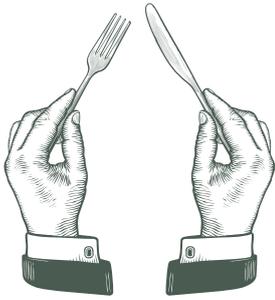


WHAT TO DO IN HEREFORDSHIRE





EATING OUT

The Red Lion, Madley

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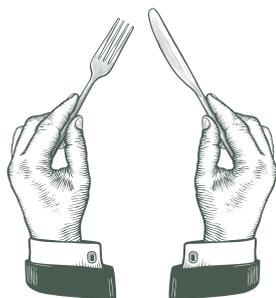
www.redlionmadley.co.uk

Owned and run by us, this is a very traditional, fully refurbished pub with a friendly and warm welcome for all.

The Red Lion has a warm country atmosphere, original features, woodburners, cosy bar area, well spaced out dining areas, pool room, snug & a friendly greeting for all. Dogs and children are very welcome.

Our kitchen team prepares delicious, seasonal and fresh food for you to enjoy with lots of local produce and a great set of daily specials to entice you. Our front of house team look forward to making you feel at home offering a good range of wines, lagers and real ales including Wye Valley's Butty Bach and HPA. We have a large patio and a beer garden overlooking adjoining fields – perfect for a sunny day plus a covered outdoor seating area in the Stables.





EATING OUT

Here is a wide range to suit every budget and taste. Please do ask if you want to know more about any of them.

Highly Recommended



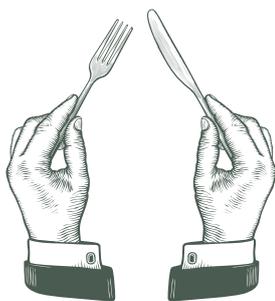
Family Friendly



Dog Friendly



-  **No3, 3 Gloucester Road, Ross on Wye, HR9 5BU** **01989 564 997**
www.no3rossonwye.com
A relaxed restaurant and bar with a modern rustic feel and European menu of pure food indulgence and a cocktail menu. It's bijou but brilliant.
- The Beefy Boys Hereford HR4 9HU** **01432 359 209**
www.thebeefyboys.com
Award winning burger, beer and cocktail joint in heart of Hereford. Really popular independent serving 12-9:30 7 days a week (close 8pm Sundays). DIY packs available to serve at home.
-  **The Bridge at Michaelchurch, Escley, Hereford, HR2 0JW** **01981 510 646**
 www.thebridgeinnmichaelchurch.co.uk
Eat outside by the river or in the cosy pub. Children can play pooh-sticks from the bridge. Walks on or near the Black Mountains from here.
-  **The Bookshop, Aubrey Street, Hereford, HR4 0BU** **01432 351 764**
www.aruleoftum.com/thebookshop/
Great for coffee, brunches, steak night and Sunday lunches. Central location, Excellent atmosphere. Open from 9am Mon – Sat and dinner available Wed – Sat 5-10pm. Sundays from 10am for coffee and cake with lunch from 12-4.
- The Butchers Arms, Woolhope HR1 4RF** **01432 860 281**
www.butchersarswoolhope.co.uk
Very good food and lovely nearby walks at Haugh Woods. Open Thursday - Sunday
-  **The Bell Inn, Tillington** **01432 760 395**
 www.thebelltillington.com
Food served Wednesday – Sunday. Good sized quiet beer garden.
-  **The Bell at Skenfrith NP7 8UH 01600 750 235**
www.thebellatskenfrith.co.uk
Open Wednesday – Sunday including for Sunday evening meal. There are lovely walks from here with guides provided.



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 **Bill's Kitchen, All Saints Church, Hereford, HR4 9AA** **01432 370 415**
 www.billskitchen.uk

Open 8am-4pm Monday – Saturday. A quirky but brilliant café set in this remarkable Grade I Listed 11th Century Church right in the city centre. Great coffee, bread, cake, breakfasts and lunches (I love the quiches) and everything available to take away.

 **The Bulls Head at Craswall, Hereford HR2 0PN** **01981 510 616**
www.wildbynaturellp.com/the-bulls-head-inn

17th Century drovers inn, newly renovated bar snacks and farm to table restaurant meals Thursday -Sat 12-11 and Sun -6 Perfect location for Black Mountains. Dogs welcome in bar.

The Boughton Arms, Church Road, Peterchurch. HR2 0RT **01981 550 208**
www.theboughton.co.uk

A family run restaurant, bar & takeaway serving British classics & pizza. Open Tues - Sun

 **The Courtyard Café Bar / Chase Lounge, Edgar Street, Hereford, HR4 9JR** **01432 340 555**
 www.courtyard.org.uk/food-drink

A super café near the city centre with easy parking, relaxed atmosphere, sometimes live music – super for lunch, a coffee and cake, I love the quiche and salad bar. Open all day Mon - Sat from 10am-7pm. The Chase Lounge is an exciting new independent restaurant and lounge bar with rooftop terrace serving small plates Thursdays – Saturday evenings

The Crown Inn, Longtown HR2 0LT **01873 860 217**
www.crowninnlongtown.co.uk

Open for dinner every evening and lunches Wed – Sunday as well. It's a good location if you go to Black Mountains

 **Castle House, Castle Street, Hereford, HR1 2NW** **01432 356 321**
www.castlehse.co.uk

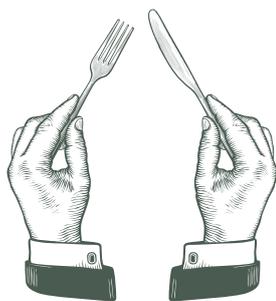
Privately owned, Listed hotel in the heart of the city, run by farming clients of ours. Beautiful setting, walking distance to Cathedral and excellent dining.

 **Cottage of Content, Carey, Herefordshire, HR2 6NG** **01432 840 242**
www.cottageofcontent.co.uk

A traditional country pub and restaurant in an idyllic hamlet with a cosy bar serving local ales and good wines. Food available Thursday to Sunday. Dogs welcome on leads in the bar.

The Comet Inn Madley, HR2 9JH **01981 250 600**
www.facebook.com/The-Comet-Inn-Madley-332776763426021/

Our 2nd closest pub, limited traditional pub grub menu



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 **Foyles, Glasbury, Near Hay On Wye, HR3 5LH** **01497 847 550**
 www.foylesofglasbury.co.uk

Super to visit on the way to or from Hay or Brecon. Family friendly establishment, with a very stylish interior, with a great variety of hearty and homemade meals. Wednesday to Sunday.

