

THE NATIONAL TRUST
WORCESTER/MALVERN CENTRE

THE DAY OUT
LOCAL DIRECTORY SUPPLEMENT
HANDBOOK MAP 4

To be read in conjunction with the Members Handbook which will give such details as parking and opening times

Properties are all in our West Midlands Region, unless otherwise listed as South West, South & South East or Wales. Properties in this supplement have been listed in a clockwise direction starting North from Worcester giving the local towns.

Properties have been listed to give those within about 20 miles of Worcester and those between 20 and 50 miles of Worcester offering the option of approximately a half day or a full day visit.

SECTION 1. WITHIN 20 MILES OF WORCESTER/MALVERN

North East: Droitwich / Bromsgrove / Redditch

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| Clent Hills | Open countryside with excellent walks and panoramic views. |
| Rosedene | 19thC cottage, garden and orchard. Has significant historical interest – Chartist Movement. Good educational visit. |
| Hanbury Hall | 18thC country house, garden and park. New formal gardens worth a visit on their own. Extensive walks. |
| Coughton Court | Tudor house set in beautiful gardens. Gunpowder Plot associations with exhibitions/explanations.
Excellent walled garden – entrance fee applies. |
| Kinwarton Dovecote | Circular 14thC dovecote. |

South East: Pershore / Tewkesbury / Evesham

Middle Littleton Tithe Barn 13thC tithe barn, one of the longest in the country

The Fleece Inn Quintessential English pub. Recovered from a potentially disastrous fire a few years ago. An “interesting” restaurant menu, rustic ambience.

Croome Park Capability Brown’s first “garden”. Extensive landscaped park which has undergone considerable regeneration. A new visitor centre and tea room has been established in the old RAF Defford wartime hospital buildings.

Bredon Barn **SW Region.** A large medieval threshing barn.

Greyfriars 15thC merchant’s house. The garden is also a delightful oasis in the city centre. Also open when “dressed” for Christmas during Worcester’s Victorian Street Fair held in November/December each year.

South West: Ledbury / Hereford

Brockhampton Traditional farmed estate and medieval manor house. Extensive walks on the estate.

North West: Bromyard / Kidderminster

Wichenford Dovecote 17thC half timbered black & white dovecote.

Hawford Dovecote 16thC half timbered dovecote.

SECTION 2. BETWEEN 20 AND 50 MILES

North East: West Bromich / Birmingham / Warwick

Wightwick Manor Victorian manor house with William Morris interiors. Home of the Manders family (paint manufacturers). Classic Arts & Crafts examples on view.

Shugborough 17thC house and estate. Farm and country life museum
Letocetum Roman Site near Litchfield Bath house and museum. A Roman staging post en-route to North Wales.

Moseley Old Hall 17thC Elizabethan house where King Charles reputedly hid. Fine example of Tudor parterre garden.

Back to Backs 19thC working people’s houses. Excellent socio-economic history, well presented. 1930’s sweet shop!

Packwood House Tudor house and garden. House has been much “improved” since Tudor times. Fine example of a Tudor parterre garden and topiary.

Baddesley Clinton Medieval moated manor house, the home of the Ferrers family for over 500 years. Blood stained floorboards! Well worth a visit. Second hand book stall.

Charlecote Park Tudor house and deer park, (Shakespeare said to have been caught poaching). The Lucy family still involved with the property. (Including the recently improved garden).

Farnborough Hall 18thC stone house with garden. Exquisite plasterwork. Terraced walk. Fine views and grounds with temples.

South East: Stratford / Gloucester / Stroud

Hidcote **SW Region** 20thC flagship garden of the National Trust, and the first to come into NT ownership under the National Garden Scheme in 1948.

Upton House 17thC mansion and terraced gardens. Very fine pictures and porcelain. Exhibits include posters/adverts produced by famous artists for Shell Fuels & Oil.

Chastleton House **S&SE Region.** One of England’s finest Jacobean houses, filled with rare objects. Croquet was said to have started here.

Hailes Abbey 13thC Cistercian Abbey, well presented by English Heritage who operate the site. Nearby old church with wall paintings.

