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Holme Lacy House & Herefordshire

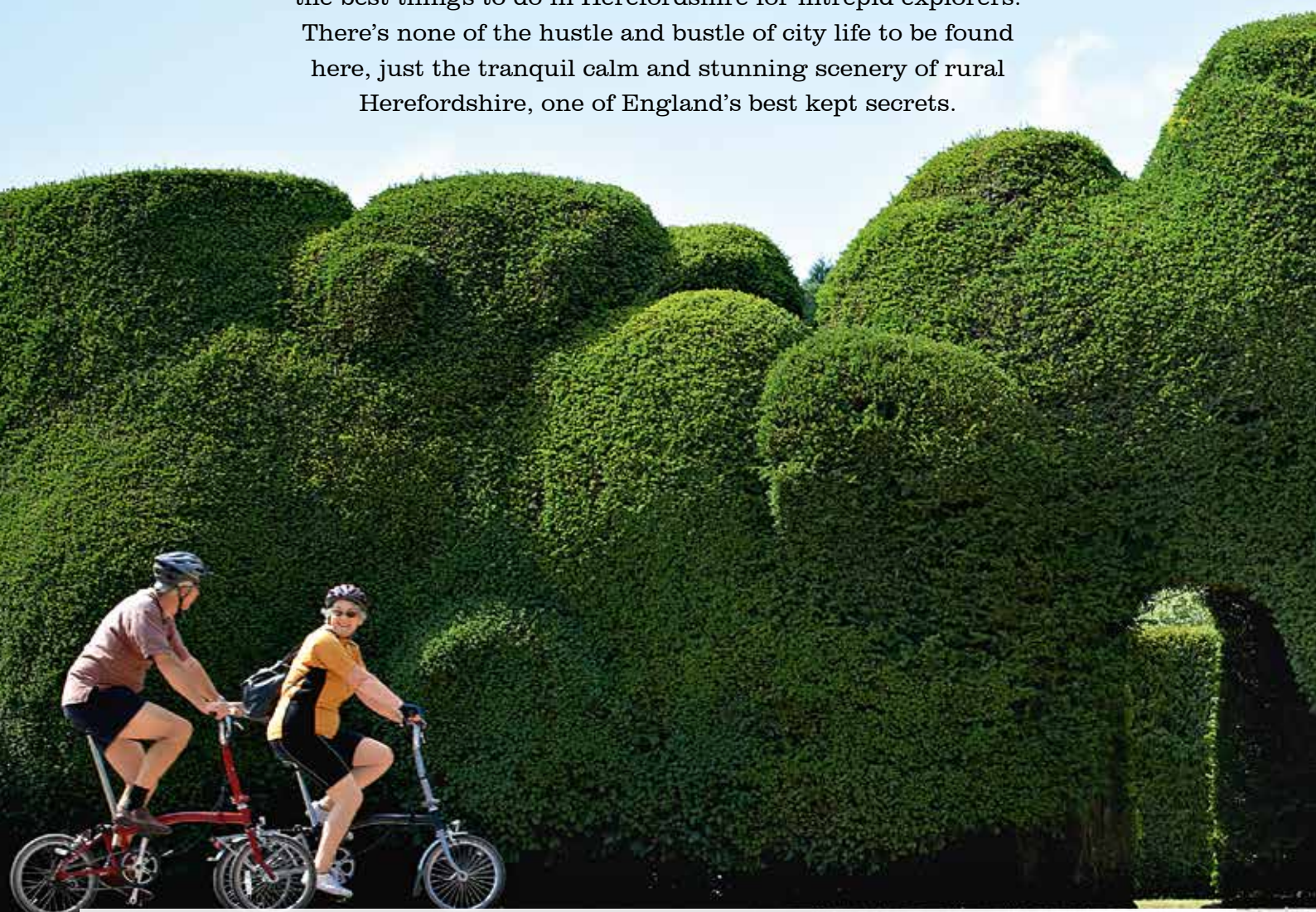
Discover our hotel and the outdoors

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.



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

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



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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



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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



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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 & rocket  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 HOLME LACY HOUSE

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 **Holme Lacy House** (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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