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# EXPLORE

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**Littlecote House Hotel & Berkshire**

Discover our hotel and the outdoors

### Places to visit

Berkshire is home to a unique collection of places to visit, including shopping trips, horse racing, ancient monuments and... Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry? Lacock village, just one of our places to visit in Berkshire, is a planned town that has been used for the Harry Potter films thanks to its olde worlde feel. Or travel far back in time and visit the Neolithic stone circle at Avebury, steeped in ancient magic and mystery.

### Things to do

The ancient houses of Blenheim Palace, Ashdown House and Highclere Castle, represent some of the best things to do in Berkshire, boasting a wealth of history, expansive gardens, and of course now popular as the home of Downton Abbey too. With acres of open space to explore and a millennia of human activity to discover, these houses are perfect for a day out whatever the weather.



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



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# THE BEST OF OUR GROUNDS AND GARDENS

Littlecote House has been inhabited through Roman times, the Tudor age, World War II and beyond. With so much history it's easy to find something interesting without leaving our grounds, and our team have picked out three of their favourite things to see nearby:

## **Roman mosaic**

Just a short walk from the hotel door you'll find the remains of the Roman villa at Littlecote. It dates back to 360AD and at its heart is the intricate Orpheus Mosaic, sheltered from the elements under a wooden roof.



## **Kitchen gardens**

First planted in the 16th century to provide culinary and medicinal supplies (as well as provide a home for friendly bees), these gardens are surrounded by historic walls and feature a Victorian greenhouse.

## **Ice House and woodland walk**

Make sure you've got your walking shoes on – the atmospheric woodland walk can often get a little muddy, but brave it and you'll be rewarded with a look at the 17th century Ice House, once used to supply the house and store food.



# PARKS AND STATELY HOMES

The parks, woods and lakes that surround Littlecote House make for a fantastic day out, and intrepid explorers can even make their way to Downton Abbey (otherwise known as Highclere Castle) or Blenheim Palace to enjoy a taste of the high life.

## Lydiard Park

Expansive parkland, two lakes, pockets of woodland, a six-section Georgian walled garden with fruit trees and colourful flowers, Lydiard Park is as big as 200 football pitches and home to roe deer, badgers, woodpeckers and tawny owls (amongst others).



SN5 3PA  
35-minute drive



7.30am – dusk



£4.40 all day  
parking



## Cotswold Water Park

Stretching out over 40 square miles (that's as big as 250 Vatican Cities) with 14 individual nature reserves and 170 lakes, this is a birdwatcher's paradise. 20,000 waterfowl winter in the park, often taking to flight en masse if one of the local peregrine falcons is hunting.



GL7 6FJ  
50-minute drive



9am – 5pm



Pay and display  
parking

## Blenheim Palace and Gardens

Built in the early 1700s during the short-lived English Baroque architectural period, Blenheim Palace's extensive grounds include the Formal Gardens with their majestic water terraces, private Italian garden, rose garden and more, as well as the beautiful lake and famous Grand Bridge.



OX20 1UL  
1 hour drive



9.30am – 6pm  
£28.50



Free parking



## Highclere Castle

Also known as Downton Abbey, the Highclere Castle estate dates back to 749AD, with the present-day castle completed in 1842. Set within 1,000 acres of parkland and surrounded by six individual gardens, you could walk all day here.



RG20 9RN  
31-minute drive



Opening times  
restricted  
during winter  
– please visit their  
website for details



Free parking



## Ashdown House

A 17th century Dutch-style house on the edge of Oxfordshire (it was officially ‘moved’ from Berkshire in 1974), much of the house is off-limits due to its tenant (Pete Townshend of ‘The Who’ fame), but the gardens and nearby Ashdown Woods provide walking routes with panoramic views of the countryside.



RG17 8RE  
28-minute drive



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Free parking

# TOWNS AND VILLAGES

Market towns, famous racecourses, Neolithic monuments and a village that has remained unchanged for 200 years... the towns and villages around Littlecote House are utterly unique, each a cracking day out in its own right.

## Marlborough

Boasting one of the widest high streets in the UK, lined on both sides by characterful, historic buildings and an array of high-quality shops, Marlborough is ideal for a day's shopping. Visit on Wednesday or Saturday for market day.



SN8 1HD  
24-minute drive



Pay & Display  
readily available



## Newbury

The historic market town of Newbury is well known for its racecourse, canal, shopping and castles (more on them later). With plenty of walking and cycling routes nearby (most featuring a pub or two on the way), it's perfect for a day of exploring.



Pay & Display  
parking



RG14 1AY  
23-minute drive



## Lacock

Unique in that the National Trust owns most of the village, Lacock looks the same now as it did 200 years ago. This medieval planned village has featured in 'Pride and Prejudice', 'Cranford' and the 'Harry Potter' films.



SN15 2LG  
54-minute drive



## Avebury

Surrounded by the world's largest Neolithic stone circle, the earliest part of the Avebury monument dates to around 3,000BC.

Walking routes take in various landmarks, from Windmill Hill to the mysterious structure of 'The Sanctuary', approximately 4,500 years old.



SN8 1RD  
31-minute drive



## 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 AND BAGUETTES

(all served with pickled vegetables on white or brown bloomer, gluten-free bread available on request)

SANDWICHES | BAGUETTES

- Prawn, avocado, dill & mayonnaise **7.25 | 7.75**
- Honey-roast ham with wholegrain mustard **6.75 | 7.25**
- Red Leicester cheese with onion chutney (V) **6.75 | 7.25**
- Chunky egg with cress, mayonnaise & rocket (V) **6.50 | 6.95**

### BETROOT WRAPS (all served with pickled vegetables)

- Chickpea, avocado, red onion, carrot, mayonnaise & spinach (VE) **7.25**
- Tuna with cheese, spring onion, celery & paprika mayonnaise **7.50**

### PLOUGHMAN'S PLATTER

Hand-carved meats with sliced pickled onion, golden beetroot piccalilli,  
Red Leicester cheese, apple, boiled egg, mini pork pie **14.00 for two | 8.50 for one**

### CREAM TEA FOR TWO

Fruit or plain scones, clotted cream, butter, preserves and a choice of tea or coffee **10.95**

### CAKE SELECTIONS

Giant rainbow cake **4.95**

Toasted teacake | Fruit or plain scone with clotted cream & strawberry jam | Raspberry Victoria sponge | Carrot cake | Lemon meringue slice | Caramel & ginger slice | Lemon drizzle cake  
Caramel shortcake slice | Fruit cake | Sachertorte slice | Chocolate brownie | Lemon Grove cake (VE)  
All **3.50**

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 LITTLECOTE HOUSE HOTEL

## What is ViewRanger?

ViewRanger is one of the world's leading digital walking guides, available for all Apple and Android devices, that lets you explore local areas and walking routes 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 walks for **Littlecote House Hotel** (it's up to you whether to create an account, although we do recommend it).

## How do I get walking?

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 walks 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 this walk:**

- 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 walks 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 walks have a café or pub en-route
- Capture the beautiful countryside with your camera
- Take your mobile phone just in case of emergency

[www.littlecotehouse.co.uk/walks](http://www.littlecotehouse.co.uk/walks)



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