes in medicine and healthcare. View our reconstructed apothecary shop and 19th-century surgery display. Free entry Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Charged guided tours available by request.

01905 760738 | medicalmuseum.org.uk



An interactive exhibition combining history, science, art and technology to explore the medical stories of one of England's oldest infirmaries. Visitors can meet characters from the Infirmary, investigate medical technology, challenge ideas of mental health and explore memories of those who worked here. Free entry Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

01905 542373 | medicalmuseum.org.uk

#### Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway



Enjoy a heritage steam and diesel Railway in the spectacular scenic Cotswolds

The Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway is a volunteer operated heritage railway in Gloucestershire and Worcestershire offering a round trip of 28 miles. It uses part of the route of the former Great Western Railway's main line from Birmingham to Cheltenham which used to run via Stratford-upon-Avon.

It now operates between Cheltenham Racecourse and Broadway commanding wonderful views of nearby sleepy hamlets and villages, with outstanding outlooks across to the Malvern Hills and beyond.

01242 621405 | gwsr.com



#### The past brought to life!

A beautiful building and garden where you can encounter the past brought to life. Set in the heart of historic Worcester, The Commandery is most famous for being the Royalist Headquarters during the deciding battle of the English Civil War – the Battle of Worcester 1651. The Commandery is the perfect place for a family day out.

01905 361821 | museumsworcestershire.org



Housed within original Victorian buildings our museum tells the fascinating story of how a needle was made.

There is a varied temporary exhibition programme, often linked to textiles as well as a coffee bar selling a range of hot and cold drinks alongside delicious cake and snacks.

01527 62509 | forgemill.org.uk





#### Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum

Based in the heart of historic Worcester. Home to fine art, natural history and social history collections, it tells the stories of the city's rich history. A programme of changing exhibitions brings nationally renowned artists and artworks to Worcester.

01905 25371 | museumworcestershire.org.uk



#### **Malvern Theatres**

Situated within the beautiful grounds, the Malvern Theatres is an arts centre and cinema that has showcased plays, comedies, concerts and films under one large roof since 1884. There is nothing that comes under the arts umbrella you won't be able to experience here.

01684 892277 | malvern-theatres.co.uk



#### **Artist Studios at Bevere**

You can be sure of a warm welcome in these idyllic studios. Here you can meet our five artists, gain an insight into their working practice and view varied contemporary artwork. Open to visitors Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00-16:00.

07762 351192 | facebook.com/ ArtistStudiosatBevere



#### Elgar Festival

Experience Edward Elgar's music amidst the timeless landscape that inspired it and in beautiful and historic buildings such as Worcester Cathedral in this celebration of Worcestershire's most famous musical son. Alongside music of his followers, symphonic, string, chamber and choral concerts and gigs provide an unforgettable 'Elgar for Everyone!' occasion.

01905 611427 | elgarfestival.org



#### Three Counties

The Three Counties Showground, near Malvern, organises six events each year: CountryTastic, RHS Malvern Spring Festival, Royal Three Counties Show, Malvern Autumn Show, Careers Fair and Three Counties Championship Dog Show.

The 90-acre site showground also hosts a wide range of third-party events throughout the year.

01684 584900 | threecounties.co.uk



#### **Worcester Theatres**

Worcester Theatres is the main provider of entertainment and cultural events in Worcester, running two fantastic venues, the Swan Theatre and Huntingdon Hall, in the heart of the city. For the best theatre, live music, comedy, talks and SO much more, head to worcestertheatres.co.uk and find the perfect event for you!

01905 611427 | worcestertheatres.co.uk



#### Battle of Evesham

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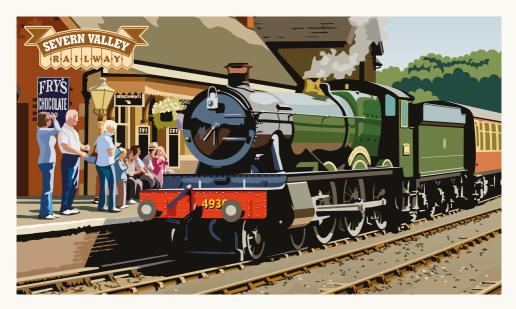


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01527 861426 | aztecadventure.co.uk



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07894 268059 | severnexpeditions.co.uk



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01684 573104 | morgan-motor.com/ experience-morgan/



One of the oldest vineyards in the UK, this family-owned business produces a range of award-winning wines from its 5-acre site. Located just 10 miles north of Worcester, the Visitor Shop opens every weekend. Tours run throughout the summer – booking essential. Also available for small private groups.

