



# Wiltshire Guidebook

## Sightseeing

The Old Granary is located in the centre of Wiltshire and you have direct access by foot straight onto the Marlborough Downs and the walk up to the Cherhill White Horse. Located near Marlborough, Avebury and Chippenham there is plenty to do locally including markets, walking, cycling and running. The local canals have fantastic walks, cafes and pubs. Bowood House and Gardens is nearby, there are golf courses, a spa and local swimming pools. Slightly further a field you can visit Stonehenge, Bath, Bradford on Avon, Cirencester, Cotswold Water Park and Longleat. There are artist open studios, cycling clubs and equestrian facilities, as well as canals and farmers markets.



### Avebury

333 locals recommend

Avebury is a Neolithic henge monument containing three stone circles, around the village of Avebury in Wiltshire, in southwest England. One of the best known prehistoric sites in Britain, it contains the largest megalithic stone circle in the world. That is pub and a National Trust cafe, gift shop and community shop.



### Bradford-on-Avon

Bradford-on-Avon is a town and civil parish in west Wiltshire, England, near the border with Somerset, which had a population of 9,402 at the 2011 census. The town's canal, historic buildings, shops, pubs and restaurants make it popular with tourists. The history of the town can be traced back to Roman origins.



## BOWOOD HOUSE AND GARDENS

Bowood House & Gardens is a lovely place to explore nature. There is a cafe and playground for kids.



## Avebury Manor

High Street

14 locals recommend

Avebury Manor & Garden is a National Trust property consisting of a Grade I listed early-16th-century manor house and its surrounding garden. It is in Avebury, near Marlborough, Wiltshire, England, in the centre of the village next to St James's Church and close to the Avebury neolithic henge monument. There is a small museum, cafe and shop near the house.



## Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum

A small friendly museum situated in the heart of Wiltshire (just down the road from The Old Granary). The majority of our exhibits are cars from the 1920's onwards. We also have a collection of motorcycles, mopeds and push bikes as well as interesting motoring memorabilia and a reconstructed 1930's style garage complete with cars.

During the summer (throughout April to October) the museum is open Tuesday-Sunday inclusive 11am-5pm and bank holidays.

Off season opening hours (throughout November, February and March) are Thursday-Sunday inclusive 11am-4pm.

Winter (December and January) - The Museum is closed.



## Devizes Market

Visit Devizes on a Thursday and Saturday for market day, or any other day for a walk around the town and shops.



## The Roman Baths

Abbey Churchyard

545 locals recommend

2,000 years of history are waiting for you to discover and explore.



## Salisbury Cathedral

303 locals recommend

Learn the secrets of Magna Carta and enjoy free guided tours from expert volunteers.



## The Salisbury Museum

65 The Close

42 locals recommend

Discover the collections at Salisbury Museum, ranging from Stonehenge archaeology to fine art and fashion. On this page we feature some of the highlights of the various collections held by the museum, but to explore the entire database of nearly 100,000 objects, please click on the button below. Please note that not all the items online are on display in the museum and most of the ceramics, fashion and social collections are in storage due to the Past Forward project.





## 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.

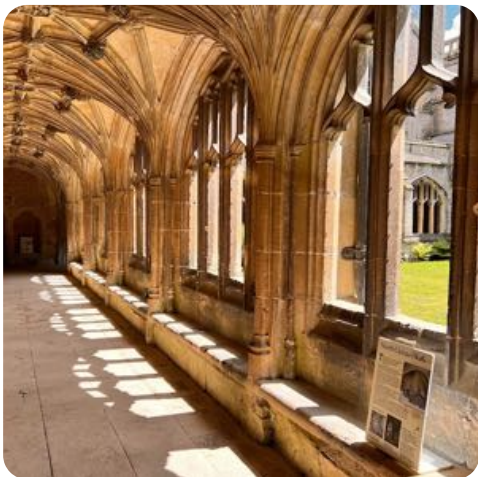
Take a ride on the narrow-gauge railway for a bird's eye view of the park.



## 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.



## Lacock Abbey

170 locals recommend

Country house with monastic roots, once home to William Henry Fox Talbot, inventor of the photographic negative. Lacock Abbey is a two pawprint rated place.