Food for Thought, Peterchurch, Hereford, HR2 0RP **01981 550 180**
www.foodforthought-herefordshire.co.uk

Just 15 minutes drive is this intimate, family run bistro set in the Golden Valley. Desserts available to take away or for a dinner party. Wednesday – Saturday evenings & Sunday Lunch,

 **The Granary Cafe, 20-21 Broad Street, Hay on Wye, HR3 5DB** **01497 820 790**
<https://website--410832720129282873682-cafe.business.site/>
Great cafe after a good walk - outside seating. Thursdays to Mondays 9am-3pm

Green Cow Kitchens Crumplebury Farm, Worcester WR6 5SG **01886 821 992**
www.crumplebury.co.uk

Green Cow Kitchens is a family run service with monthly tasting menus to celebrate the seasons and reflect what is ready and at it's best from the farm. All food is produced on the estate and presented to perfection! It is approx.. 50 minutes away but well worth the drive!

 **Gwatkin Red Cow Kitchen, Moorhampton Park Farm, Abbey Dore HR2 0AL** **01981 55 11 44**
www.gwatkinredcow.co.uk

Open every day, this is a barn conversion on a farmyard, about 15 minutes drive away, serving breakfast, lunches and some dinners. They make their own cider which is for sale with vintage cider making equipment on display.

The Hardwick, Old Raglan Road, Abergavenny, NP7 9AA **01873 854 220**
www.thehardwick.co.uk

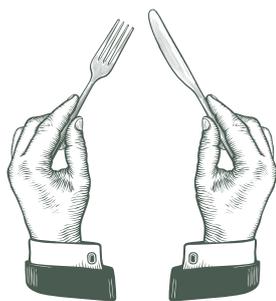
Further afield into Wales but highly recommended for a special dinner. 'My favourite Welsh restaurant' Michael Roux Jnr.

Jules, Weobley, Herefordshire, HR4 8SB **01544 318 206**
www.jules-restaurant.co.uk

There is good food at Jules bistro style restaurant in Weobley. Open Tuesday to Saturday 9am for coffee, teas and cakes, Lunch is 12-3pm and Dinner is 6:30-11pm.

 **Kilpeck Inn, Castle Park, Kilpeck, Hereford HR2 9DN** **01981 570 464**
www.kilpeckinn.com

 A beautiful country pub using mainly local ingredients and suppliers. Relaxing atmosphere with a cosy fireplace. Walk on Garway Hill first and you are likely to see wild ponies grazing.



EATING OUT

The Loughpool, Sellack, Ross On Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 6LX 01989 730 888
www.theloughpool.com

Combining the hospitality of a traditional country pub with a restaurant using high quality local produce. Eat out in the lovely garden in Summer and get cosy by their big Winter fires.

 **The Moody Cow, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7TT** 01989 780 470
www.moodycowpub.com

 Open Wed – Sunday. Meals are cooked from scratch with passion and care using fresh local ingredients and a good selection of cask ales and even a superb non alcoholic cocktail for drivers to enjoy. They host an innovative Chuck Wagon plus hold a Michelin Guide listing.

 **The New Inn, St Owens Cross, Ross On Wye, Herefordshire, HR2 8LQ** 01989 553 387
A special a la carte style menu in a beautifully renovated inn. Open Wednesday to Sunday.

The Olive Tree, The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BT 01531 634 181
www.theolivetreelibrary.co.uk
Great Italian food with in the heart of this lovely market town

Ponte Vecchio Italian, 2 Bridge Street, Hereford, HR4 9DF 01432 279 714
www.pontevecchiohereford.co.uk
Open Wed – Sat for takeaways and eat in at this intimate Italian. Small but authentic.

 **The Pandy Inn, Dorstone HR3 6AN** 01981 550 273
www.thepandyinn.co.uk

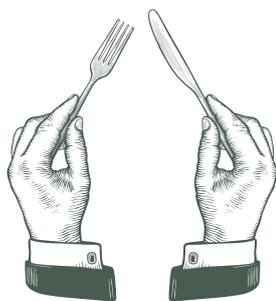
Listed in the Good Beer guide this is the oldest pub in the county. Super location on your way back from Hay or Black Mountains. Closed Mondays. Small portions available for children.

The Red Lion, Madley, Hereford, HR2 9PH 01981 200 555
www.redlionmadley.co.uk Our closest and the best pub in the world according to our children

- an easy under 1 mile walk away with a super beer garden. It's a fabulous Listed building, recently renovated and open every day - please ask me and do come and visit! Great food, cask ales, woodburners, and a lovely, friendly atmosphere with 5 star trip advisor reviews.

Children & dogs are all very welcome





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The Road Maker, Gorsley, Ross On Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7SW **01989 720 352**
www.theroadmakerinn.co.uk
Nepalese Gurkkha run restaurant – excellent food and service

St Johns Place, Hay on Wye, HR3 5AA **07855 783 799**
This is a little gem of a place. It only opens Thursday - Saturday but worth trying to get a table. You'll need to book as it's pretty cosy. Great, great food.

Shepherds Cafe, 9 High Town, Hay on Wye, HR3 5AS **01497 821 898**
www.shepherdsparlour.com
The best ice cream in the country! Made with local sheep's milk! Great sandwiches and coffee.

 **The Stag at Titley, HR5 3RL** **01544 230 221**
www.thestagg.co.uk
An award winning gastro dining pub open Wednesdays - Sundays

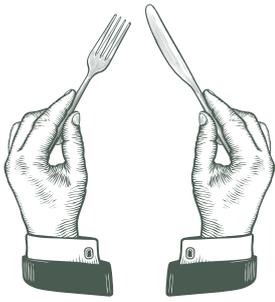
The Three Tuns, 4 Broad Street, Hay on Wye, HR3 5DB **01497 821 855**
www.three-tuns.com
Hay's first and oldest pub. Lovely atmosphere, try to get a table in the 400 year old part!

 **The Three Horseshoes, Allensmore, Hereford, HR2 9AS** **01981 570 329**
 www.threehorseshoesallensmore.co.uk
 Under ten minutes away is this cosy Cask Marque accredited pub, hearty portions, new chef with a good menu, children's outdoor play area. Food served every day. Recommended

 **The Temple Inn, Ewyas Harold, Hereford, HR2 0EU** **01981 240 423**
 www.thetemplebarinn.co.uk
A village pub with casual dining, real ales and a large gin selection.

Timothy and Birch, The Old Lord Nelson, Bridge Sollers, HR4 7JN **07709 964 210**
A lovely café for a spot of lunch or coffee & cake, with a superb interiors shop.
Open Tuesday - Sunday 9.30am - 6pm

The Walnut Tree, Llanddewi Skirrid, Abergavenny, NP7 8AW **01873 852 797**
www.thewalnuttreeinn.com
Smart and fabulous, Michelin starred.



