

Places to visit

From seaside towns to cathedral cities, Hayling Island is situated perfectly to explore a wide range of Hampshire destinations. The cathedral city of Chichester, Portsmouth, and any number of pristine beaches celebrate the maritime history of the area, combining to give intrepid explorers a wealth of places to visit near Hayling Island.

Things to do

Country parks, sandy beaches and ferry rides... just some of the unique things to do on Hayling Island that sit within a stone's throw of our hotels. Our little island is home to several fantastic attractions, and we asked our team to pick out some of the local hidden gems for you.



THE BEST

OF OUR GROUNDS AND GARDENS

You don't have to venture far to enjoy some of the great outdoors. Here at Lakeside we've got some of the best things to do on Hayling Island right here in our grounds:

Lake and coastal walk

Enjoy a stroll around the glistening lake and along the coastal walk, taking in the sights, sounds and smells of the sea – watch out for flying golf balls though, as this walk crosses the golf course.



Fishing on the lake

Dawn 'til dusk

With carp, perch, roach and tench swimming in its waters, our lake is ideal for a spot of fishing. All users must have a licence but there's no charge for guests, simply speak to our Leisure team to organise your angling time.

Gardens Tour

Ably conducted by Gavin or one of the team from our Grounds team, this 45-minute stroll around the hidden treasures and curiosities of Lakeside is always fun and informative, with a couple of laughs thrown in for good measure.



BEACHES, WALKS AND WILDERNESS

Hayling Island and the surrounding area really does specialise in the great outdoors, so whether you're into woodland walks, beachside strolls or watching wildlife, there's something for everyone.

Hayling Beach

Three miles of sandy and shingle beach, facing out into the Solent, that has won both the European Blue Flag and the Keep Britain Tidy award, Hayling beaches benefit from sea breezes which keep the temperature just about perfect most of the year round.







Southsea seafront

Less than a mile from Portsmouth city centre, this mainly shingle beach is home to Southsea Pier, winner of 'Pier of the Year' 2018. Restored to its former glory, this iconic structure has been featured in an eclectic mix of media, from The Who's 'Tommy' to Mr. Bean.







Pay & Display parking

Forest of Bere

Home to a mixture of woodland, heathland, farmland and open space, the Forest of Bere has walking and cycling routes for all range of abilities. Although the paths are usually fine we, recommend taking your wellies, just in case.





Hayling Billy Trail

An easy 6-mile return walk that follows the old Hayling Billy railway line past Langstone Harbour. Popular with walkers, cyclists and horse riders, many of whom enjoy a quick break from travelling at the Ship Inn near Langstone.









Millennium Promenade Portsmouth

A celebration of Portsmouth's rich history, three kilometres of promenade link all the points of interest on the waterfront. Built at the turn of the millennium, the route is indicated by a chain motif set into the surface to symbolise the historic chain that was tightened across the harbour entrance.



Queen Elizabeth Country Park

Bigger than the island of Gibraltar, the local council has invested over £2m in improving this pristine parkland over the last two years. The many walks and cycleways are slightly hilly but lovely in good weather, and the new visitors' centre restaurant is ideal for a cuppa afterwards.







Farlington Marshes

Unusually for a seaside area, Farlington Marshes is actually better in winter than in summer. A huge number of migratory wildfowl descend on the area. The easy 4km circular walk around the marshes is mostly on the sea wall. Keep an eye out for short-eared owls and peregrine falcons.









Staunton Country Park

A listed landscaped parkland and forest that also includes an ornamental farm, ornamental lake, follies, maze, glasshouses and walled garden. The shell house is a particular highlight, built in 1828 and covered in shells from Hayling Island. The park also has three walking trails for various abilities.





Free entry to park £9 for visitor centre

DAYS OUT

Our team have picked out three of their favourite days out for you to choose from. The Hayling Ferry to Portsmouth is more effective than even the strongest coffee for waking you up, while our local towns and villages offer a somewhat slower, more relaxed pace.

Hayling Ferry to Portsmouth

It's an easy drive to Portsmouth from Hayling Island, but for a taste of sea life nothing beats the 'Pride of Hayling' foot ferry. It only takes three minutes and the feel of the sea breeze on your face is a delight.





£2.90 for per crossing 2 hours parking



Petersfield

The market town of Petersfield is nestled within the South Downs National Park and is home to several parks and green spaces as well as pubs, tea rooms and restaurants.





Emsworth/Bosham

These two local villages are both worth a visit. Emsworth is a picturesque fishing village, with Georgian houses along narrow streets and waterside views. Bosham is steeped in history (Harold sailed for Normandy in 1064 from Bosham), and is a sanctuary for migrating wildfowl.







Gunwharf Quays

Gunwharf Quays is the South coasts leading designer shopping outlet and home to over 90 famous brands with up to 60% off all day, every day.







Please check the Gunwarf Quays website for the most up top date opening times, and parking details and prices



Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard brings Naval history alive, with so much to see and do, it's a must see!





25-minute drive



Please visit the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard website for the most up to date information on opening times and prices, and parking.