

TIMELESS PLACES

"Find new stories around every corner"

Whether you're here for a day, a weekend or longer, Wiltshire offers numerous opportunities to connect with the past whilst enjoying the present, as each of our timeless towns and villages has something unique to offer. Stylish independent shops and colourful markets. Tempting pubs and restaurants. Fascinating history and heritage. Great entertainment.

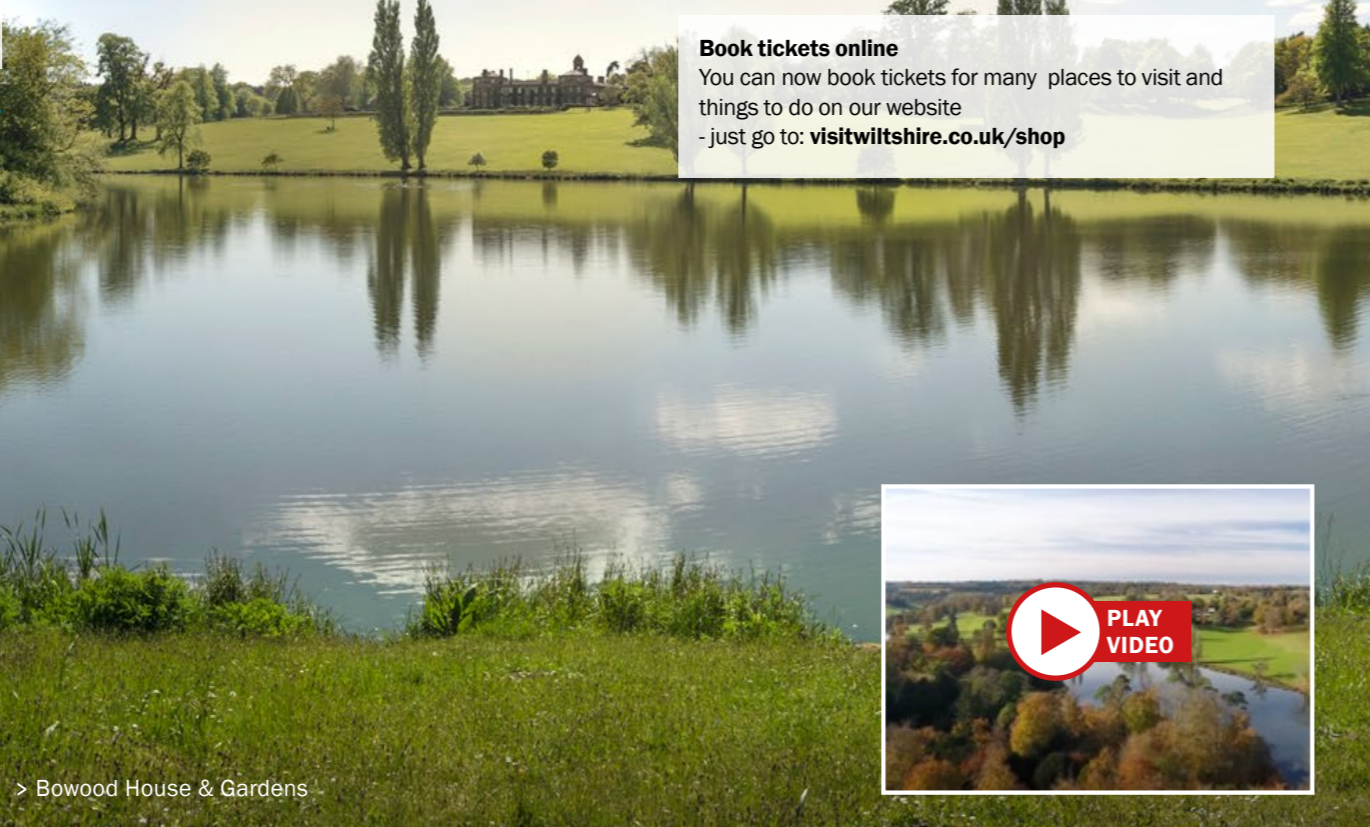
Although Wiltshire is particularly renowned for its ancient sites, later civilisations made their mark as well. Leaving an outstanding collection of castles, stately homes and manor houses, spanning the centuries and bringing history to life. Set against the drama and majesty of the Wiltshire landscape their surroundings are equally impressive, from acres of breathtaking parkland to intimate formal and informal gardens.