EATING OUT

Under the Nut Tree Llanithog Cottage, HR2 0DD

07799 645 491

www.underthentree.co.uk

Three course set menu of £25-35. This is a supper club, with a relaxed atmosphere, welcoming hosts all set in a rustic barn and grounds. Open Friday and Saturday evenings. A different experience!

Wild By Nature Meats, Lower House Farm, Longtown, HR2 0NT

01873 777 292

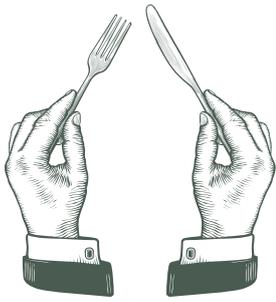
www.wildbynaturellp.com

For something a bit different, for ordering Meatboxes or visit for a lazy seasonal Sunday Lunch cooked over open flames followed by a stroll around the farm, past the waterfall.

The Yew Tree, Preston on Wye, Hereford, HR2 9JT

01981 500 359

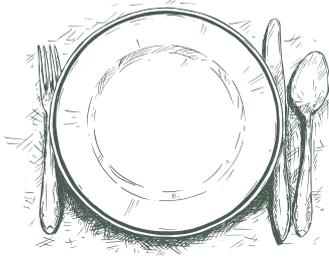
Only 3.5 miles away and possible to walk or cycle there. Very traditional local pub, quaint, good portions, pool table, darts. Very family and dog friendly. Need to book as it is small.



TAKEAWAYS

All the following have delivered to Madley but please do check

- ♥ **Madley Mighty Mix** **01981 250 201**
www.facebook.com/p/Madleys-Mighty-Mix-Takeaway-61552578227072/
Next to Madley shop & opposite church HR2 9LS. Fish and chips, chicken, curries and pizzas.
Open Wednesday - Saturday 5-9pm but do check opening times
- ♥ **The Beefy Boys Hereford HR4 9HU** **01432 359 209**
www.thebeefyboys.com
Award winning independent restaurant with burger DIY packs available to serve at home for collection or ask about delivery. 20 mins
- ♥ **Simply Thai Kitchen 78 Widemarsh Street Hereford HR4 9HG** **01432 508 078**
www.simplythai.kitchen/ Open every day. Authentic Thai food using fresh ingredients, freshly cooked. 20mins
- Mary Gold Indian, 14-15 Union Street, Hereford, HR1 2BT** **01432 268 301**
www.marygoldindian.co.uk
Great for takeaways, focused on street and house menu zingy Indian spices and flavours. 20 mins drive or they offer a chargeable delivery service.
- Razbari Indian, 156 Eign Streetm Hereford HR4 0AP** **01432 265 440**
www.razbari.co.uk
Open 7 days a week, including bank holidays and 15% off for takeaways, and they can deliver
- Red Indigo Indian, 10 Castle Street, Hay on Wye, HR3 5DF** **01497 821 999**
www.redindigo.co.uk
- The Boughton Arms, Church Road, Peterchurch. HR2 0RT** **01981 550 208**
www.theboughton.co.uk
A family run restaurant, bar & takeaway serving British classics & pizza. Open Tues - Sat from 6
- The Hum-Ming Garden, Chinese, 2 Foley St, Hereford HR1 2SG** **01432 268 882**
New owners in 2026 who are moving from New Jasmine House in Credenhill where they have successfully run a restaurant and takeaway for 25 years



EATING IN

CHEF AT HOME IDEAS:

Here is a range of Chefs / caterers for you to try if you would like some "in home private dining".

Sisters Catering

01981 570 235

Two Sisters are based in a neighbouring village and they can do dinner parties with waitressing services. They have been working across Herefordshire for over 25 years but are old school so no website, snazzy menus or photos to look at. They have catered for us for many different events and it is always excellent.

Evatt Bullock Private Dining

www.evattbullock.co.uk

Harry is from Shropshire and has catered for previous guests of ours who highly recommended him.

Chef James

07835 166 911

www.chef-james.co.uk

I haven't tried Chef James but I know the person he does all the shooting meals for and he has very high standards so I am sure he too would be good quality.

Gastronomy by Jon

07860 649 321

www.gastronomybyjon.com / Instagram - @gastronomybyjon

Highly recommended by one of my team

A to Zest

01432 341 120

www.atozest.co.uk

I haven't tried at home but I have been to lots of events where they were the caterers and the food was excellent. In the Summer they are often busy with weddings.

Cote at Home

02039 001 287

www.coteathome.co.uk

A friend recommended Cote at Home as a good option to book in advance for pre prepared food that you assemble at home.

Dine Indulge

07775 942 620

www.dineindulge.co.uk

This website finds private chefs for you.

Through this one of our guests recommended: Chilli Black – Andrej Prokes

Oakchurch Farm Shop

01981 500 125

www.oakchurch.net

10 minutes away and has a brilliant deli, local produce, butchers, café and garden centre.



A LITTLE TIPPLE

Hogarths Gin Palace

01432 266 456

www.hogarthsbars.co.uk

A grand Victorian Gin Palace in Hereford currently stocking over 120 different brands.

The Green Dragon Offa's Bar

01432 272 506

www.greendragonhotel.com

Where one can enjoy exceptionally crafted cocktails featuring spirits from award-winning Herefordshire producers, fine wines, local cider and craft beer. Friday & Saturday. 5 to 11 pm.

Gordon Bennetts Bar, Hereford HR1 2LE

01432 360 250

www.gordonbennettsbar.co.uk

An independent pub and live music venue, offering great beer including local Wye Valley Brewery real ales and Chase Distillery's premium gin and vodka range plus great bands.

The Barrells, St Owen Street, Hereford,

01432 274 968

www.wyevalleybrewery.co.uk/our-pubs/the-barrells

A proper pub! The Barrells is an 18th Century coaching inn that is formed partly from the old city wall. A down-to-earth drinking establishment, which attracts an eclectic clientele who come for the lively, friendly atmosphere and, of course, excellent beer. The Barrells boasts a large flag-stoned brewery yard, providing year-round 'alfresco' drinking

Charlie's Bar @ The Left Bank, Hereford HR4 9DJ

01432 357 753

www.herefordleftbank.com/charles-bar-at-hereford-left-bank

There is nowhere better in Hereford for a romantic date or to start your big night out on a Friday! Overlooking the River Wye and old Hereford Bridge.