01299 822907 | astleyvineyard.co.uk



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01905 611293 | pistongin.com



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canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-tovisit/diglis-island-and-fish-pass



#### Worcester

Boasting a wealth of interesting architecture and heritage venues, an unrivalled combination of independent boutiques and high street names as well as a vibrant programme of events.

#### **Pershore**

Pershore is famed for its elegant Georgian architecture, magnificent Abbey and the charming River Avon – as well as its Plum Festival. The town is the perfect escape and a great place for afternoon tea.

#### Malvern

Immerse yourself in the unique heritage in Malvern and the fantastic offering of independent shops. The gateway to the scenic Malvern Hills. We would recommend a visit to Faun for coffee and cake.

#### **Bromsgrove**

Bromsgrove is a traditional market town, full of character, surrounded by beautiful countryside. The town has a packed event schedule, along with a variety of independent eateries.

#### **Stourport**

This lively Georgian Town on the River Severn creates unlimited leisure opportunities. There are vibrant shopping streets as well as miniature golf, boat hire and an extensive choice of places to eat and drink.

#### **Upton-upon-Severn**

A town famous for its array of annual music festivals, this riverside town has plenty of things to enjoy. There is also a good variety of independent shops for browsing and some fabulous restaurants along the River Severn.



With unique charm and a large wealth of listed buildings based along the beautiful River Severn, Bewdley is one of the most popular towns to visit in Worcestershire. Only a stone's throw away from West Midlands Safari Park and Severn Valley Railway.

Redditch plays an important part in Worcestershire's history, being home to several historical sites including the Forge Mill Needle Museum. The town also boasts an impressive indoor shopping centre, The Kingfisher Centre.

#### Kidderminster

Kidderminster is the largest town in the Wyre Forest, sat on the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal. Boasting three shopping centres, a retail park, numerous pubs and restaurants, Severn Valley Railway and a weekly outdoor market.

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**Broadway** 

Broadway is a distinctively British place to visit, with the Cotswold stone-lined high street which has lured visitors for centuries. There are plenty of fantastic restaurants and pubs to indulge in as well as Art Galleries and antique stores.

#### **Droitwich Spa**

This historic town has a great range of leisure activities. There are a variety of shops with various markets that regularly take place in the town. The annual Salt Fest takes place in mid-September and celebrates the town's salt heritage. The town is also home to the UK's last remaining inland, open-air, saltwater swimming pools.

#### **Tenbury Wells & Teme Valley**

Tenbury Wells is a small ancient market town on the River Teme famous for its Mistletoe. The independent local shops include specialist food shops with local produce. Along with regular markets throughout the week. The Teme Valley offers stunning rural countryside.

#### Evesham

A historic market town located on the banks of the River Avon famous for its Asparagus. The well-balanced mix of national chains and independent shops offer fantastic shopping opportunities. Hosts of the popular Battle of Evesham event in August every year.





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07805 872762 | fibdenfarmglamping.co.uk/



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01905 391205 | phepsonfarm.co.uk

#### Bluebell Retreat Glamping and Venue Hire

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07717205559 | bluebellretreatglamping.co.uk



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07961 977640 | wagtailretreat.co.uk



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01562 777876 | brockencotehall.com



The Elms is a newly refurbished Queen Anne mansion set in 10 acres of beautiful grounds with views over the Teme Valley. We present guests with the perfect countryside retreat by offering two award winning restaurants, luxury spa and state-of-the-art fitness suite, 21 bedrooms and suites that are individually styled each with their own special features. Homely, classically elegant and all oozing five-star luxury. Each one unique and extraordinary.

