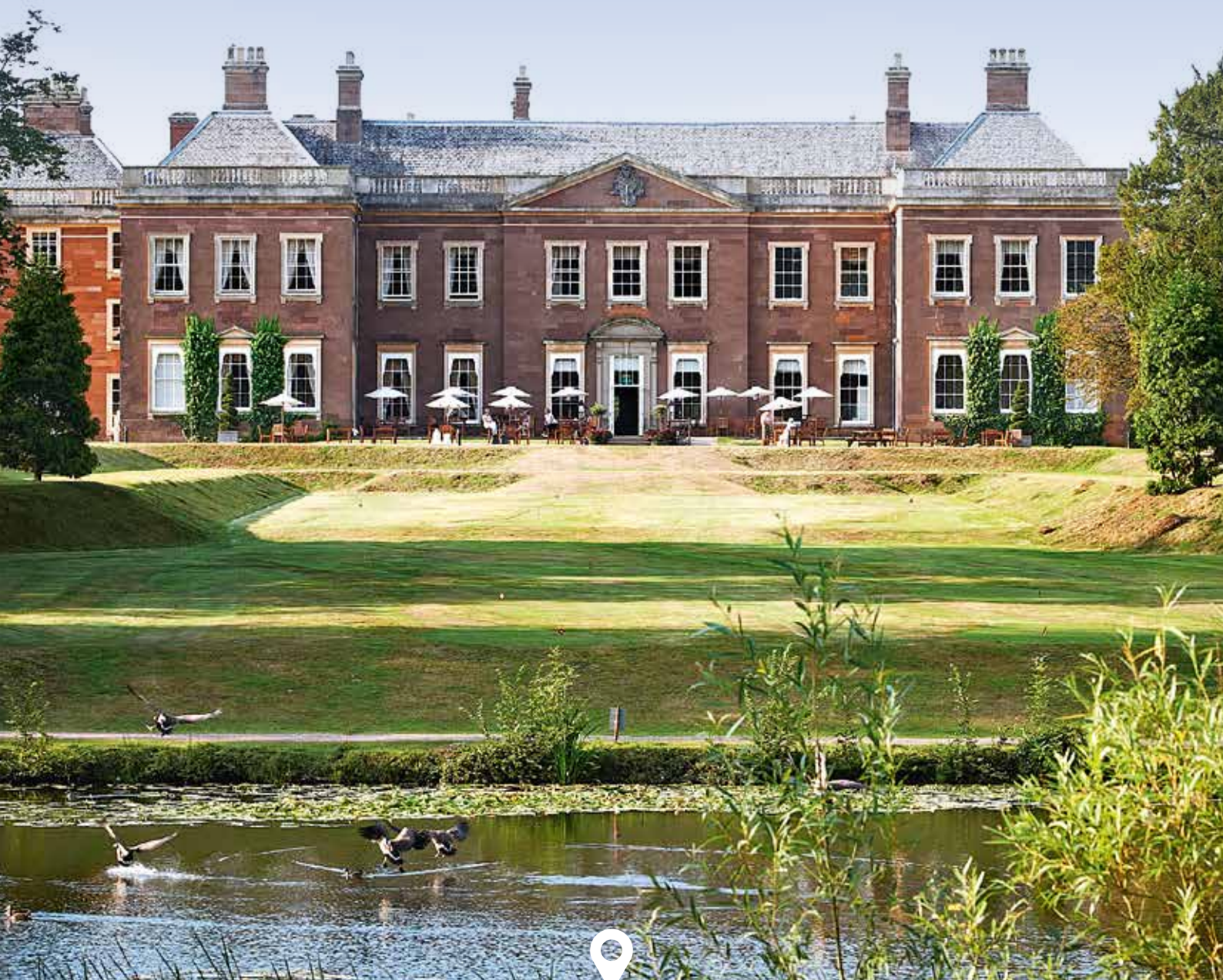




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# EXPLORE

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**Holme Lacy House & Herefordshire**

Discover our hotel and the outdoors



### **Places to visit**

History, shopping, museums, art galleries, cider and books! It's fair to call this an eclectic list of places to visit in Herefordshire, but it's a list put together by the people that know it best – our local team. We've picked out some of Herefordshire's finest destinations within easy reach of Holme Lacy House, perfect for a day of exploring the local area before coming back to enjoy some famous Warner hospitality.

