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Welcome to Gunton Hall
Reception



Gunton Hall & Suffolk

Discover our hotel and the outdoors

Places to visit

Many of the top places to visit in Suffolk are within an easy drive of both Corton and Gunton Hall, including some of the best beaches in England and along the East Coast. Whether you prefer soft or stony beaches, the traditional seaside experience or contemporary modern art sculptures in the sand, our local guide to Suffolk has something for everyone.

Things to do

The Norfolk Broads are one of England's best-loved tourist attractions – but with so much focus on the Broads, some of the area's hidden gems are easy to miss. We asked our teams at Corton and Gunton to recommend some of the best things to do in Suffolk that might be a little off the beaten track, and the results include a classic stately home and one of the most underappreciated nature reserves in the country.

THE BEST OF OUR GROUNDS AND GARDENS

We're so proud of our grounds here at Gunton Hall, with formal gardens, the beautiful lake, and the abundance of daffodils we enjoy every springtime. Our team have picked out three of their favourite things to do within the grounds, just for you:

The lake

The half-mile walk that surrounds our lake leads directly to our waterside hide, perfect for watching the birds flitter between the woodland and the water, with the relaxing sound of our fountains in the background. The jetty provides a unique photo opportunity.



Walled garden

Hidden away from the hustle and bustle of the hotel, our walled garden provides absolute tranquillity, particularly on a summer's day. When everything's in bloom and the sun is shining down there's no place we'd rather be.

Our wildlife

If you keep your eyes peeled there's a hive of animal activity going on at Gunton Hall, from muntjac deer to our bustling bug hotels. Every season is different, with migrating wildfowl taking a break on the lake and of course baby season in springtime.



THE GUNTON AREA

Did you know that we've got three unique nature reserves just a stone's throw from our doorstep? Each of these unique environments is within walking distance, just ask our friendly Reception team for directions.

Gunton Meadow

Gunton Meadow is relatively small but fits a lot into a small space, a rich grassland with perfect ponds for newts and frogs while butterflies and finches flutter above a colourful tapestry of wildflowers.



NR32 4TZ
11-minute walk



Gunton Warren

With grassland, lowland heath and a sandy beach, Gunton Warren is unique in Suffolk as an unspoilt wildlife paradise. Adders and lizards can often be seen basking on WWII pillboxes, while in June the beautiful green hairstreak butterfly comes out in force.



NR32 4PQ
25-minute walk

Gunton Wood

You can walk straight from the foot of our grounds into this enchanting woodland. With some areas well-maintained and others deliberately left to grow wild, the winding pathways are ideal for a relaxing afternoon wander.



NR32 4LE
25-minute walk



OUT AND ABOUT

Venture a little further afield from our grounds and you'll find some of Suffolk's best days out, from quiet parks to wildlife wildernesses, and of course the world-famous Norfolk Broads aren't far away either.

Oulton Broad

Just a mile west of Lowestoft, Oulton Broad offers year-round watersports, family-run cafés, fishing sports, and Nicholas Everitt Park, an Edwardian garden that's ideal for watching the sailing and powerboat racing (Thursday evenings, Apr – Sep).

 NR33 9JR 10-minute drive	 7am – 9pm	 Parking £1 p/h up to £5
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Orford Ness National Nature Reserve

Well worth the drive, take a short boat trip to this wild and remote shingle spit (Europe's largest) to enjoy quiet walks by the lagoons and spot some truly unique wildlife, including Ness hare (larger than their mainland relatives) and Chinese water deer, escapees from local deer parks.

 IP21 2NU 59-minute drive	 10am - 5pm May; Saturday only Jun: Saturday & Sunday Jul/Aug: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday	 Pay & Display Parking
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The Scallop at Aldeburgh Beach

The seaside town of Aldeburgh is a postcard-perfect seaside town with plenty to see and a rich artistic history, but it's the four-metre high 'Scallop', designed by Suffolk's own Maggi Hambling, that makes it unique. Sound is focused at its centre, creating a unique sensory experience.