Sherbourne Estate 4000 acres of fine walks with wonderful views, and water meadow straddling the A40 and the serene Windrush Valley.

Lodge Park 17thC grandstand and part of this Cotswold estate.

Buscot Old Parsonage **S&SE Region** Early 18thC riverside house.

Buscot Park **S&SE Region** Rather severe Neo-classical mansion in landscaped Grounds with 20thC water garden by Harold Peto.

Badbury Hill Open walking space.

Buscot & Coleshill Estates Circular walks and attractive villages with shops/tea rooms (not NT).

Chedworth Roman Villa **SW Region** Romano-British villa. Well presented information on Roman Britain. Good educational visit.

- Ebworth Estate** **SW Region** A NT admin centre – not for visiting.
- Little Fleece Bookshop** **SW Region** 17thC house, restored in Arts & Crafts style.
Rodborough Common Chalk grassland with rare butterflies.
- Minchinhampton Common** Chalk grassland with rare butterflies.
- Haresfield Beacon** Reached from the NT Shortwood car park. Wonderful views and walks. No toilets. OS map is useful.
- Horton Court** **SW Region** 12thC rectory remains. Closed 2008 for re-furbishment.
- Ashleworth Tithe Barn** **SW Region** 15thC tithe barn
- Woodchester Park** **SW Region** Remains of 18th & 19thC landscaped park.
- Newark Park** **SW Region** Stunning uninterrupted views over the Mendips towards Oxford. Unusual property as all contents belong to Michael Claydon, the occupier/manager.
- Westbury Court Gardens** **SW Region** Dutch water garden. Excellent example

South West: Ross / Monmouth / Abergavenny

- The Kymin** **Wales** Landmarked hill & two Georgian buildings. Nelson naval connections. Vantage point overlooking Monmouth.
- Clytha** **Wales** Pleasant drive – A449/A40 route. Look out for right turn at Raglan roundabout to get on to the narrow lane signposted Clytha. Only for the keen walker with an OS map.
- Skirrid Fawr** **Wales** Fairly tough climb – but the pain can be eased by a visit to Skirrid Inn, the oldest pub in Wales near Pandy.
- Skenfrith Castle** **Wales** Remains of a 13thC fortress.
- Sugar Loaf** **Wales** Pleasant drive - A449/A40 route – turn off at sign for Sugarloaf Vineyard, (refreshments!). Only for the keen walker with OS map.
- The Weir** Informal riverside garden on the banks of the Wye. An excellent visit all year round, but particularly at snowdrop/daffodil and during autumn times. Your own flask of tea or coffee, or something stronger, recommended.

Cwmmau Farmhouse Timber framed farmhouse. Infrequently open as it is a holiday cottage – but worth a visit.

North West: Leominster / Ludlow / Bridgnorth

Berrington Hall Neo-classical mansion with fine interiors and landscaped grounds. Paintings of sea battles are a tribute to the eminent 18thC Admiral Rodney. Steep steps to restaurant. Capability Brown's last landscape.

Croft Castle & Parkland Castellated manor house and interesting old church. Walks in the estate, with an iron age fort and a watch tower.

Wilderhope Manor Elizabethan gabled manor house.

Long Mynd & Carding Mill Valley Excellent walking and birding. Our Centre funded the purchase of the sheep grazing the land.

Kinver Edge Heathland under restoration. Sandstone Rock Houses showing the living conditions of the last cave dwellers.

Dudmaston Late 17thC mansion and landscaped garden with lakeside walks. A magnificent collection of modern art.

Morville Hall A much altered and updated house in the 18thC.

Wenlock Edge Dramatic wooded escarpment with examples of old coral reef deposits.

Benthall Hall 16thC house and garden.

Cronkhill, Atcham Attingham Park Estate Early 19thC villa. (John Nash).

Town Walls Towers, Shrewsbury 14thC watchtower.

Attingham Park 18thC mansion and deer park. Good walks in the grounds. The house offers a most interesting visit and new routes and information being devised.

Sunnycroft Late Victorian gentleman's villa. A time capsule with decorative brickwork, steeply pitched roof, prominent chimney stacks, fanciful gables and a glassed roof verandah.