## Corsham Court

Church Street

42 locals recommend

Corsham Court is an English country house in a park designed by Capability Brown. This privately owned stately home with its significant art collection is open to visitors.



## **Malmesbury Abbey**

Gloucester Street

37 locals recommend

Malmesbury is a truly wonderful place to visit for the day or for a short break. Our stewards count approximately 65,000 visitors through the Abbey's Norman porch each year.



## **Highgrove Gardens**

55 locals recommend

Highgrove Gardens comprise a varied collection of landscapes, from the genteel environs of the Sundial Garden to the unstructured beauty of the Wildflower Meadow. There is much to discover in this extraordinary collection, a garden over 35 years in the making, created with passion, vision and dedication by HM The King Charles III.

The gardens encapsulate the unique ambience of Highgrove and showcase its rich variety of landscaping and flora and fauna.



## **chedworth roman villa**

Cradled in a beautiful Cotswold valley rest the remains of one of the grandest Roman villas in Britain



## **REME Museum**

Calne Road

Report to the REME Museum to be briefed on the exciting story of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers





## Stonehenge

679 locals recommend

Uncover the incredible story of one of the world's most famous places. This must-see monument is a powerful testament to human ingenuity, imagination and creativity, and a visit today offers something for everyone to enjoy.

Experience the unforgettable atmosphere of the Stone Circle and follow in the footsteps of the prehistoric people who lived here 4,000 years ago as you walk among the Neolithic houses. Dig deeper in the world-class exhibition, and take time to explore the monuments and mysteries of the wider Stonehenge landscape.

With plenty for the whole family to discover, book your ticket now for the best price and get ready for an unmissable day out at this iconic site.



## Chavenage House

30 locals recommend

Fans of Poldark may recognise Chavenage House.

"We hope that when you visit us, you will feel that you are in the relaxed atmosphere of a family house. At Chavenage you can escape into the peaceful surroundings of a Cotswold manor, virtually unchanged for 400 years." David Lowsley-Williams, Chavenage.



## Silbury Hill

46 locals recommend

Silbury Hill is a prehistoric artificial chalk mound near Avebury in the English county of Wiltshire. It is part of the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites UNESCO World Heritage Site.



## Devizes White Horse

Devizes White Horse, officially known as the Devizes Millennium White Horse, is a chalk hill figure of a horse located on Bank Field, an escarpment at Roundway Hill, on the outskirts of the town of Devizes above the hamlet of Roundway.



## Marlborough White Horse

Marlborough White Horse, also called the Preshute White Horse, is a hill figure on Granham Hill, a fairly shallow slope of the downland above the hamlet of Preshute, southwest of Marlborough.



## Alton Barnes White Horse

30 Long St

14 locals recommend

Alton Barnes White Horse is a chalk hill figure of a white horse located on Milk Hill some 1,000 metres north of the village of Alton, Wiltshire, England. The horse is approximately 180 feet high and 160 feet long, and was cut in 1812 under the commission of local farmer Robert Pile.



## Pewsey White Horse

7 locals recommend

Pewsey White Horse is a hill figure of a white horse near the village of Pewsey, Wiltshire, England. Cut of chalk in 1937, it replaces an earlier horse that had disappeared under the grass and is one of eight remaining white horses in Wiltshire.



## Hackpen White Horse

45 Wiltshire Cres

Hackpen White Horse is a chalk hill figure of a white horse on Hackpen Hill, located below The Ridgeway on the edge of the Marlborough Downs, two miles south east of Broad Hinton, Wiltshire, England. It is one of nine white horse hill figures located in Wiltshire.



## Bratton Camp and White Horse

Port Way

28 locals recommend

Westbury or Bratton White Horse is a hill figure on the escarpment of Salisbury Plain, approximately 1.5 mi east of Westbury in Wiltshire, England. Located on the edge of Bratton Downs and lying just below an Iron Age hill fort, it is the oldest of several white horses carved in Wiltshire.



## Alexander Keiller Museum

One of the most important prehistoric archaeological collections in Britain is housed in the Stables Gallery, and including many artefacts from the World Heritage Site (WHS) monuments.

The Barn Gallery (belonging to the National Trust) tells the story of the WHS, its monuments, and the people associated with it.

Both galleries included in admission.





