

Places to visit

From big city shopping to picturesque village life, Studley Castle is surrounded by some of the best places to visit in Warwickshire.

Ranging from Shakespeare's birthplace to the modern, urban style of Birmingham (and everything in between), the towns and cities of our local area represent some of the best and most varied destinations in the local area.

Things to do

Taking in National Trust destinations, castles, gardens and a working farm made famous by Countryfile, we're incredibly lucky that Studley Castle is surrounded by some of the best things to do in Warwickshire. The parks and farms are flush with wildlife while the nearby stately homes are steeped in history – and the gardens and marble fountain at Kenilworth Castle are certainly one of the most picturesque tourist spots Warwickshire has to offer.



THE BEST

OF OUR GROUNDS AND GARDENS

Our lawns, gardens, woodland walks and views out over the Warwickshire countryside are a big part of what makes Studley Castle special. We asked our team to pick the three best features of our grounds, and this is what they came up with:

Wild flower meadow

Our own little patch of wilderness – when the wild flower meadow is in full bloom it creates a symphony of colours and smells to delight your senses. Even when it's not in bloom, this is still a lovely little patch of nature.



Pashley bikes

There's no better way to explore Studley than on one of our Pashley bicycles. Founded in 1926 in Stratford-upon-Avon, these locally built cycles are sturdy and beautiful, a truly traditional English cycling experience.

Formal lawn

With panoramic views overlooking the Heart of England Forest and the backdrop of Studley Castle, the formal lawn is the perfect location to enjoy a picnic on a blanket – or head up to the seating area and order a wee tipple from our bar.



TOWNS AND CITIES

Whether you're looking to spend a day shopping in the big city or browsing the antique stores and tea rooms of the Cotswolds, Studley Castle is surrounded by some of the country's finest tourist destinations for all tastes.

The villages of the Cotswolds

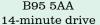
You could spend a week visiting every village in the Cotswolds (it's an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty after all) but we recommend Broadway, Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water for their abundance of pubs, tea rooms, and views that roll on for miles.



Henley-in-Arden

The mile-long high street of Henleyin-Arden boasts stunning Georgian architecture and over 150 buildings of historic interest, as well as the famous Henley ice cream parlour which dates from the 16th century and serves 50 locally made flavours.







Pay & Display readily available

Birmingham City

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England's second city is a hive of activity, with its bustling Bull Ring, network of canals, tram system, national sea life centre, cafés, restaurants and art gallery, famous for its pre-Raphaelite pieces. Whether you're going for the shopping, the history, or just a spot of sightseeing, there's lots to do.



B2 4QA 37-minute drive



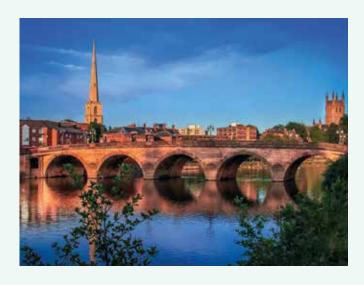


Worcester City

The cathedral city of Worcester lies on the River Severn, and is also known for its world-famous Worcester porcelain, historic relevance and, of course, Worcestershire sauce. With a vibrant high street, civil war museums and contemporary art galleries, there's plenty for visitors to explore.







Stratford-upon-Avon

Discover Warwickshire's medieval market town. Take a stroll along the river Avon, visit Shakespeare's famous homes, or browse the shops. Perhaps even catch a matinee at the Royal Shakespeare Company, check their website for further details.



Warwick Castle

A grade I listed stronghold with magic, myth and adventure inside its medieval stone walls. Lavish state rooms, towers and ramparts to explore, birds of prey, and a dungeon for some scarily good fun.





10am - 4pm 10am - 5pm on selected weekends



Tickets to be purchased in advance online from £20 per adult



Shakespeare Distillery

Visit Stratford-upon-Avon's only working distillery. Experience a fun and informative tour of the distillery followed by a gin tasting. Alternatively, you can try the gin school where you can distil, blend, bottle, seal and label your very own bottle. Advance booking required, subject to availability, please check the Shakespeare Distillery for further details.







Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam railway

Passing through one of the most picturesque parts of the country, this 14-mile-long line allows visitors not to just take a round trip, but to explore the stations and surrounding countryside too! Tickets can be purchased in advance or on the day, please check their website for further details.



COUNTRY PARKS AND FARMS

There's nowhere better to enjoy the great outdoors than Warwickshire (in our slightly biased opinion anyway). Our local country parks encompass woodland, parkland, serene lakes and diverse wildlife.

Waseley Hills Country Park

Waseley Hills is almost as big as Disneyland, and its hilly parkland takes in pastures, hedgerows and small pockets of woodland, all set against a panoramic backdrop of the Worcestershire countryside.







Arrow Valley Country Park

At 900 acres (bigger than New York's Central Park), Arrow Valley is the largest open space in Redditch. At its heart is Arrow Valley Lake, popular for sailing, fishing and birdwatching. The visitors centre is open most days for tea, coffee and food.





Lickey Hills Country Park

The Green Flag-awarded Lickey Hills covers woodland, heathland and grassland, with 380 species of flowering plants. This combination of habitats leads to a wonderfully diverse range of wildlife for you to spot, from songbirds and sparrowhawks to, somewhat surprisingly, lizards and grass snakes.







Worcester Woods Country Park

With two nature reserves, a giant open field, and two level woodland trails, Worcester Woods is ideal for fans of birds, flowers, footpaths... and coffee. The Orchard Cafe has a tasty, seasonal menu, primarily stocked by locally sourced, sustainable and Fair Trade ingredients.







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Hill Close Gardens Trust

Formed of 16 Victorian pleasure gardens set on the Warwickshire hillside, this unique attraction offers a fascinating glimpse into the 19th century. Each plot was owned by a different gardener, so they all have their own personalities and quirks.





Cotswolds Farm Park

Owned by Countryfile's Adam Henson, the working farm includes a rare breeds trail, animal barn, wildlife walk, and viewing platforms – at 1,000 feet above sea level, these platforms offer some of the best 360-degree views in the region.





9.30am - 5pm





STATELY HOMES AND GARDENS

Warwickshire and the surrounding counties are dotted with stately homes from days gone by, offering a glimpse into the history of the upper classes. Most are surrounded by expansive gardens, making them the perfect summer's day out.

Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Gardens

First constructed in the early 1120s by Geoffrey de Clinton, Kenilworth Castle has gone from medieval fortress to Elizabethan palace to its current state as a Grade I listed building, surrounded by a beautifully recreated Elizabethan garden with marble fountain and ornate aviary.







Parking charges apply





Morton Hall Gardens

The gardens of Morton Hall have been designed as a succession of garden 'rooms', each with its own unique character, planting style, colour scheme and landscape. They're set on a fairly steep embankment, but with almost 1,000 plant varieties to see it's well worth a visit.







10am - 4pm



Free parking

Coughton Court

A Grade I listed Tudor country house, Coughton Court features a bluebell wood, Chelsea Flower Show silver-medal winning gardens, and four scenic walking routes taking in the River Arrow, Kinwarton Dovecote, and views of Studley Castle.



B49 5JA 9-minute drive



Opening times restricted - please visit their website for details



Free parking



Packwood House

The gardens at Packwood burst into colour from late June, creating a rich feast for the senses that is every bit as beautiful as the tapestries inside the house. The flower borders and wildflower meadows attract butterflies galore, with the rose garden a particular highlight.





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Free parking





Charlecote Park

A grand 16th century house surrounded by its own deer park, Charlecote's history dates back to the days of King Richard I. Nowadays it's home to a National Trust art collection, a herd of ancient Jacob sheep, and a herd of roughly 200 fallow deer.



CV35 9ER 32-minute drive



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Free parking