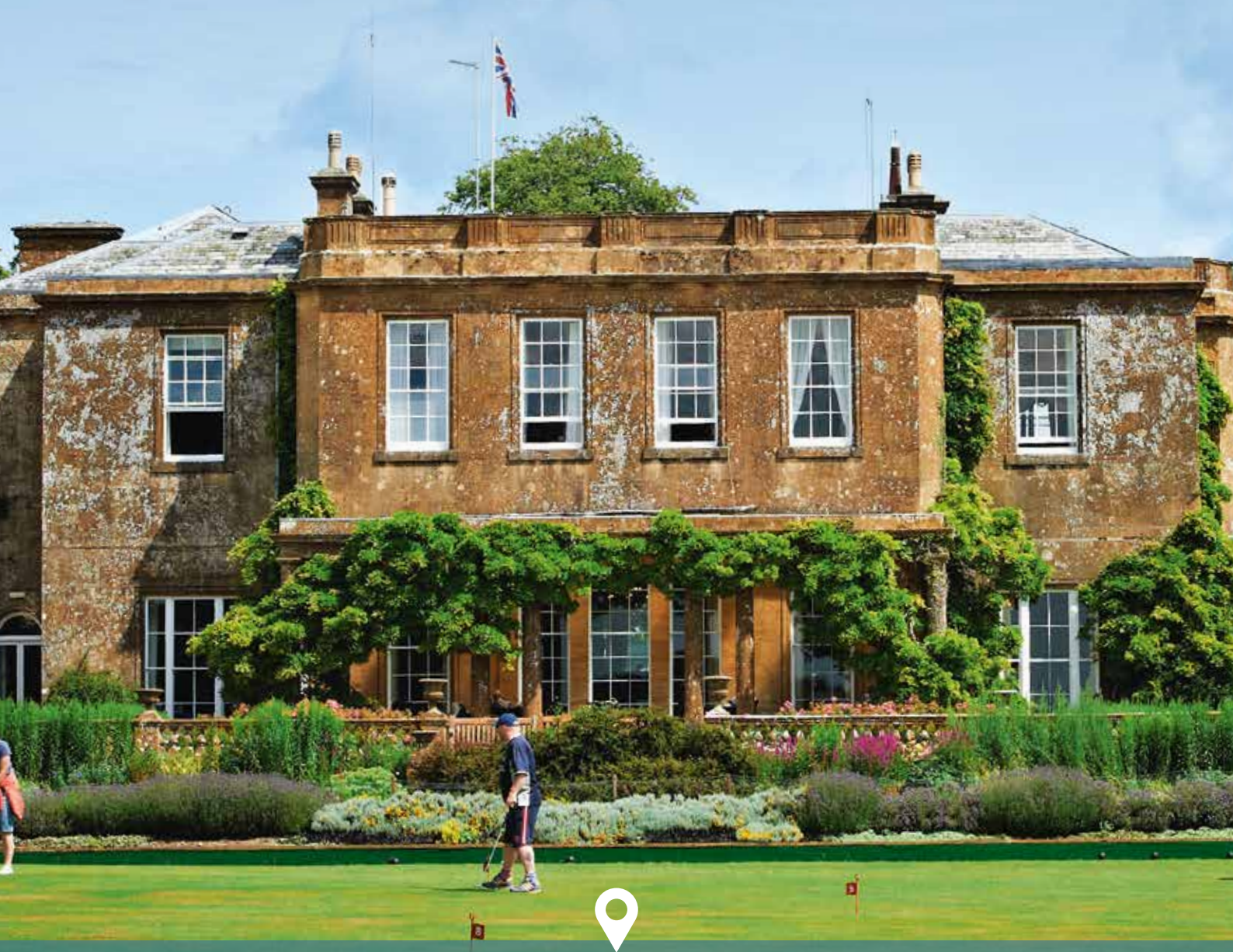




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Cricket St. Thomas & Somerset

Discover our hotel and the outdoors

Places to visit

Our local towns and cities have inspired artists for centuries.

Our favourite local destinations feature seaside settlements and historic trails, taking in the historic city of Exeter and the infamous Cobb harbour of Lyme Regis, surely one of the must-see places to visit in Somerset.

Things to do

Cricket St. Thomas is close to some of the best things to do in Somerset, including its most iconic country houses. Steeped in history and boasting some of the region's finest parkland, these are considered some of Somerset's must-see attractions... but there's also a cider mill to explore for a different, more laid-back kind of local tradition.



We've partnered with ViewRanger to create walking and cycling routes for all levels of ability – tap [here](#) for more info.



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THE BEST OF OUR GROUNDS AND GARDENS

We've got over 160 acres of gardens for you to explore – that's as big as one-and-a-half Vatican Cities, but the similarity ends there. Ours feature hilly parkland, pristine gardens, sheep-strewn farmland and our sparkling lakes. With so much to see, we've hand-picked three of the best things to visit within Cricket St. Thomas' grounds:

The Church of Cricket St. Thomas

Originally built in the 14th century and rebuilt in 1868, this Grade II listed church features a white marble statue of St. Michael, which for many years was stored flat because the ghostly white figure scared the locals when it was dark.



Cricket Old House

Perhaps more famous for its role as Grantleigh Manor in 'To The Manor Born', Cricket St. Thomas house has been standing in one form or another for around 600 years. We've kept its history intact while also letting you experience it with a spot of tea and cake.

The Old Wildlife Park

Now replaced with immaculately sculpted gardens, woodland walks, and grassy parkland, look closely as you explore and you might just be able to make out where the elephants and camels once roamed.