## American Museum & Gardens

64 locals recommend

The American Museum in Britain takes you on a journey through the history of America and is the only museum of Americana outside the United States. It was founded to bring American history and cultures to the people of Britain and Europe. The museum has lots to see and do including organising craft and object-handling events during school holidays. There is a Kids Trail through the Period Rooms, with chance to dress up as a Pilgrim, Pioneer or Cowboy, and there are interactive touch screens in the American Heritage Exhibition and Folk Art Gallery, plus lots of lawn space for running around!



## West Kennet Long Barrow

Gunsite Road

34 locals recommend

One of the largest, most impressive and most accessible Neolithic chambered tombs in Britain. Built in around 3650 BC, it was used for a short time as a burial chamber, nearly 50 people being buried here before the chambers were blocked. Part of the Avebury World Heritage Site.

West Kennet Long Barrow is in private ownership and in English Heritage guardianship. It is managed by The National Trust on behalf of English Heritage, and the two organisations share the cost of managing and maintaining the property.



## Bowood Woodland Gardens

Devizes Road

# Walking with & without Dogs



## **Cherhill White Horse**

15 locals recommend



## **Roundway Hill Covert, Devizes, UK**

Roundway Down is an Iron Age hill fort on the outskirts of Devizes and is an imposing sight. This steep hill can be seen for miles around. I often spot it when driving through Farleigh Hungerford in Somerset, and it must be 15 miles from there as the crow flies. Under fire from the guns and musketeers of the Parliamentarian infantry and artillery, the Royalist cavalry charged the hill. The Parliamentarian ranks, shaken by the charges, finally broke and fled, Wilmot's Royalists had secured the greatest cavalry victory of the entire English Civil War.



## **Bowood**

Calstone Fishing Lake is owned by Bowood. It is a 10 minute walk from The Old Granary through the fields. The lake is a Rainbow Trout fishing lake, but tickets are annual. See our sports guide for other fishing opportunities in the area.



## Beckhampton Stables Ltd

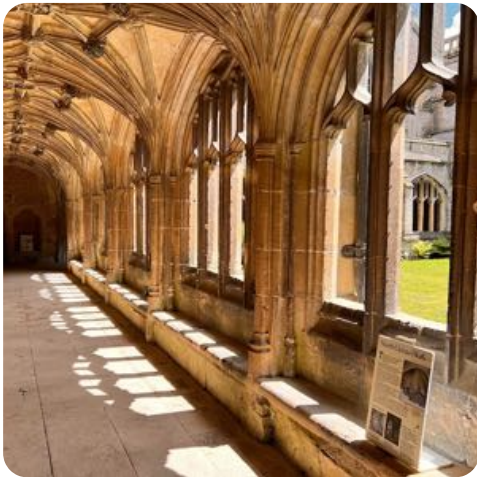
Just down the road and known as the gallops. You will find a large layby with parking for cars. This is a huge expanse of the downs where people walk with and without dogs.

PLEASE NOTE: this is only open after midday for walkers as the race horses train before that time. You can watch them training from the layby parking before midday. Open all day on Sunday.



## St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church is based in Calstone Wellington in the foothills of the downs. Visit the village and church for a walk around the village, down to the lake and into the downs.



## Lacock Abbey

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## Caen Hill Locks

53 locals recommend

The Kennet & Avon Canal has awesome examples of canal engineering. The 16 locks that form the steepest part of the flight at Caen Hill are not only a scheduled ancient monument, they are an Olympic sized challenge every boater must do. This 'wonder of the waterway' is literally a rite of passage (Or should that be a flight of passage?).





### **Savernake Forest, Marlborough SN8, UK**

Walkers will enjoy the nearby Savernake Forest, to the southeast of the town. Head here during late spring for the bluebells and in autumn for the fantastic colours. The North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty encompasses much of the countryside around Marlborough and there are ample walking and cycling routes throughout this area. Marlborough is also located very close to the Avebury World Heritage Site.



### **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.



### **Towpath Tails Dog Park**

Towpath Tails Dog Park Where dogs have fun in safety Dog play and agility park in Wootton Rivers, Wiltshire.



## The Ridgeway National Trail

A4

8 locals recommend

The Ridgeway National Trail is one of 15 National Trails in England and Wales. You can follow a route that has been used since Prehistoric times, by soldiers, travellers and herdsmen, as you pass through ancient landscapes full of loads of great wildlife to spot, plus interesting archaeological sites.