Wiltshire's museums are great places to unearth the secrets of our journey through time. As well as exhibits relating to army history, motor vehicles and aviation, you'll find archaeology collections of outstanding national importance, including treasured exhibits from Avebury and Stonehenge.

In centuries past, Wiltshire owed its prosperity to railways, canals and the production of woollen broadcloth. Examples of this rich industrial heritage abound. On top of which, there are breweries and distilleries to visit. Motor and horse racing to enjoy. And a great range of animal attractions to experience, including Britain's first drive-through safari park.

Wiltshire is rolling green downs, ancient woodlands and bustling market towns. Parish churches, grand historic houses and country inns. Timeless monuments and contemporary luxury. Local ales and picnics in the park. In short, the England you love in one county. Visit today to walk through time.

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It's time for... Wiltshire

Visitor Map

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Take time out from the everyday, Escape to Wiltshire. You'll be here in no time.

Plan Your Visit to Wiltshire

Getting Here is Easy

Where you can choose eco-friendly travel and transport. Whether you are travelling by car, coach, train, air or sea, Wiltshire is easily accessible. Buses or trains can bring you directly into towns and villages like Salisbury, Westbury, Chippenham and Pewsey. And once you've arrived, there are many organisations that run bus tours to local attractions like Stonehenge and Avebury. Wiltshire is largely rural and almost half of the county is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, so you can also be sure to find lots of options for exploring the gorgeous countryside and quaint English villages by foot or by bike. For more details go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/plan-your-visit

Support local conservation charities

While you're visiting Wiltshire, why not visit one of the attractions run by one of our local wildlife or conservation trusts? These organisations work hard to protect and support the landscapes and wildlife that make Wiltshire so special.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust runs many nature reserves in the local area. The **Kennet & Avon Canal Trust** look after the lovely waterways of the Kennet & Avon Canal, home to wildlife such as herons, dragonflies, water voles and kingfishers. The **Hawk Conservancy Trust** just over the border in Hampshire supports conservation efforts to protect birds of prey.

Access for All

Wiltshire's countryside, towns and villages are here for all to enjoy, including disabled visitors and those with specific access needs. For detailed information on things to do, places to stay and ways to plan your visit to Wiltshire go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/disabledaccess

Pricing Abbreviations

- A: Adult
- Ch: Child
- Conc: Concession
- D: Disabled
- F: Family
- I: Infant
- J: Junior
- S: Senior
- St: Student

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For local information, please contact one of the Information Centres below.