TOWNS AND CITIES

Somerset may be most famous for its countryside, but it's not all wilderness – whether you're looking to browse the shops, meander along the riverside, or kick your feet in the sand, we've selected the best places to visit near Cricket St. Thomas:

Lyme Regis

The Dorset town of Lyme Regis is notable for its fossil cliffs, stony and sandy beaches, and the iconic Cobb harbour, possibly the only landmark to be made famous by both Jane Austen and Meryl Streep. While there are some steep routes, there's also plenty of easy walking to explore.



DT7 3HX
27-minute drive



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Exeter City

With free guided tours, underground passages, 900-year-old cathedral, volcanic stone city wall and quayside gazing out over the River Exe, there's more to Exeter than just retail therapy – although the shopping is pretty spectacular too.



EX1 1EU
50-minute drive



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Yeovil Country Park

The five areas of Yeovil Country Park include the wooded hillside of Ninesprings, open grassland of Summerhouse Hill, the lime tree-topped Wyndham Hill, shrubs and trees of Penn Hill Park, and the meandering Riverside Walk, home to birds, butterflies and otters, with routes for all walking levels.



BA20 2RH
40-minute drive



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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

When we asked our team to suggest the best places to visit near Cricket St. Thomas we could never have predicted this top four. An eclectic mix that has something for everyone, whether it's National Trust houses, a spot of seaside serenity, or a boozy afternoon in the orchard:

Beer Beach

A shingle beach surrounded by white chalk cliffs, the village of Beer is quintessential Jurassic Coast. Guided tours of the 2,000-year-old man-made caves run several times a day, and mackerel-laden boats deliver fresh catches to the village's eateries.



EX12 3BZ
35-minute drive



Free parking at
the caves



Perry Cider Mill

This award-winning cidery has been using only Somerset apples for almost 100 years, and still operates on the same farm as they did in 1920.

Take in their working mills, locally sourced café, and museum housed in a 16th century thatched barn – Somerset to a tea (or cider).



TA19 0NY
12-minute drive



Free parking
on-site

Barrington Court

A Tudor manor house that has stood since the 1550s, Barrington Court is surrounded by a moat filled with ducks and dragonflies. When you cross the bridge you'll find a series of garden 'rooms', each with their own themes, as well as a working kitchen garden.



TA19 0NQ
21-minute drive



10am – 5pm
£10 per person
Free for National
Trust members



Free parking



Montacute House

Almost unchanged since the Elizabethan era, this grade I listed building was built in 1598 and boasts the longest Long Gallery in England, five different garden areas, and the first ever National Portrait Gallery local partnership, featuring a collection of 16th and 17th century pieces.



TA15 6XP
25-minute drive



10am – 7pm
£10 per person
Free for National
Trust members



Free parking



GRAB & GO




Heading out for a busy day sightseeing and want to grab a bite to eat on the go? We've got you covered. As well as our packed lunch (perfect for taking with you for a full day out), we also offer a range of grab-and-go options, including:


SANDWICHES & BAGUETTES

all served with crunchy slaw on white or brown bloomer

Prawn, avocado, dill & mayonnaise 7.75 | 8.25

Honey roast ham with wholegrain mustard 7.25 | 7.75

Red Leicester cheese with onion chutney  7.25 | 7.75

Chunky egg with cress, mayonnaise & roquette  7.00 | 7.50

BETROOT WRAPS

all served with crunchy slaw

Chickpea, avocado, red onion, carrot, mayonnaise & spinach  7.75

Tuna with cheese, spring onion, celery & paprika mayonnaise 8.00

CREAM TEA FOR TWO

Fruit or plain scones, clotted cream, butter, preserves and a choice of tea or coffee 11.95

TIME FOR CAKE

Slice of cake 3.85


ask your host for today's selection

Cream tea for two 11.95

fruit or plain scones, clotted cream, butter, preserves, a choice of tea or coffee

Toasted teacake  3.75

with butter

Fruit or plain scone  3.75

with clotted cream & strawberry jam

And if you're a bit like us and struggle to function without your morning cuppa, we've got grab-and-go hot drinks too!

Visit our coffee shop or café during opening hours to order yours

VIEWRANGER AT CRICKET ST. THOMAS

What is ViewRanger?

ViewRanger is one of the world's leading digital exploring guides, available for all Apple and Android devices, that lets you explore local areas on foot or by bike like never before. We've joined forces to provide a few routes around our hotels and villages for all levels of fitness. With ViewRanger you can follow the map with or without a data connection, with viewpoints, interesting attractions and helpful advice along the way.

How do I download ViewRanger?

It couldn't be simpler!

- 1 Go to your phone or tablet's app store
- 2 Search for "**ViewRanger**" and download "**ViewRanger - Hiking Trails & Bike Rides**" by Augmentra
- 3 Use the below web address or scan the QR code and it'll open up with our selection of routes for **Cricket St. Thomas** (it's up to you whether to create an account, although we do recommend it).

How do I get going?

Simply tap the signpost button in the top left corner of the app and select your chosen route. You can do this from the starting point or back at the hotel, and you can even download the route so there's no need to use up your data allowance while you're wandering.



All of the routes are self-guided so that you can do them at a time and pace that suits you. Here are a few tips to help you enjoy your adventure:

- Check the weather and be prepared with wet weather gear, or a coat, hat and maybe sunscreen when necessary
- Wear sensible shoes or walking boots, most of our routes are on well-worn paths, tracks, trails or woodland and pastoral land. There might be some muddy areas, gates or stiles to cross
- Pack a bottle of water, not all routes have a café or pub en-route
- Capture the beautiful countryside with your camera
- Take your mobile phone just in case of emergency



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