01299 896666 | theelmshotel.co.uk



Three Fabulous Teme Valley Rentals. Beautiful glamping and traditional holiday homes with astounding views. This is the 'Hidden England' of valley fields, woodlands, wildlife, a fish-filled river and dark star-filled skies. Choose off-grid or ancient barn - all are eco, unique and fabulous!

07970 439927 hiddenenglandescapes.com



A beautiful Georgian building located at the foot of the Malvern Hills, offering central location in Great Malvern, boasting views of the surrounding landscape. We offer convenient access to local attractions including Malvern Theatre and Three Counties Showground. Luxury fine dining can be found in our award-winning Mulberry Tree restaurant.

01684 561837 | mountpleasanthotel.co.uk



Outstanding 4-Star Gold Award barn conversion with spacious accommodation on three floors and views of the Malvern Hills. Small holding. 15 acres of pasture in front, common land behind. Rhydd Barn is an 1850s stone barn built out of Malvern granite sympathetically restored to a light, open and airy style across three levels. There is gas central heating throughout, tiled and wooden floors and white walls interspersed with pine beams and black iron work.

01643 703761 | rhyddbarn.co.uk





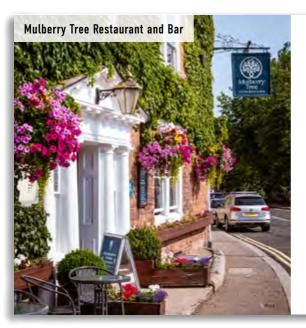
The Paul Pry is a beautiful example of a well preserved late Victorian pub. Offering delicious dishes... roast sandwiches for lunch, pub classics in the evening and of course our infamous Sunday lunch, whilst staying true to its pub roots boasting a wide range of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic tipples.

01905 28992 | paulprywr1.com



The Queen Elizabeth is an award-winning, 16th century inn, in beautiful Elmley Castle. We are open every day with a wide range of pub food using locally sourced produce, plus great beers and wines. Bessie's, our café, is open all day offering breakfasts, cakes and pastries. And we are dog friendly!

01386 710251 | elmleycastle.com



The Mount Pleasant Hotel and its restaurant, Mulberry Tree, have a deep connection with the community, the Malvern Hills, and its enriched history.

Mulberry Tree is a contemporary, elegant restaurant, situated right in the heart of Malvern town.

Led by a rosette star chef, the menus use only seasonal ingredients. The restaurant supports local ales and gins and vineyards in the region and offers non-hotel resident breakfast, pretheatre dining, afternoon tea and traditional Sunday Roast.

01684 561837 | mulberrytree.co



Based on Sidbury in Worcester city, our spacious, light and airy venue has something for everyone, offering brunch, lunch, dinner and drinks. The menus feature locally sourced dishes and sharers alongside fish and seafood specialities.

Small plates pair perfectly with the selected wines & curated cocktails. We have 2 levels of dining & lounge areas, a garden and an outside terrace with outstanding views of the historic Worcester Cathedral.

01905 590030 | foodandliquor.co.uk



Situated in Bishampton, Pershore.

Our brunch and lunch menus are a testament to our commitment to local sourcing, including a delightful Sunday Lunch.

Families adore the on-site play area, while the presence of friendly reindeers adds a magical touch.

The rustic farmhouse ambience completes the warm, inviting experience for memorable meals and cherished moments.

01905 964460 | risegrind.co.uk



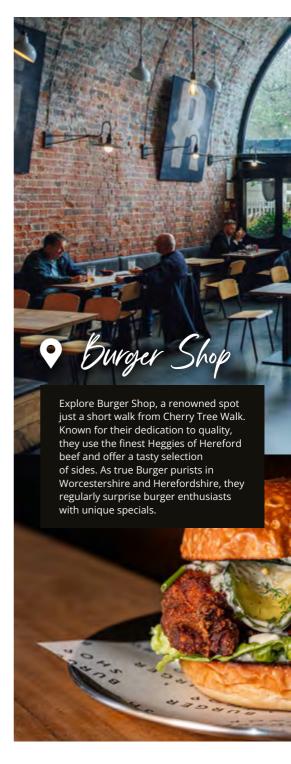
Maneki Ramen earned the title of Japanese Restaurant of the Year in 2023. This lively ramen spot serves delicious twists on classic Japanese dishes and snacks in a stylishly transformed railway arch. Enhance your Maneki experience by trying the tasting menu in the restaurant or opting for a front-row seat at the Chef's Table for a close-up view of Head Chef Pete in action!