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EVCP Main car park in Amesbury on the A345 ☎ 01263 622325 www.amesburytowncouncil.gov.uk	☎ 01672 512487 www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk
Bradford on Avon Town Council D2	Melksham Tourist Information Centre C2
☎ 01225 865797 www.bradfordonavon.co.uk	Mere Information Centre F2
Calne Visitor and Community Information Centre C3	Royal Wootton Bassett B2
☎ 01249 814000 www.calne.gov.uk	EVCP 2 charging points Borough Fields Car Park SN4 7AX
Castle Combe C2	Salisbury Information Centre C3
Chippenham Town Council C2	☎ 01722 342880 www.visitwiltshire.co.uk www.salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk
☎ 01249 446699 www.chippenham.gov.uk	Swindon Information Centre D2
Corsham Area Information Centre C2	Tidworth Town Council D2
EVCP Post Office Lane (Long Stay) Car Park SN13 0EZ	Tisbury Information Centre F2
☎ 01249 714680 www.corsham.gov.uk/visit	Trowbridge Information Centre D2
Cotswold Lakes Visitor Centre A3	EVCP Cradle Bridge Retail Park, County Way, Lovemead Car Park, Duke Street, Bythesa Road, 94 Newtown, 110-122 Bythesa Road, 32-33 Bythesa Road, 6 Station Approach, County Way, 12 Westbury Road
EVCP 2 charging points at De Vere Cotswold Water Park Hotel www.cotswoldlakes.com/visitor-information/	☎ 01225 765072 (Option 3) www.trowbridge.gov.uk
Cricklade Visitor Information Point B3	Vale of Pewsey D4
EVCP Fairview Fields Car Park - just off the A419 by the rugby club, Cricklade Leisure Centre ☎ 01793 751394 www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk	www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk
Devizes D3	Warminster Community Hub E2
☎ 01380 800400 www.devizes-tc.gov.uk	EVCP Morrisons Car Park, BA12 9NT x 2; Central Car Park BA12 9BP x 2; Longbridge Service Station BA12 7DS x 2
Lacock C2	☎ 01985 218548 www.warminstercommunityhub.co.uk
Malmesbury Tourist Information Centre B2	
EVCP 2 devices and 4 connectors at Aldi SN16 9JL ☎ 01666 822143 www.discovermalmesbury.life www.exploremalmesbury.com	

EVCP Electric Vehicle Charging Points
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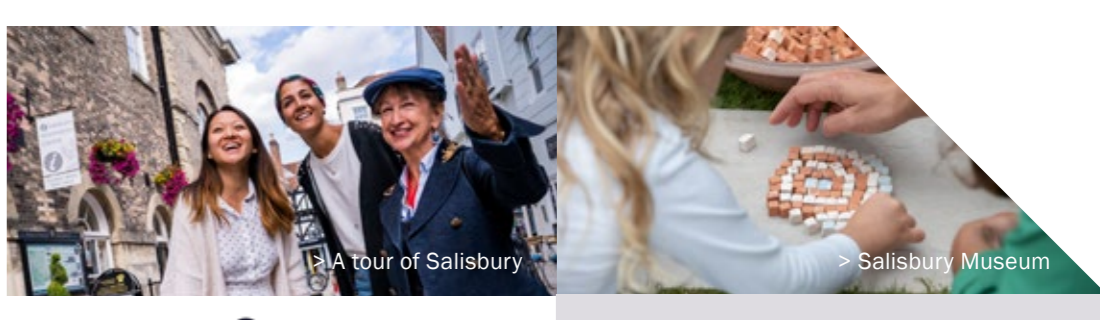
Places To Visit and Things To Do

All attractions featured below are members of the **Wiltshire Association of Visitor Attractions.**

AROUND WILTSHIRE	Map Ref	Map Ref
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Bluestone Vineyard	E4	Swindon & Cricklade Railway B4
Bowood House & Gardens	C3	The Arc - Climbing Academy C2
Bradford on Avon	D2	Ten Hides Distillery C2
Calne	C3	The Pound Arts Centre C2
Carvers Hill Estate and Winery	C4	Tidworth D4
Castle Combe	C2	Tisbury F3
Castle Combe Circuit	C2	The Hall D2
Chalke History Festival	F3	Trowbridge D2
Chippenham Museum	C2	Wadworth Brewery D3
Chippenham Pitstop	C2	Warminster E2
Childerton Rare Breeds Farm Park	E4	Westbury D2
Corsham	C2	Wilton F3
Cotswold Lakes	A3/B3	Wilton Windmill, near Marlborough D5
Cranbourne Chase Escapes	F3	Wiltshire Museum D3
Cricklade	B3	Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team Various
Crofton Beam Engines	D4	Wiltshire's White Horses Various
Crop Circle Exhibition and Information Centre	D4	
Cumberwell Park Golf Club	D2	
Devizes	D3	
Drive and Stroll	Various	
Iford Manor Gardens	D2	Boscombe Down Aviation Collection F4
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Larmer Tree	F2	The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum F4
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Ludgershall	D5	Salisbury Escape Rooms F4
Malmesbury	B2	The Salisbury Museum F4
Marlborough	C4	Salisbury Reds F4
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The Merchant's House	C4	Wiltshire Creative F4
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Parade House	D2	
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Rain and Shine	B4	
REME Museum	B3	
Royal Wootton Bassett	B3	
Royal Wootton Bassett Town Hall Museum	B3	
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SALISBURY TRADITIONAL ORIGINAL...



