



# Children's Guide

## Great Places for Kids to Visit



### **BOWOOD HOUSE AND GARDENS**



### **Butterfly World & Farm Park**

Studley Grange have a complete menagerie of animals and insects of all shapes and sizes to see, meet and enjoy!

Take your first step and you're in the tropics here in Wiltshire as you wander in our butterfly house with its lush vegetation & fish pools, with various free-flying butterflies around you.

It's then on to the zoo area where you'll find our indoor reptile house and aviaries before saying hello to our resident giant tortoise, wonderful meerkats, Darwin the otter, Rigby the racoon and many more.

Finally, our farm park awaits, where geese, goats, chickens, cows, donkeys, alpacas, pigs, sheep and lambs (in season) are everywhere and all looking forward to greeting you!



### **Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens**

443 locals recommend

There is always so much to see and do at Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens.

To help you make the most of your day here's what's going on in the Park. Don't forget to take a look at the daily activities which has details of Penguin and Lemur feeding times and many more activities.

Take a ride on the narrow-gauge railway for a bird's eye view of the park.



## Longleat

396 locals recommend

Animals, adventure & Britain's most astonishing stately home. On a day out like no other. Spring into Easter at Longleat. With everything you need for the hoppiest family times. See Lion Country. Monkey Mayhem. African Village. Tiger Territory.

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## Drews Pond Nature Reserve

Drew's Pond Lane

Drewspond is a small community broadleaved coppiced managed woodland. plenty of paths and good bird and butterfly habitats.



## Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum

Atwell Wilson Motor Museum is a great place for families who are interested in motors. It has a good variety of vehicles on displaying including motorbikes, (including some rare ones), mopeds, lorries and even push bikes! There is also a good selection of archive material, including vehicle manuals and motor memorabilia. Most of the exhibits are cars from the 1920s onwards, such as Bentleys, Rolls Royces and some american giants, plus a Green Goddess fire engine. There is also a reconstructed 1930s style garage, which includes cars from that time. Don't miss the sheds out the back for some gems that any car enthusiast will love.

The staff are friendly and happy to share their knowledge about the fantastic vehicles on display. A good chance for the kids to talk to some genuine enthusiasts. They may even treat you to a look under the bonnet!

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## **Devizes Skatepark**

RampNation is Wiltshire's biggest indoor skatepark, built for inlines, scooters, skateboards and BMX, so you can ride whatever the weather.

RampNation is a friendly, family run skatepark, situated on the edge of Devizes, and is easy to reach from Devizes town centre. Parents and guardians are welcome to stay and watch the action, or you can just drop them off if they are over 8 years of age. Everyone using the park will need to complete a Consent Form, which will need to be signed by the parent or guardian if the skater is under 16 years of age. First aiders are on site at all times, but we strongly recommend that everyone using RampNation wear safety equipment, namely a helmet, wrist guards, and knee pads.

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## **Reeser Str. 106, 46446 Emmerich am Rhein, Germany**

Harry's Parent's house. Check Treasure Trails for a Lacock Treasure Trail.



## **Woodland Adventurers - Woodland Adventures in Bath and Wiltshire**

Woodland Adventurers offers outdoor activities for children, families and groups aimed at exploring, playing and having the most amazing fun.

Kids (and their parents) will get a chance to explore their den building skills, to play woodland games such as capture the flag, bulldog and man hunt. Kids can feed and get in with our farm animals including pigs, sheep, ducks, rabbits and more.

Other fun activities include bushcraft, survival, camp fires, toasting marshmallows, camp fire cooking, hiking, exploring, climbing, assault courses, outdoor play, pottery, team games, and use of tools.

Woodland Adventurers offers kids a sense of freedom that encourages, nurtures and supports child initiated play aimed at building self-confidence, self-esteem and self-belief, as well as social skills and activity based skills.





## Flying Saucers

8 Weymouth St

Flying Saucers is a pottery painting cafe welcoming families and children of all ages to come and have some messy fun with beautiful results! Simply pick your own pottery from our wide range of readymade pieces and paint and decorate it with your own design or pattern. There's over 100 items to choose from, such as plates, mugs, moneyboxes, teapots or even a dinosaur or fairy!



## Crofton Beam Engines

14 locals recommend

Crofton Beam Engines is a fabulous place to bring the little ones. Both of the engines are over 200 years old and still works, fed by a coal fired Lancashire Boiler!