Along the Trail, you can see forts and castles, the Bronze Age White Horse, and standing stones, plus watch swans and boats on the Thames. Chilterns Beech woods and Waylands smithy can also be found along the way, and Avebury World Heritage centre is at one end of the Trail. There's always something happening, from village fetes to local farmers markets, so check out the event listing to see what is on. If you want to walk as much as possible, you can complete the whole trail in about a week, or you can visit for the day and choose a section to explore.



## Pewsey Downs

Pewsey Downs is a 305.3 hectare biological Site of Special Scientific Interest on the southern edge of the Marlborough Downs north of Pewsey in Wiltshire, notified in 1951. It includes the Pewsey Downs National Nature Reserve.

# Sports & Entertainment



## The Parade Cinema Marlborough

The Parade

7 locals recommend

Our bar & café and beautiful courtyard garden is a great place to meet friends, whether you are watching a film or not.

Our café opens from 9.30am every day for coffee, tea and homemade cakes. Our café menu is available from 11.30am offering light lunches, sharing platters, wraps, pizzas, hot dogs and waffles.

Both the bar and kitchen close fifteen minutes after the last film goes in.

We have a fully stocked bar serving cocktails, beer, cider, and a fantastic selection of wines from Yapp Brothers. From the 1st of January we will be serving homemade alcohol free cocktails for those participating in dry January! These include: Passionfruit Martini, Espresso Martini, Pina Colada and Mojito!



## Castle Combe Circuit

30 locals recommend

The West Country's home of motorsport that's been welcoming fans of racing, car shows & events for the past 70 years. There are race days and show - check their website!



## Bowood Golf & Country Club

the Official PGA Golf Course and Golf Academy for the South West, England. Enjoy superb play at our stunning 18-hole PGA Golf Course. Play for a day or join one of the best golf clubs in Wiltshire.





## Cheltenham Racecourse

Evesham Road

285 locals recommend

Cheltenham Racecourse and Festival host some of the biggest race days in the country.



## Gotherington Fields, Cheltenham GL52, UK

PRESCOTT SPEED HILL CLIMB, Established 1938 by The Bugatti Owners' Club. Our history as a Club began with a dinner at Simpsons in the Strand. After searching for a suitable venue for some time Prescott was purchased from the Ellenborough estate in 1937. The preparation work and inaugural events occurred in 1938. The rest as they say is history...



## Wiltshire Narrowboats/Oxfordshire Narrowboats

Hire a canal boat for a day! You don't have to spend a fortune to enjoy life afloat. We offer day hire for up to 10pp per boat from mid March to the October Half Term. Give it a try with family or friends - a lazy day afloat...



## Fly Away Ballooning

Experience Hot Air Ballooning

We offer Private and Shared ballooning experiences across the South of England.

Experience a sensation of floating, serenity and spectacular vistas as you drift in the open air with 360-degree views surrounding you.

Whatever the occasion allow us to take you on your own adventure and share this unique experience with your partner, friends or family.



## **Cloudbase Paragliding Ltd**

Based in our new location at Membury Airfield, near Hungerford, Berkshire (previously at Redlands Airfield, Swindon), we are a well established paragliding school offering all levels of paraglider training from Air Experience Flights through to BHPA Club Pilot and beyond to tow endorsements, tandem flying and cross country.



## **Bowood Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort**

10 locals recommend

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## **City/town information**



## **Bibury**

Bibury is a charming Cotswold village just a short drive along country roads from "The Capital of the Cotswolds", Cirencester in Gloucestershire.



## Bradford-on-Avon Marina

With the River Avon at its heart, the golden town of Bradford on Avon lies at the southern edge of the Cotswolds, surrounded by glorious countryside. It is no wonder that this special place has drawn people to the area since the Iron Age – for many different reasons.

The Saxons drove their carts across the ‘broad ford’ that gave the town its name, and you can follow in their path today, on your way to the impressive Tithe Barn – described by English Heritage as:

“One of the largest medieval barns in England, and architecturally one of the finest.”