Salisbury Cathedral offers one superlative after another, from the tallest spire in Britain and the world's oldest working clock, to the finest original 1215 Magna Carta manuscript. Other attractions within the Cathedral Close include The Salisbury Museum, Mompesson House and The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum. Nearby is the Parish Church of St Thomas, with its magnificent Doom Painting. On the outskirts of the city you'll find both Old Sarum, the original site of Salisbury, and River Bourne Community Farm. Boscombe Down Aviation Collection, Salisbury Racecourse and Stonehenge are on the doorstep too.

In the historic heart of the city, you'll find an excellent range of unique, independent retailers as well as high street stores and regular markets. Tempting tearooms and coffee shops abound, together with cosy pubs, riverside inns and friendly restaurants. Complementing the exciting year-round programme of festivals and events, Wiltshire Creative - combining Salisbury Playhouse, Salisbury Arts Centre and Salisbury International Arts Festival - provide a fabulous annual programme of arts and entertainment.

Just 90 minutes by train from London Waterloo, Salisbury makes an unbeatable destination for day trips and short breaks alike. It is also an excellent base for discovering all that Wiltshire has to offer. For a comprehensive guide to the city and surrounding areas go to VisitSalisbury.co.uk

TIMELESS WONDERS

Stonehenge and Avebury have a powerful magnetism that has drawn people to them from the earliest times. Two megalithic stone circles, within one outstanding World Heritage Site. Steeped in history, they stand testament to the ages. Visit this year to experience their magic for yourself.

The ancient Britons attached great significance to Stonehenge. Amongst their many rituals was its orientation on the rising and setting sun. Why it was built in this way remains a mystery to this day, but if you stand on Salisbury Plain at sunrise or sunset, it's easy to understand why people from around the globe continue to pay homage to this magnificent site.

Arrive at Avebury as dawn breaks over the North Wessex Downs and you'll instantly appreciate the appeal this sacred place held for our ancestors. A massive outer bank and ditch surround the world's largest stone circle. Which, in turn, encloses two smaller stone circles and part of the village.

Within the wider landscape lie further ancient structures including West Kennet Long Barrow, one of Britain's largest Stone Age burial sites, and the massive man-made mound of Silbury Hill. Look out for Wiltshire's distinctive White Horses, too, carved into the rolling chalk downs. Of the original thirteen, eight can still be seen today, standing watch over the countryside.

Wiltshire has been a special place for a very long time. Nowhere else in England will you find such a concentration of fascinating ancient sites. For thousands of years travellers have been seduced by their grandeur and majesty, and still they inspire a sense of wonder in visitors today.



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Visit Corsham

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www.visit-corsham.co.uk

Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum

Downside, Stockley Lane, Calne, SN11 0NF
☎ 01249 833339
E: enquiries@atwell-wilson.org.uk

Located on the North Wessex Downs we are the only classic car museum in Wiltshire. Most cars are from the 1920s onwards. We also have motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles, interesting motor memorabilia, a reconstructed 1930's open garage complete with cars, and the famous Jack Spittle Model Lorry Collection. Our exciting collection is constantly evolving. Come and see us. You will be very welcome! For more information visit the museum section of our website.