### **Things to do**

The natural beauty around Holme Lacy House is often truly spectacular, and we asked our local team to pick out some of the best things to do in Herefordshire for intrepid explorers. There's none of the hustle and bustle of city life to be found here, just the tranquil calm and stunning scenery of rural Herefordshire, one of England's best kept secrets.





# THE BEST OF OUR GROUNDS AND GARDENS

You won't have to travel far to enjoy some of Herefordshire's most beautiful sights – they're right here within the grounds of Holme Lacy House. With so much to explore we asked our team to pick out three highlights to visit, and this is what they said:

## **The lake**

Set within our landscaped gardens, a walk by the lake offers unobscured views of Holme Lacy House, and with plenty of seating in the surrounding area it's perfect for a picnic. Ask at our Coffee Shop to find out about our takeaway options.



## **Formal Italian garden ponds**

One of Holme Lacy's hidden gems, our formal Italian gardens feature two crystal-clear ponds and water fountains set within immaculately kept herbaceous borders, and a decorative sundial. Join Andrew for our garden tour (on selected breaks) to find out more.

## **Walled Garden**

Hidden away at the back of our grounds is the walled garden, enclosing a formal decorative garden, tennis courts and bowling green. The west outer wall of the garden is home to the Holme Lacy pear tree collection.



# OUT AND ABOUT

Herefordshire is famous for its open-air countryside and winding river along the Wye Valley, but visitors can also enjoy cathedral cities, unique sculpture trails, ancient ferries and, of course, cider.

## Ralph Court Gardens

In the grounds of a gothic rectory lie Ralph Court Gardens, twelve wheelchair-friendly gardens that include an Italian piazza, an African jungle, elves in a conifer forest, metal sculptures and Alice in Wonderland. Ingredients from the gardens are used in their restaurant, open midday – 2.30pm and well worth a visit.



HR7 4LU  
31-minute drive



10am – 5pm



Free parking



## Queenswood Country Park & Arboretum

The only designated country park in Herefordshire, Queenswood is home to 190 plant species, a host of bird and animal species, and the arboretum, a collection of over 1,200 rare and exotic trees not usually found in the area.



EHR6 OPY  
28-minute drive



Up to £4

## Abergavenny

A short hop across the border, the market town of Abergavenny is known as the 'Gateway to Wales'. Set against a backdrop of the Black Mountains, visitors can explore castles, medieval mansions, standing stones and Roman ruins.



NP7 7ER  
45-minute drive



Pay & Display  
readily available





## Hay-on-Wye

At the northernmost point of the Brecon Beacons National Park lies Hay-on-Wye, famous for the annual Hay Festival but also home to a number of independent bookshops (it's often called "the adorable book town of Wales") and walking routes for all abilities.



HR3  
46-minute drive



Pay & Display  
Parking



## Hereford

The cathedral city of Hereford is famous for its history, with the Hereford Museum and Art Gallery, Black and White House Museum and The Cider Museum all taking visitors on a tour through days gone by.



HR2  
20-minute drive



Up to £6

## Forest of Dean Sculpture Trail

4.5 miles long, the Sculpture Trail features a series of works by artists interpreting the forest environment and the history of the landscape. The sculptures are installed as part of the woodland so it's up to visitors to seek them out (although maps are available too).



GL16 7EL  
42-minute drive



Free entry



Up to £5



## Haugh Wood Butterfly Trail

Twice the size of Monaco, Haugh Wood has been voted one of the top ten woods in the country, largely thanks to the 600 species of butterflies and moths that inhabit it. The trail is dotted with information boards to help let visitors recognise what they've seen.



HR1 4LW  
10-minute drive



Free parking



## Symonds Yat

A village split in two by the River Wye, the only way to cross the banks is via two ancient pull ferries where the ferryman pulls visitors across the river using an overhead rope. There's nowhere better to enjoy unspoilt views of the Forest of Dean.



HR9 6JL  
33-minute drive



£3 for 2 hours

## Monmouth

It's been a Roman fort and a Norman castle, but now Monmouth is most famous for its medieval stone gated bridge, one of the last remaining in Britain. Henry V was born in Monmouth Castle, and this Grade I listed building is worth the trip all by itself.



NP25  
34-minute drive



Pay & Display  
parking