The grounds make a perfect spot for a picnic as they overlook the Kennet and Avon Canal.

The engines are operated by friendly and informative volunteers, who keep the boiler stoked with coal and supply explanations about how the engines and pumps work. Great for any budding engineers or historians.

There are also smaller engines to investigate.

Please be aware that although the engines are always there to look at, they will only be working (in steam) on certain days such as Bank Holidays so it is a good idea to check the website to find out when this is. Although the engines are still worth seeing even when static, the steam days may be a bit more exciting for the kids.



## Basset Down Golf Course

Hay Lane

Footgolf at Basset Down Golf Complex - Take the kids out for a game of footgolf at the Football Golf Course at Basset Down Golf Complex. With 18 holes to conquer and lots of natural obstacles, including trees, water and bunkers to overcome, your tots will certainly have a blast.

Playing footgolf is as easy as it gets! The goal is to kick a football into a large cup and use as little shots as possible to complete the course. What did we tell you - easy! This means kids can get involved and enjoy themselves just as much as adults. It's a great way to have fun outside as a family.



## Cholderton Charlie's at the Rare Breeds Farm

Amesbury Road

16 locals recommend

Cholderton Charlie's is a Rare Breed Survival Trust (RBST) registered Rare Breeds Farm, and is part of the Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm Park experience. Offering a fantastic-value, fun filled family day out, suitable for all ages and interests!

There are so many gorgeous animals for you to meet, feed, cuddle and pet, most of which are British Rare Breeds!

Down on The Farm they have: Pig Corner, Rabbit Village, Goat Mountain, Donkey Den, The Chicken Coop, Duck & Geese Ponds, Pony Pastures, Sheep Shelters and the Farmyard! All of these are displaying all their furry friends in great enclosures so all ages can easily see all of the animals!

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## WWT Slimbridge

Newgrounds Lane

98 locals recommend

Slimbridge Wetland Centre

Get closer to spring wildlife and feel renewed and refreshed by the vibrant energy of our wetlands at this time of year.



## Lydiard Park

42 locals recommend

Enjoy the natural beauty of the tranquil lake, rolling lawns and woodlands before heading for some fun in the playground! With colourful, state-of-the-art play and climbing equipment suitable for children of all ages, there's lots of fun to be had climbing, swinging and sliding.

The Georgian ornamental fruit and flower Walled Gardens have also been faithfully restored with stunning displays of flowers, fruit trees and topiary so that's better than ever and well worth a stop on the way round!

Although there are no clear strict rules mentioned it doesn't seem advisable to take ball games and whatnot from the park to the grounds of the house, the vast park being much better suited to running about and there are no posh plants to crush!



## Link Centre

Whitehill Way

15 locals recommend

The striking modern structure of the Link Centre houses an ice rink (recognised as a centre of excellence for both figure skating and ice hockey), with penguin skating aids available for kids.

Plus a 25 metre, deck level, pool (catering for a wide range of local swimmers and clubs), three 5-a-side outdoor football pitches with floodlighting and a state of the art gym plus the brand new Extreme trampoline park which opened in 2016.



## Melksham Library

**Astounding Archaeological Inventions at Melksham Library**  
Come and get hands on with real Astounding Inventions from the Stone Age all the way to World War Two! Explore with us and see how technology and techniques change throughout time! Join our special 'Astounding archaeological inventions' workshop at Melksham Library, Wiltshire for Heritage Open Days 2022 from 4:30– 6pm, Thursday 15 September. Stone Age to WW2 artefact handling will be used to explore the theme of 'astounding inventions' as the archaeological record shows astounding technological change throughout these periods.



## Tiny Bubbles @ Jester's Adventure Play

At Jesters Adventure Play zoned play areas add to the atmosphere of this labyrinthine adventure! Your kid can test the ball shower and ball erupting volcano in (oddly enough) The Ball Zone; play football or basket ball up in The Sports Zone; face the cool challenges of the obstacle courses of differing sizes in the Junior or Toddler Zones; and power your heels to the wheels for all your little revheads in The Cars Zone! Loads of fun imaginative bits that are pleasingly different from one another - not only making it fresh and interesting for the big kids (as they allow up to 12s!) but also helping smaller kids to remember their way around the frame!