Admission: A £12 Ch (5-16) £5
Open: Please refer to Museum website.
www.atwell-wilson.org.uk

Crofton Beam Engines

Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, SN8 3DW ☎ 01722 870300
E: info@croftonbeamengines.org.uk

We are home to the magnificent 200-year-old working steam operated beam engines still capable of performing their original job. Our amazing industrial archaeology is set in an unspoiled setting overlooking the Kennet & Avon Canal. Children of all ages will love seeing the incredible engineering that helped feed the industrial revolution and the evolution of the canal in Britain. The beam engines are in steam from April to early autumn.

Admission/Open: Please see website for details.
www.croftonbeamengines.org

Wonderful Warminster

Warminster Town Council
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At one end is London with its famous royal sights and rich cultural heritage; at the other, Bath and Bristol. In between lie characterful villages, lush green landscapes, and relaxing riverside towns. But it's not only about getting from A to B. The Great West Way is for those who relish the journey. For free spirits and explorers. You can travel by road, rail or water. On two feet or two wheels. Base yourself in one place for a while, or move on every day. As you follow its twists and turns, you'll encounter the very essence of England.

Along the Great West Way you'll encounter three National Landscapes – the Chilterns, the Cotswolds and the North Wessex Downs – and the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Stonehenge and Avebury, Kew Gardens and Bath. You can visit the world's best preserved Roman remains in Bath. Watch the Changing of the Guard at Windsor Castle. Pootle along the Kennet & Avon Canal. Enjoy a wine tour at one of the many vineyards. Or soak in the UK's only natural hot springs at Thermae Bath Spa. Step aboard the last Concorde at Aerospace Bristol. Or stroll through 15,000 extraordinary trees at Westonbirt, The National Arboretum. Enjoy Newbury's canal-side pubs and restaurants. Discover Reading's Museum and Abbey Quarter. Trawl Hungerford's antique shops and fairs then sample seasonal produce at one of the traditional pubs along the route. Take a pleasure cruise along the Royal River Thames. Unearth archaeology at the Roman Baths. Stand on the site of the sealing of Magna Carta at Runnymede. Or visit a delightful National Trust property.



your head is an important part of the experience. So you'll find quirky glamping sites, pretty country B&Bs, cool city hotels... even fancy castles and stately homes.

The Great West Way is easy to join and easy to follow. It passes by both Heathrow and Bristol airports. It's accessible for visitors travelling from the Channel ports or already based in London. It will take you to places you've always dreamed of visiting, and secret spots that even some locals have yet to discover.

Explore further and delve deeper at GreatWestWay.co.uk



Great West Way Discoverer pass

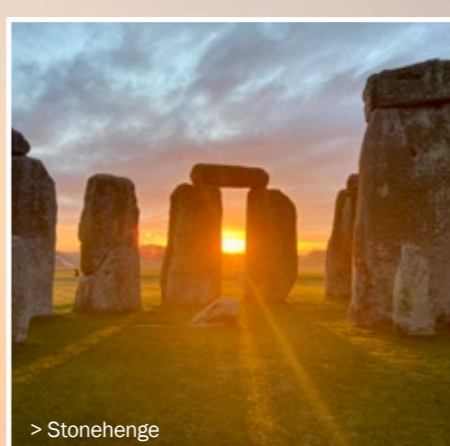
To make the most of your Great West Way adventure, choose the **Great West Way Discoverer pass**, offering unlimited off-peak train travel from London Paddington or London Waterloo to Bristol Temple Meads, via the Reading and/or Basingstoke routes, with options to branch off towards Oxford. Plus unlimited travel on designated bus services along the route. One-day and seven-day options are available, with prices from just £30.50 per person. For further details and to book go to gww.com

WILTSHIRE ON THE Great West Way

The Great West Way is for the curious. For slow travellers. Those who want to explore further and delve deeper. With over 500 miles of tempting trails and unforeseen encounters, it was made for self-guided journeys, whether solo or with friends and family. Journeys leading to adventures that enliven your senses, make you see the world afresh, uncover new realms of possibility.