The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford, HR4 9JR

01432 340 555



The lounge bar is a classy yet comfortable space to relax with friends and sample a range of beers, fine wines, local gins or some fancy cocktails. The newly built rooftop terrace offers al fresco dining and a comfortable lounge area, serving up Mediterranean evening vibes.

Wobbly Brewery

01432 355 318

www.wobblybrewing.co

An independent local brewery, drinks served in a rustic environment with entertainment and give a different taste to the mass-produced versions.

Local Producers

We have some great local producers including: Black Mountain Botanicals and Roast (coffee), Chase Distillery, Gwatkins Cider, Penrhos Gin, Westons Cider and so many more!



LIST OF LOCAL PRODUCERS

Herefordshire has a wealth of superb produce, many of the following farmers are helped by our company Cobb Agri for their soil nutrition and fertiliser needs. Many of them you will find in the local farm shops, supermarkets or you can buy from direct.

Look out for the following:

Eggs - www.downfieldfarmeggs.com

Meat - www.perrystonemeats.co.uk

Brook House Hops - www.brookhousehops.com

EC Drummond for poultry, strawberries, cherries, apples and potatoes - www.ecdrummond.co.uk

Freshfields for garlic, asparagus and strawberries - www.freshfields.uk.com

S&A Fresh Produce for asparagus, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries - www.sagroup.global

British Cassis by White Heron Drinks - www.whiteherondrinks.co.uk

Windmill Hill Soft Fruits – blackberries, raspberries, blackcurrants - www.windmillhillfruits.co.uk

Orgasmic Cider - www.orgasmiccidercompany.co.uk

Cotteswold Dairy (replaces Bartonsham Dairy) - www.cotteswold-dairy.co.uk

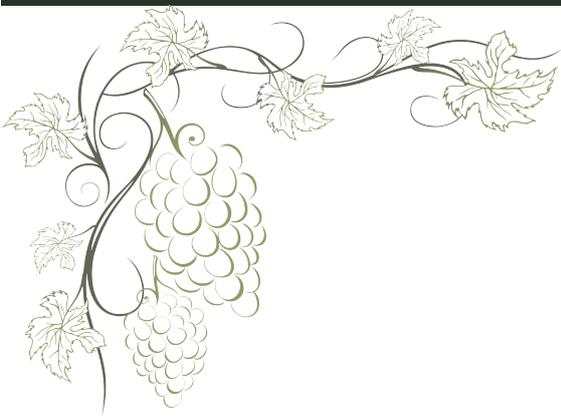
Chase Distillery - www.chasedistillery.co.uk

Black Mountain Botanicals - www.blackmountainsbotanicals.co.uk

Black Mountain Roast - www.blackmountainroast.com

Great British Meatbox - 01981 570 396

They can deliver or arrange collection from the farm by The Three Horseshoes Allensmore



VINEYARDS & DISTILLERY TOURS

Lulham Court, Lulham, Herefordshire, HR2 9JQ

01981 250 277

Nestled within the picturesque Wye valley in Herefordshire, close to the village of Madley, Lulham Court has been making wine in Lulham from our now well established vine stocks since 1984.

The grape varieties they grow are Müller Thurgau, Reichensteiner and Seyval Blanc, from which we make and market a range of superb dry, medium dry and medium still wines, plus the increasingly famous sparkling Brut wine.

Lyde Arundel Vineyard, Lyde, Herefordshire, HR4 7SN

01432 343 657

The vines are located in Lyde Arundel's Vineyard on a south facing slope adjacent to a picturesque lake. The varieties of grape used are Seyval Blanc and Phoenix - they give the floral notes to the finished taste. Our wines are bottled at Three Choirs Vineyard, Herefordshire. Peacock Paddock is a fine example of modern English white wine. The delicious combination of crisp and floral aromas create a light, refreshing wine perfect for a summer evening.

Four Foxes Vineyard, Hereford, HR1 4BX

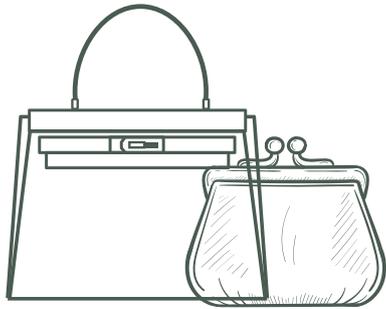
01432 850 065

An 8.0 acre vineyard on a fine south facing site with tasting area. Plus refreshments and a picnic area with wonderful views of The Black Mountains. Visitors to the vineyard are able to walk around and examine the vines, wine tasting and childrens play area.

Three Choirs Vineyard, Baldwins Farm, Newent, GL18 1LS

01531 890 223

This is England, but not as you know her. Vines rustle here instead of oak leaves. There are no ancient castles, but our historic vineyards still have stories to tell. Yes, here at Three Choirs in Gloucestershire, we are 75 acres of England. But we are also Tuscany and Bordeaux. Welcome to our vineyard. There is a Brasserie on site.



LOCAL TOWNS AND SHOPPING

Hereford (30 mins)

The Old Market shopping centre is a recent addition to Hereford with high street brands and restaurants plus a Waitrose as well as a large pedestrian centre and good parking. There are retail markets on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and craft markets on Thursdays in High Town the pedestrianised centre. <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/things/markets-high-town-hereford>.

Or for a more alternative day go on a Wednesday to the weekly livestock market to see an agricultural auction in action followed by the Mappa Mundi in Hereford Cathedral (c1300). Church Street is next to the Cathedral and is a beautiful cobbled street with a lovely array of independent shops for gifts, cards, interiors and clothing. Try No 28 Interiors, Calandras Menswear, Mousetrap Cheese and Fodder for great wholefoods.

Take a stroll over to The Courtyard Centre for the Arts – a super café, an excellent bistro style restaurant, gallery, gorgeous shop full of local crafts, cards, and sustainably sourced gifts, an exhibition spaces, pop up crafts and displays, cinema and theatre – all under one roof plus good parking. There is a great café in a church near the centre – Bill's Kitchen in All Saints Church open Mon – Sat 8-4pm

Crickhowell (40 mins)

This is a picturesque town nestling in beautiful Usk valley with lovely cafes, local shops and castle ruins. Enjoy a meal or drink at the centrally located and award winning The Bear". Try the walking festival in March or just mooch around 2018's UK Best High Street.

Abergavenny (40 mins)

Busy, fairly large market town. We love the Art shop and café for lunch. It is called the gateway to Wales. Walk up the Skirrid, Sugar Loaf or Bloreng. Visit the White Castle Vineyard,. The Arts or Food Festival. Try a cookery class with the Abergavenny Baker or Chapel Cottage Art teaching studio, visit the museum or castle, or try a narrowboat or take a stroll along the river meadows.