01905 676969 | manekiramen.com



Becketts Farm Restaurant is a place to come together, tuck in and enjoy! Relax in our farmhouse restaurant and enjoy a menu bursting with all your full English favourites, freshly prepared lunches, delicious Sunday carvery and indulgent afternoon teas. Built on tradition and offering real home comforts, you can be assured of great tasting, locally sourced food.

01564 823402 | beckettsfarm.co.uk









Founded in Worcester Piston's Gin School will enable you to unleash your inner mixologist during this 3-hour distillers workshop.

Whether you are a Gin aficionado or a curious spirit enthusiast, this experience is designed to indulge your senses, ignite your creativity, and deepen your understanding of this beloved craft spirit. During this journey you will learn about the history of gin, the process of distillation and will try Piston's award- winning range of spirits, all whilst you enjoy some light snacks. Finally, you will get to take home your original Dry Gin recipe! This unique experience makes for an enjoyable and educational day out.





Plan your Worcestershire short break, with three expert travel itineraries ensuring a memorable visit.

A family weekend break in Worcestershire





Check into either your camping or glamping site at **Hopley's Family Camping** near Bewdley.

Drop off your bags and get settled into your home for the next few days. Hopley's has a fantastic on-site restaurant called Rustic Kitchen serving handmade street food style dishes including the popular wood-fired pizzas!



Only a short drive away is the ancient **Wyre Forest**, the UK's largest native woodland. See the forest from a different angle with Go Ape! Take on the high ropes course and swing from the treetops. Zip wires, stepping stones and wobbly bridges are some of the challenges families will face.

There is even a chance to enjoy a family stroll in the forest with its many beautiful walking routes.

Duration - 2-4 hours

Visit the popular market town of **Bewdley** for a scenic lunch alongside the river. Grab some fish and chips and take in the beautiful views from the many benches located alongside the River Severn.

If you have time, make sure to visit the Bewdley Museum where you can gain a real insight into the local history and heritage of the area. The historic Severn Valley Railway also is stationed in the town, providing another memorable family day out.

Duration - 1-3 hours



Ready to go on a Worcestershire Safari? Meet plenty of new animal friends at **West Midlands Safari Park**.

Explore 4 miles of drive-through Safari, walkthrough attractions and an Adventure Theme Park. A full day is required at the Safari Park to experience every aspect of the Park.

Check out the brand new African walking trail where visitors can see elephants, rhinos and giraffes on foot for the first time in the Park's history!

Duration - 4-6 hours

### Heritage, Walking and Food & Drink – The Best of Worcestershire



#### Day One

Pack your bags and start your journey to **Broadway**, **Worcestershire**. The Cotswold-stone lined streets, which have lured visitors for centuries will provide the backdrop for your Worcestershire short break

Check into the iconic Lygon Arms which will provide a comfortable, luxurious base for your short break. Make sure to reserve a table in celebrity chef, James Martin's, onsite restaurant which will be the first stop on your culinary experience.



#### **Day Two**

Fuelled by the Lygon's mouthwatering breakfast options, a morning trip to one of Worcestershire's most famous landmarks, Broadway Tower. At the top of the beautiful Cotswolds escarpment, with beautiful views it has enjoyed a colourful history since its conception by Capability Brown over 200 years ago.

The Tower provides plenty of countryside walking routes. *Duration – 2 hours* 

Broadway Tower – Learn and experience the history of Broadway with a trip to the Museum & Art Gallery. Explore the collection and exhibitions arranged throughout the beautiful historic 17th century coaching inn.