 IP15 5BH 50-minute drive	 Pay & Display Parking
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Carlton Marshes

“A great day out and you can walk for hours” is how our team describe Carlton Marshes, a network of flower-studded marshes that is home to birds of prey, water vole, wildfowl, and an astonishing 28 species of dragonfly. Don't forget your wellies if it's been raining.



NR33 8HU
12-minute drive



Free entry



Free parking



Lound Lakes

A birdwatcher's dream, the mixture of woodland, grassland, meadows and open water have created a paradise for wildfowl.

Over 140 species of bird have been recorded here over the last five years, from migrating visitors to permanent residents, as well as several kinds of bat.



NR31 9AU
9-minute drive



Free parking

Somerleyton Hall and Gardens

One of the UK's finest stately homes, Somerleyton Hall boasts some of the finest gardens in East Anglia, now being reimaged into a series of interconnected 'rooms', each garden different from the last. Somerleyton also features its own tea room and gastro-pub.



NR32 5QQ
9-minute drive



Opening times restricted – please visit their website for details



Free parking



BEST OF THE BEACHES

We're lucky to be near some of the best beaches in the UK, and with so many seaside destinations to choose from we've put together this handy guide to just a few of our favourites to help you decide.

Horsey Gap Beach

This quiet, uncluttered beach is perfect for a summer walk, and is home to a colony of grey seals who can often be seen bobbing around in the bay. Between Nov – Jan they come ashore to raise their pups and can be watched from dedicated viewing platforms.



NR29 4BH
30-minute drive



Pay and display
parking



Gorleston-on-Sea Beach

With pristine yellow sands, a small lido, grassy cliffs, pitch-and-putt, bowling greens, floral gardens and a promenade with ice cream vans and fish and chip shops, Gorleston-on-Sea offers the quintessential British seaside experience.



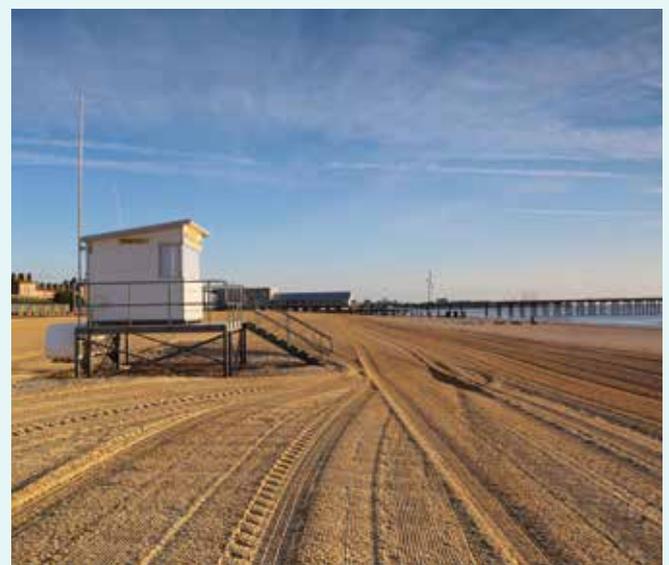
NR31 6BU
13-minute drive



Free parking

Lowestoft Beach

Lowestoft's sandy beaches have won awards for their maintenance, cleanliness and safety, and it really shows. Stretching either side of Claremont Pier, their golden sands have been welcoming holidaymakers for decades. We recommend arriving early to reserve the softest sand for yourself.



NR33 0BS
8-minute drive



£1.10 p/h
parking

Southwold

Southwold is almost an island, bordered by the North Sea, River Blyth and Southwold harbour – in fact, there’s only one road in or out. As well as its famous pier, the town also boasts a working lighthouse, pristine beach, and some of the region’s finest tea rooms.



IP18 6LT
30-minute drive



£1.20 p/h
parking