Leominster (30 mins)

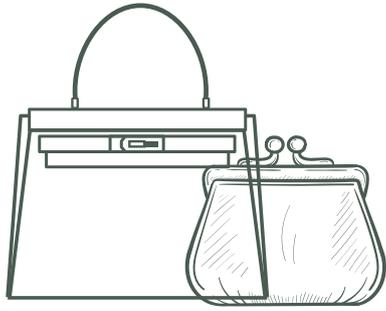
Small market town famous for its antique shops. Flying Dutchman does a good door wedge sandwich. Check out Brightwells for auctions of anything from classic cars to antique furniture and wines. Surrounded by beautiful and ancient black and white villages (there is a 40 mile trail if you want to try it!) – any drive to or from Leominster is a pleasure. Market day are Fridays in Corn Square with a wide range of stalls.

Brecon (50 mins)

Great Jazz festival, lovely Georgian architecture, brilliant theatre (Brycheiniog) or spend a few hours cruising the Monmouthshire and Brecon canal (Dragonfly cruises) through some of the most beautiful scenery in Britain. Visit the Cathedral or Royal Welsh Military Museum, walk along the canal or up Pen y fan or any of the other Beacons or just take a drive up the "Heads of the Valley" road for amazing views.

Ross (35 mins)

A friendly and welcoming small market town, with lots of independent shops, overlooking the Wye and within the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Ross is located midway between the cities of Hereford and Gloucester. Enjoy a meal at No 3, take a walk up May Hill, take the vintage shopping trail and look at the Market House local arts and crafts.



LOCAL TOWNS AND SHOPPING

Monmouth (35 mins)

Nestling in the tranquil lower reaches of the beautiful Wye Valley, a centre for tourism since 1780, Monmouth is well known for its iconic 13th century gatehouse bridge. It has a famous past with its connections to Henry V, Geoffrey of Monmouth and more recently Queen, Simple Minds and Monmouthpedia. Renowned for its independent retail sector, with restaurants to suit all tastes, it is also the place for a coffee in a café in a quiet courtyard.

Symonds Yat (40 mins)

Symonds Yat is a village and popular tourist destination which straddles the River Wye in England. Symonds Yat Rock viewpoint is well known as one of the best places in the country to watch Peregrine Falcons. However, with a little patience, there are many other birds that you can see here too. With wild swimming, paddleboarding, rock climbing, a maze and the butterfly zoo, there is plenty to keep your little ones entertained for the day.

Ledbury (40 mins)

At the foot of the Malvern Hills and to the east of Hereford is the market town of Ledbury. Oozing culture, famous for its landmark black and white buildings and streets, Ledbury's stamp of individuality has made it a destination that keeps on giving. Tuesdays and Saturdays see its weekly markets in the stunning Grade 1 listed, Market House. The key to discovering Ledbury is to explore its myriad of mews and side streets, literally every few yards along the long High Street and the Homend. Crammed with intriguing independent shops, eateries and galleries. Try a meal at The Malt House, The Olive Tree, the Ledberry for a cute cafe or for a vegan meal try Pot and Page.

Ludlow (60 mins)

A lovely market town with a castle right in the centre and an excellent food centre on the outskirts all set under the beautiful Shropshire hills. Numerous festivals throughout the year.

Hay on Wye (30 mins)

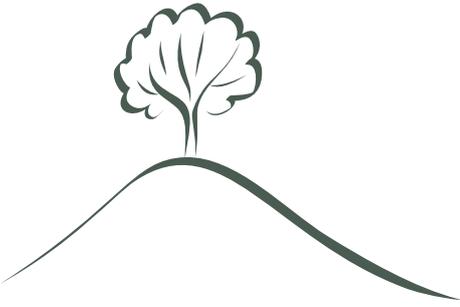
Hay on Wye has 26 book shops and many quirky antiques and vintage shops. The best include:

- Llewellyns, High Town
- Flyr de Lys, High Town
- Mostly Maps, Castle St
- Hay Antique Market, Market St

There are often vintage fairs plus a weekly market every Thursday 9-2:30 so this is the best day to visit. The International Literacy Festival in May is legendary. Lots of places to eat - The Three Tuns, Shepherds or The Granary. It's a super place to have a wander around the independent shops.

The Black and White Village Trail

The trail is characterised by the large number of timbered and half-timbered houses in the area some dating from medieval times, others from more recent periods. 'Unrivalled in England' This is how Alec Clifton-Taylor described the half timbered 'black and white' buildings of north-west Herefordshire. The Black & White Village Trail is a motor/cycle route through some of the prettiest villages and most beautiful landscape. The 40 mile circular trail leads west from the ancient town of Leominster, through the most picturesque black and white villages along the way. Each village has its own character with tea-rooms, shops, craft workshops and pubs. Take advantage of the quieter pace of life and enjoy a day spent following the byways of quintessential rural England. Weobley, Eardisland and Pembridge are our favourites. There is good food at Jules restaurant.



SPECIAL WALKS

THE THREE CASTLES

Grosmont Castle, Skenfrith and White Castle. The walk along the River is absolutely gorgeous.

THE SKIRRID

Walk the mountain of myths and legends which is only half an hour away, it's an energetic steep climb through woods and open mountainside with a 360 degree view at the top. Parking at the base off the B4521 at NP7 8AP. 1-2 hours, 4 miles if you do the circular route. Find out about the legend of how the Skirrid lost it's side section.

THE SUGAR LOAF

One of the highest in the Black Mountains. The road leading up to it is currently closed so it's a longer walk from the public car park at Fairfield in Abergavenny. The panoramic views from 596m peak are amazing, it looks like a volcano, and there are lots of paths full of wildlife.

MAY HILL WALK

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/may-hill/trails/may-hill-countryside-walk-gloucestershire

The initial steep climb on this 3 mile circular walk is well worth it for the lovely woodland section and the views over Herefordshire, Severn Estuary, Forest of Dean, the Cotswolds and across to the Black Mountains. 50 minutes drive to get there, park at GL18 1JS

HAUGH WOOD

Haugh Woods is an SSSI of 850 acres with good forest tracks, many suitable for a pushchair with only gentle slopes. It's super for a picnic and there are two Woodland Trust butterfly trails as there are over 600 species living there. HR1 4LW.

FOUR FALLS WALK

www.mudandroutest.com/routes/brecon-beacons-waterfall-country-walk-four-falls-trail

A lovely 7km walk in the Brecon Beacons (75mins drive), take some refreshments and waterproofs so you can walk behind the "Sgwd Yr Eira" waterfall. Park at Gwaun Hepste car park - CF44 9JF.