Duration – 2 hours

Return to the Lygon Arms and enjoy the spa facilities for the rest of the afternoon. Head out on the High Street and enjoy delicious British menus at the award winning, Russells. All set in laid-back, stylish surrounds. The perfect way to unwind after a day of exploring.

#### **Day Three**

It's time to check out. But that doesn't mean the end of your Worcestershire short break. A day trip to the historic city of Worcester will mark as the final destination of your Worcestershire trip. Learn about Worcester's part in the English Civil War at The Commandery, followed by a visit to **Worcester Cathedral** where you can learn the story of the 'infamous' bad King John and his final resting place. The city also provides some fantastic independent restaurants, our recommendations would be **Friar Street Kitchen**, **Ostler's at No 1** or the **Olive Branch**. Now time to travel home!



## Calling all thrill-seekers... here's your ideal short break itinerary

#### Day One

Make your way to Worcestershire and check-in to Hidden England Escapes. Surrounded by nature, leave everything digital behind and reconnect with each other immersed in tranquil nature off the beaten track.

Scandinavian-themed Huggeley Hall is big, stylish, unique and beautiful with lots of safe space for children and dogs to run and roam in the surrounding fields and woods.

There are plenty of cooking facilities at Hidden England Escapes, however if you are looking to dine out, check out **The Hadley Bowling Green** for delicious pub meals!



#### **Day Two**

There is no better way to see the county than a visit to the Malvern Hills.

A circular walk starting at Beacon Road car park. Passing initially around the western slopes of **Worcestershire Beacon**, with magnificent views (weather permitting) over Herefordshire and beyond to the Black Mountains. *Duration – 1.5 hours* 

For motor enthusiasts, why not hire a Morgan motor car to travel around Worcestershire in style. The visitor centre also offers factory tours. *Duration – 2 hours* 

How about an afternoon on the water? Wittering SUP offer stand up paddleboard lessons, tours and adventures with beginners in mind and include everything you need to get out on the water.

\*\*Duration - 2 hours\*\*

Time to head back to Hidden England Escapes to unwind and relax in the woodfired hot tub.

#### Day Three

Whilst your experience at Hidden England Escapes is over and it's time to check-out, there is one last attraction to visit! Aztec Adventure provides a memorable day out with several sites located across Worcestershire.

Their hero site is Upton Warren, premier land and water sports centre offering an extensive list of adventure activities. Activities include the Aztec Aquaglide Aqua Park, Boat Hire and Launch and Open Water Swimming. Time to head home! *Duration - 3 hours* 



# Queen Elizabeth Inn

An award-winning, community-run, 16th century inn. Nestling at the foot of Bredon Hill in the beautiful village of Elmley Castle, offering a wide range of pub food, great beers and an all-day café.

We are dog and family friendly!







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22<sup>nd</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Worcester City Centre

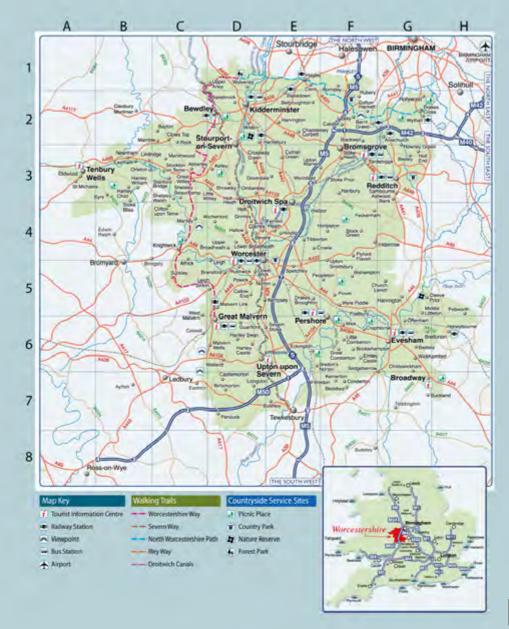
Find out more:







# County Map





#### **By Car**

Well-connected road networks allow for easy travel to and from Worcestershire. The M5 motorway provides access to the North and South-West of England, and into Wales. The M40 and the M50 also enter into Worcestershire.