## Tetbury

Tetbury is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and the second largest town in the Cotswolds. It is the home of King Charles III and Camilla, Queen Consort of the United Kingdom. Tetbury was an important market for Cotswold wool and yarn during the Middle Ages. Today, it is better associated with boutique shops, great food, and its Royal Connections.



## Lacock

148 locals recommend

Lacock village is near the town of Chippenham (3 miles) in North Wiltshire.

The village, which dates from the 13th century and has many limewashed half-timbered and stone houses, was used as a location in the TV and film productions of *Pride and Prejudice*, *Moll Flanders* and *Emma*. The Abbey also featured in the recent *Harry Potter* films.





## City Centre

An elegant city full of traditional heritage, contemporary culture, green spaces and a few surprises.

Built for pleasure and relaxation, beautiful Bath has been a wellbeing destination since Roman times. The waters are still a big draw, both at the ancient Roman Baths and the thoroughly modern Thermae Bath Spa, which houses the only natural thermal hot springs in Britain you can bathe in.

Bath's compact, visitor-friendly centre is overflowing with places to eat and drink, plus some of the finest independent shops in Britain, making it the ideal city break. Immerse yourself in Bath's remarkable collection of museums and galleries, and enjoy year-round festivals, theatre, music and sports.

Bath's stunning honey-coloured Georgian architecture is straight from a Jane Austen novel – highlights include the iconic Royal Crescent and the majestic Circus.

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## Shopping



### Pillars Antiques

From buttons to wardrobes. Antique furniture, Garden accessories, house clearance and reclamation is our business and we take pride in welcoming you to Pillars



## High St, Marlborough SN8, UK

High Street is one of the widest in the UK and lined on both sides with characterful old buildings housing an array of high quality shops. Marlborough has been recently ranked as the second best place to shop in England by The Harper Dennis Hobbs' (HDH) annual Vitality Rankings.

The town displays the confidence of wealth from times past, yet today remains vibrant and progressive with its own chic café culture and many independent shops.

The Merchant's House - one of the finest 17th century middle-class homes open to visitors in England - is also to be found on the High Street here and contains a wealth of period features, paintings and artefacts and on-going restoration.

Also on Marlborough's High Street is St Peter's Church, now a community centre. At certain times visitors can do a tower tour for great views over the town.



## The Merchant's House

132 High St

8 locals recommend

A glorious restoration of a 17th century silk merchant's house with a gift shop attached.



## Lowden Garden Centre

Folly Lane

10 locals recommend

Great garden centre with indoor and outdoor cafe for year round visits.

An eclectic mix of the finest home grown and responsibly sourced plants and trees, coupled with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

### The Restaurant

The perfect place to unwind, choose from fantastic daily specials, light bites, or just cup of coffee with a slab of delicious homemade cake.

### The Farm Shop

Brimming with the freshest local produce, alongside everything you need for your store cupboard and not forgetting the Lowden Butchers!



## Great Grooms of Hungerford

Charnham Street

One of many antique shops in Hungerford. "Good selection of high quality collectables and furniture across 3 floors"

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## Dogs



## Hale Veterinary Group, Chippenham Hospital

A reliable vet in Calne and Chippenham with out of hours service.





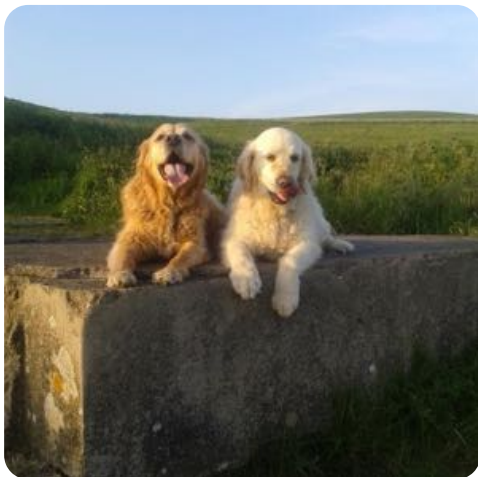
## Calne Pet Supplies

A lovely pet supplies and dog shop with great treats!



## Chalkland Vets

A reliable vet in Chippenham with out of hours service.



## All Weather Walkie's & Pet Care

Dog care backup that you could try. All Weather Walkie's are around the corner from us.

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# Spa



Photo of recommendation

**The Spa at Bowood**