PEN Y FAN

This is the highest mountain in South Wales at 886m near Brecon. It takes a fit walker a couple of hours from the paths near Storey Arms with the direct route only 3km. It is super to climb but can be busy so be prepared to have to park on the side of the road rather than in the carpark.

ELAN VALLEY

www.elanvalley.org.uk

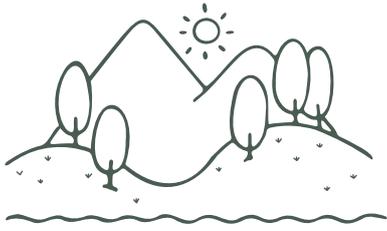
This is an amazing place, so tranquil with 80 miles of designated rights of way for driving, cycling and walking. Suitable for push chairs and wheelchairs. Approx 1hr 20-30min drive.

THE BEGWYNS

A good stomp up to the roundabout on the Begwyns towards Painscastle. You can see 6 counties, it's a great picnic spot. There is a lake you can detour around, perfect for some wild swimming.

OTHER IDEAS

Further afield but well worth the drive is Lyn Y Fan Fach. Sections of the Offas Dyke Path & Wye Valley Walk can be picked up locally and are not too far away.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

GOLFING

There is a local 9 hole executive style golf course called Brampton Golf Course, located approx 5 minute drive away. Offering a challenge to both the beginner and low handicapper. For those that fancy something a little more challenging, here are some more options:

Herefordshire Golf Club, Raven's Causeway, Wormsley, Hereford, HR4 8LY 219 Approx 20 minute drive www.herefordshiregolfclub.co.uk	01432 830
Burghill Valley Golf Club, Tillington Rd, Hereford, HR4 7RW Approx 20 minute drive www.bvgc.co.uk	01432 760 456
South Herefordshire Golf Club, Upton Bishop, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7UA Approx 40 minute drive www.south-herefordshiregolfclub.co.uk	01989 780 535
Kington Golf Club, Bradnor Hill, Kington, HR5 3RE Approx 30 minute drive www.kingtongolf.co.uk	01544 230 340

FISHING

There is a fishery practically next door called Canon Bridge Fishery, run by Bernard Roberts 01981 250 240. It is a Stillwater noted for carp, roach and bream. It isn't as big or as smart as some others, but it is peaceful and on the doorstep, walking takes 2 minutes.

About half an hour's drive is : Andy's Fishing Lake – 5 acre lake stocked with carp, roach, tench, bream and perch. <https://andysfishinglake.co.uk/> Near Trevasse Farm, St Owens Cross, Herefordshire. Postcode for Lake: HR2 8JX

River Fishing is available very close by as well:

These two within 2 miles:

<https://www.fishingpassport.co.uk/fishing/middle-wye/upper-canon-bridge>

<https://www.fishingpassport.co.uk/fishing/middle-wye/lower-canon-bridge>

These are within 10-15 min drive

<https://www.fishingpassport.co.uk/fishing/middle-wye/red-lionmoccas-fishery>

<https://www.fishingpassport.co.uk/fishing/middle-wye/sugwas-court>

NATIONAL TRUST SITES TO VISIT



Berrington Hall, HR6 0DW

The Weir Gardens, HR4 7QF



Brockhampton Estate, WR6 5TB

Croft Castle, HR6 9PW

GARDENS TO VISIT

Hampton Court Gardens, HR6 0PN

Stocktonberry, HR6 0HA

Hergest Gardens, HR5 3EG

Kentchurch Court Gardens, HR2 0DB

Abbey Dore Court Garden, HR2 0AD



RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES

Museums

Abergavenny Museum - www.abergavennymuseum.co.uk	01873 854 282
Chepstow Museum	01291 625 981
Monmouth Museum - www.monmouthshire.gov.uk	01600 710 630
Hereford Museum - www.herefordshire.gov.uk	01432 260 692
The Regimental Museum of the Royal Welsh - www.theroyalwelsh.co.uk	01874 613 310

Galleries

Old Chapel Gallery, East St, Pembridge, Herefordshire, HR6 9HB	01544 388 842
The Art Shop and Café, Abergavenny, Wales, NP7 5NT	01873 736 430
The Lion St Gallery, Lion St, Hay on Wye, Herefordshire, HR3 5AA	01497 822 900
The Table, 40 Lion St, Hay on Wye, Herefordshire, HR3 5AA	01497 822 802
The Hay Makers, St Johns Place, Hay on Wye, Herefordshire, HR3 5BN	01497 820 556
The Globe, Newport St, Hay on Wye, Herefordshire, HR3 5BG	01497 821 762

Theatres

The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford, HR4 9JR	01432 340 555
Theatr Brycheiniog, Canal Warf, Brecon, LD3 7EW	01874 611 622

Cinema

The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford, HR4 9JR	01432 340 555
Booths Cinema, Brook Street, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5AA	01497 820 322
The Odeon Cinema, The Old Market, Garrick Lane, Hereford, HR4 9HR	03330 144 501

Cathedrals and Churches

Hereford Cathedral - This dates back to the 7th century, a magnificent cathedral which displays the world famous Mappa Mundi and the renowned 'chained library.

Brecon Cathedral - Built by the Normans in 1093

Dore Abbey Church - A large part of the original medieval building has been used since the 16th century as the parish church, with remaining parts either now ruined or no longer extant

Kilpeck Church - Only 25 minutes away, small but ornate. The date of its building is uncertain, but likely to be about 1140. It appears likely that there was a church predating the current one.

Clyro Church - Famous for it's connections with Kilvert

Castles - Many local castles have a pub nearby which I have listed below for you.

The Three Castles - Grosmont, White and Skenfrith - There is a circular walk between them

Grosmont Castle - The Angel Inn, Grosmont

Powys Castle

Hay on Wye Castle - The Old Black Lion or The Blue Boar Inn

Crickhowell Castle

Raglan Castle - The Ship Inn at Raglan

Goodrich Castle - The Hostellerie at Goodrich

Croft Castle - The Riverside Inn at Aymestry/The Bell at Yarpole

Montgomery Castle

Wigmore Castle - The Oak at Wigmore

Eastnor Castle - The Feathers in Ledbury

Hampton Court Castle - Englands Gate in Bodenham

Longtown Castle - The Crown at Longtown or The Bridge Inn at Michaelchurch Escley

Ludlow Castle - The Charlton Arms, The Rose & Crown or many options in the town

Abergavenny Castle



SWIMMING & SPAS

Holmer Park, Cleeve Orchard, Roman Road, HR1 1LL

01432 370 222

www.holmerpark.co.uk

Holmer Park is a Health Club & Spa on the outskirts of Hereford. They offer access to their pools and facilities without any treatments for half day (4 hours) or full day (8 hours I think this may include a lunch) ranging from £35-55 per person and there are lots of options to add treatments and various other offers so worth checking out their offer page.