#### By Air

Our closest airport is Birmingham Airport which is just a 34-mile journey to the centre of Worcestershire.

#### **By Rail**

Worcestershire is served well by rail and there are railway stations across the county. The following stations are within Worcestershire and offer access to our city, towns and villages.

Worcester Foregate Street, Worcester Shrub Hill, Worcestershire Parkway, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Great Malvern, Malvern Link, Pershore, Evesham, Redditch, Droitwich, Blakedown, Hartlebury, Wythall, Barnt Green, Alvechurch, Honeybourne.



#### **Tourist Information Centres across Worcestershire**

#### **Pershore**

Town Hall, 34 High Street, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 1DS

Telephone: 01905 843896

#### **Droitwich Spa**

Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire, WR9 8DS

Telephone: 01905 774312

#### **Broadway**

Unit 14, Russell Square, Broadway, WR12 7AP

Telephone: 01386 852937

#### **Evesham**

The Almonry Heritage Centre, Abbey Gate, Evesham, WR11 4BQ

Telephone: 01386 446944

#### Redditch

Palace Theatre, Alcester St Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 8AE

Telephone: 01527 60806

#### **Bewdley**

13 Load St, Bewdley, Worcestershire, DY12 2AE

Telephone: 0845 607 7819

#### Worcester

The Guildhall, High St, Worcester, Worcestershire, WR1 2EY

Telephone: 01905 726311

#### Malvern

The Lyttelton Well Courtyard, 6 Church St, Malvern, WR14 2AY

Telephone: 01684 892289

#### **Tenbury Wells**

Teme Court, 48 Teme St, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8AA

Telephone: 01584 810136

#### Upton-upon-Severn

Church St, Upton upon Severn, Worcester, WR8 0HT

Telephone: 01684 594200



Information Centre The Guildhai, High St. Worcester, WR1 2EY call 01905 726311 or ethel Tourism@worcester.gov.uk www.visitworcester.co.uk

#### **CAR PARKS**

#### **WORCESTER CITY CENTRE MAP**

















































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The Trip Planner on the Visit Worcestershire website allows visitors to plan visits to the county based on accessibility requirements. Each individual business listing will also display accessibility features.

#### AccessAble

AccessAble in partnership with Worcester City Council have written access guides to a number of attractions, parks and food outlets across Worcester.

accessable.co.uk/worcester-city-council

#### **Changing Places**

Changing Places facilities are located across the county. Use the interactive map to find your nearest one.

#### changing-places.org/find



Visit our website for further information on public toilet facilities, ShopMobility, community transport and accessible attractions: visitworcestershire.org/plan-your-visit/accessibility







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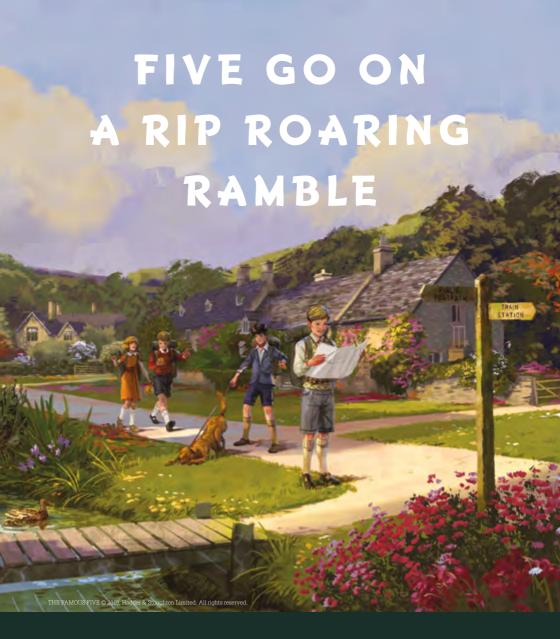
Visit us for an incredible day out exploring the history and ecology of Worcester's River

Severn.

Book a ticket at canalrivertrust.org.uk/Diglis

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From the medieval Worcester Cathedral to the rolling Malvern Hills and beyond, there's so much to discover in Worcestershire. Where will your adventure take you?

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