Wye Leisure, Fownhope, HR1 4PE

01432 860 860

www.wyeleisure.co.uk

Wye Leisure in Fownhope is a 30 mins drive and is a members only very nice spa. If you book and pay for a treatment, you can pay the £13 guest day membership on top and use the pool facilities (but this needs to be for each person). Very nice but catering mainly for members hence the access arrangements via a treatment. There is a café on site and an excellent pub called The Green Man in the village.

HALO Leisure, Hereford

01432 272 512

www.haloleisure.org.uk/centres/herefordshire/hereford-leisure-pool

The main Council run pool in Hereford is Halo Leisure, it's just before the bridge in the city and parking on site. Approx 15 mins drive if traffic is calm, a bit more if it's a busy time getting into the city centre.

CP School, School Bungalow, Oxford Rd, Hay-on-Wye, Hereford, HR3 5BT

www.facebook.com/groups/1116559855173734/

There is also a swimming pool half an hour away in Hay on Wye. This is mainly used by local schools weekdays termtime and available for hire /use on weekends and I presume in holidays (I haven't been there so don't know much more about it)

Price per hour plus 10 mins changing is £20. A maximum of 20 people (adults and children) are allowed in the pool at one time. A minimum of two adults who are competent swimmers should be present at all times during the sessions .To secure your booking you will need to email: hayswimmingpool@gmail.com and pay in advance for your slot via BACS. You will then be sent the code and terms and conditions.

Wild Swimming - The Dragons Gate, Garway HR2 8RJ

info@thedragonsgate.co.uk

thedragonsgate.co.uk/wild-swimming/

Roughly 60m x 35m and up to 12ft deep, this freshwater lake is spring-fed, cool, and clean. With a gentle entry, floating deck, changing facilities, and nearby toilets, it's ideal for wild swimmers of all levels. Lakeside sauna for hot-cold therapy is a bonus.

Wild Swimming, HR3 6DX

www.wildswimming.co.uk/map/bredwardine-river-wye

if you are interested in wild swimming take a look at the website below. Parking is just on the roadside either side of the river bridge-

www.wildswimming.co.uk/map/bredwardine-river-wye



CREATIVE COURSES

Herefordshire being such a rural county is brimming over with creative craftsmen and women who are happy to share their skills and passion with you, take a look at these courses all within half an hour of Swinmoor:

LEATHER MAKING WORKSHOP

www.williamshandmade.com

With Sarah's designs you can make your own handbag or satchel on a one or two day course to learn a new hobby to practice at home or just for a fun experience with family or friends in Dilwyn HR4 8EU.

BLACKSMITHING COURSE

www.oldfieldforge.co.uk/products/experiences

Experience a real-life working blacksmith forge and get hands on to create your own masterpiece using these ancient skills. Garway HR2 8HA

GIN MAKING EXPERIENCE

www.blackmountainsbotanicals.co.uk/product/gin-making-experience-herefordshire/

Spend time in an award winning distillery set at the base of the Black Mountains and be trained by a master to distil your own personal bottle of Gin, choosing from a huge range of botanicals. Michaelchurch Escley HR2 0JW

ART - LEARN TO PAINT AND DRAW

www.roger-ellis.com/ Ullingswick HR1 3JQ

In the beautiful Herefordshire countryside in small friendly groups with expert tuition.

FELT MAKING

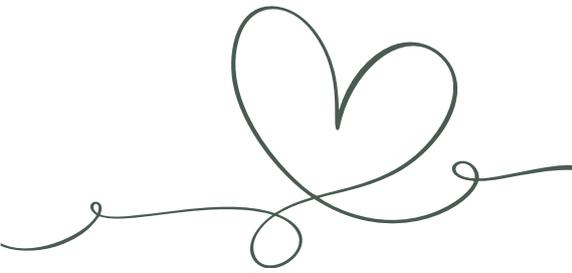
Choose a design, lay out fine fibres from British sheep breeds, blend colours and integrate embellishments Kinnersley HR3 6QB <https://www.herefordshireholidays.co.uk/art-felting-workshops/>

FOR MORE CREATIVE BREAK IDEAS

www.creativebreaks.co.uk/courses/

Lists lots of other courses including Stone Carving, Hand Embroidery, Stained Glass, Japanese Woodblock, Basket Making, Eco-Dyeing on silk and felt and much more.





FAMILY DAYS OUT

Ideas for the children / family friendly that are open, and all have our seal of approval.

- ♥ **MADLEY PLAYGROUND**
There is a really nice park and playground in Madley with swings, zip slide, climbing frame, open space for football etc and picnic tables. Access if via the tennis courts carpark - go straight over the crossroads in the village, pass the church on your left and it's a short distance along on your right.

- ♥ **SMALL BREEDS FARM PARK AND OWL CENTRE** **01544 231 109**
Kingswood Rd, Kington HR5 3HF
www.owlcentre.com
This is about half an hour away NW, a lovely farm park and owl centre

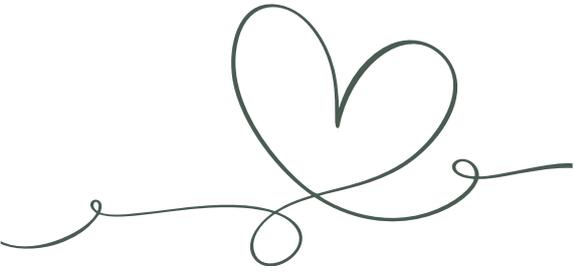
- ♥ **PERRYGROVE RAILWAY & ADVENTURE PARK** **01594 834 991**
Coleford, GL16 8QB
www.perrygrove.co.uk
This is a super children's railway with a good outdoor treetop adventure park. The café is fine but basic but good picnic area too. It's max 45 mins away south of here.

- ♥ **QUEENSWOOD & GRUFFALO TRAIL** **01432 530 088**
Dinmore Hill, Leominster, HR6 0PY
www.queenswoodandbodenhamlake.org
This is an ancient woodland with lovely trails through it that are really manageable for children. They have a Gruffalo trail there dotted around the wood so the children stumble across the mouse, snake, fox and a huge Gruffalo of course. There are ice creams for sale, a carpark and play park. About 25 mins North.

- ♥ **HAMPTON COURT CASTLE** **01568 797 777**
Hope under Dinmore, HR6 0PN
www.hamptoncourtcastle.co.uk
This is about 30 mins N – just 5 mins away from Queenswood. An incredible castle and grounds. Tomorrow they have birds of prey display. There is a maze and some lovely places to picnic, a play area and the café is open but with reduced menu.

- ♥ **GREEN SPIDER** **01432 277 716**
Rotherwas Industrial Estate, Hereford, HR2 6LR
www.spiderclimbing.com/green-spider
Great for kids who have never climbed before. About 20 mins away on outskirts of Hereford (not the best looking part sorry it's in the industrial estate!) You will need to book a session and there is a seating area you can watch from (one adult only) and I think 5 is minimum age.

- ♥ **RALPH COURT GARDENS** **01885 483 225**
Edwyn Ralph, Bromyard, HR7 4LU
www.ralphcourtgardens.co.uk
Open every day 10-5pm with 12 unique gardens to explore from Italy to Africa, you can journey around to mythical fantasy worlds and through your favourite childhood stories, suitable for all ages and wheelchair friendly. A pirate ship, a talking tree, Alice in Wonderland and a restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating. HR7 4RU – 40 minutes away



FAMILY DAYS OUT



THE COOP CAFE

Arkstone Court, Clehonger, HR2 9TR

www.playcoop.co.uk

This is a super café with both indoor and outdoor play areas for children. It is under ten minutes drive away. Booking online recommended.

07793 607 205

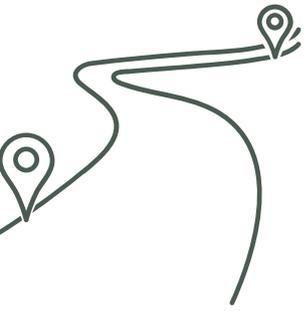


FLIP OUT

Unit 21 Mortimer Trading Centre, Mortimer Rd, Hereford HR4 9SP

www.flipout.co.uk

01432 370 500



OUR CLOSEST AMENITIES

MADLEY SHOP

Madley shop is a 4 minute drive away, just under one mile away.

Main opening hours -

Monday - Saturday 7:00am - 8:00pm

Sunday - 8:00am - 7:00pm. Bank Holidays 9:00am - 6:00pm

There is a selection of magazines, sandwiches and daily household essentials. There is also a Post Office which is open Monday - Friday 9am - 5:30pm and Saturday 9am - 12:30pm.

MADLEY PLAYGROUND

There is a really nice park and playground in Madley with swings, zip slide, climbing frame, open space for football etc and picnic tables. Access is via the tennis courts carpark - go straight over the crossroads in the village, pass the church on your left and it's a short distance along on your right.

MADLEY CHURCH

The church is usually open daily during the daytime and welcome visitors. There are regular services at Madley Church:

- Monthly on first Sunday at 10.30am: Informal worship service
- Monthly on the second Saturday at 5pm: Holy Communion



MADLEY PLANTS

Open 7 days a week 10-4, there is a café in full swing April – August and soft drinks and ice cream from Rowlestone Farmhouse all through the year.

MADLEY GOLF CLUB

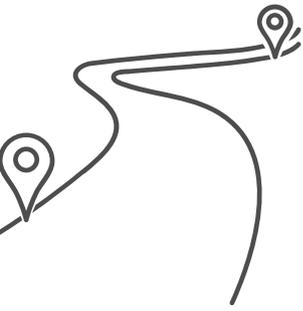
01981 251 308

A 9 hole executive style golf course offering a challenge to both the beginner and low handicapper, with excellent undulating greens.

MADLEY TENNIS

www.madleytennisclub.co.uk

Madley Tennis Club offer is pay-and-play for non-members for £10 an hour paid online.



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Arkstone Court, Clehonger, HR2 9TR
www.playcoop.co.uk
This is a super café with both indoor and outdoor play areas for children. It is under ten minutes drive away. Booking online recommended.
- ♥ OAKCHURCH FARM SHOP** **01981 500 125**
Brecon Road, Staunton On Wye, Hereford, HR4 7NH
www.oakchurch.net
A family run farm shop and garden centre set in the heart of the beautiful Herefordshire landscape since 1970. We offer the best of Herefordshire food and drink producers. Our garden centre is bursting with the finest plants to give life to your garden. Within our walls you will find everything you need, from filling the fridge to filling your wardrobe; we offer the very best in home and outdoor living. Monday to Saturday 8am – 5.30pm Sunday 10.30am – 4.30pm
- ♥ LOCKS GARAGE** **01981 570 206**
locksgarage.co.uk
Open 5 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week
Vehicle fuel, Londis groceries, local food, off licence, newsagent, fresh fruit and vegetables, ice-cream, plants and flowers, post office, domestic fuel, animal feed, countryside supplies, car wash and much more.
- ♥ CANOE FROM PRESTON** **01981 257 258 / 07747 837 554**
Byecross Farm Campsite, HR2 9LJ
Based only a few minutes drive away from us in the beautiful Wye Valley, Hereford Kayak Canoes loves every about paddling. They specialise in canoe and kayak hire on the amazing river Wye offering guided and unguided trips, taster sessions and group bookings. Hereford Kayak Canoe

OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO DO



Walk...it is a walkers paradise. There are lots of quiet lanes and footpaths spilling out in each direction from the property. Check out our map for ideas and routes.

Learn about Hereford's fascinating history and quirky characters and visit the cobbled Church Street, markets in High Town and the Cathedral.



Take a drive up the Black Mountains, enjoy the view then back into Hay to potter around Hay Market. Every Thursday, Hay Market is a bustling place with stalls piled high with tasty fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat, fish, bread, cakes – even falafels! There's also a smaller Saturday market in the Hay Cheese Market. Check out the many vintage and secondhand boutiques as well as the famous bookshops.



Paddle downstream from Wye Valley Canoes in Glasbury or Preston on Wye with Hereford Kayak and Canoe.

Spot the wildlife, on and near our farm lake we have so much going on, so keep your eyes peeled as they fly (and walk) in the fields around our lake. We have swans nesting, ducks, coots, moorhens, a heron, a buzzard, even some Oystercatchers.



Take a stroll up to The Red Lion in Madley. A family and dog friendly, traditional pub with great food, cask ales, beer garden. Call in for a beer, glass of wine, a coffee or enjoy a fantastic meal with lots of local produce and specials on offer. In the Winter the woodburners will be roaring with wood cut from our farm, and kindling chopped by our son William.



Visit The Courtyard to enjoy some food and cocktails, try the roof terrace bar and browse the Art gallery or watch a show.

Enjoy a drink whilst relaxing in the hot tub as the sun sets.



Swinmoor Farm
Canon Bridge
Madley
Herefordshire
HR2 9JD