"The world-renowned and the yet-to-be-discovered"



Around a quarter of the Great West Way runs through Wiltshire. Along paths that once brought drovers to market. Pilgrims to Salisbury Cathedral. Druids to Avebury and Stonehenge. Across rolling hills in the North Wessex Downs. Past white horse carvings keeping watch over the Vale of Pewsey.

Timeless towns and villages along the route include honey-coloured Bradford on Avon. The 'discovery' town of Calne. Chippenham, on the banks of the River Avon. Corsham, familiar as Truro from BBC's Poldark. Devizes, home to over 500 listed buildings. Hilltop Malmesbury, England's oldest borough. The handsome former staging post of Marlborough. Trowbridge, renowned for its unique industrial architecture. The medieval city of Salisbury is also within easy reach.

You can hunt for bargains at McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon. Relax aboard a narrowboat on the Kennet & Avon Canal. Stroll around 'Capability' Brown parkland at Bowood House and Gardens. Keep an eye

out for incredible animals on a drive-through experience at Longleat. Visit a stunning National Trust property. An authentic English pub experience is hard to beat. So settle down at one of Wiltshire's many traditional inns. If your Great West Way adventure includes an overnight stay, you'll find B&B, self-catering, farmstay, glamping and hotel options aplenty. In Malmesbury you can enjoy character and charm at The Old Bell Hotel or serious pampering at Whatley Manor Hotel and Spa.

Rail connections are excellent, linking Wiltshire with London's Paddington and Waterloo stations at one end, Bristol and Bath at the other. Within 90 minutes, or less, of leaving the capital you can be enjoying authentic English experiences and creating memories to write home about.

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Salisbury Escape Rooms

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A church has stood on this site for nearly eight hundred years and St. Thomas's has always been the church of the City and Guilds of Salisbury.

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Marlborough

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Downton

Historic town of Downton, featuring the Downton Estate and the Downton Railway.

Wilton Windmill (Near Marlborough)

Wilton, Near Marlborough, SN8 3SW
E: enquiry@wiltonwindmill.co.uk

Find out how a Victorian miller lived and how the windmill works. Built in 1821 and set high in the North Wessex Downs, this is the only remaining windmill in Wiltshire. Picnic area and accessible all year round. Guided tours, refreshments and store ground floor available during opening times. Fabulous walking and great views.

Admission: A £5, CH FREE
Open: From 10:30 to 5:00pm, Sun and Bank Hols Mon 2pm-5pm
www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk

Cricklade

Cricklade Town Council, 113 High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE
T: 01793 751394 E: admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

The First Town on the Thames. An ancient Saxon town on the edge of the Cotswolds, with over 200 listed buildings, an important site from the time of Alfred the Great. From 979 to 1100 the town had its own mint and a few coins can be seen in the Cricklade Museum. Cricklade, granted a charter in 1355, has a Memorial Court with a High Sheriff, a Town Crier and other historical posts.

For people who enjoy nature, North Meadow is a National Nature Reserve, and in April the rare Snakeshead fritillaries can be seen. Blakehill Farm (originally a Secret World War airfield) is now a nature reserve managed by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, and of course the famous Thames Path meanders through the town.

A range of facilities on the historic High Street offer interest and a welcome to visitors.

With free parking available in all the car parks, why not come and see for yourself!

www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

Marlborough

TC at Marlborough Town Council, 5 High Street, Marlborough SN8 3AA
T: 01672 524487 E: enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk

The friendly, historic, beautiful market town of Marlborough on the River Kennet with its world-famous white, stone high street is bursting with charm. Close to Avebury and ancient Savernake Forest in the North Wessex Downs National Landscape, it is a consistently featured as one of Britain's best independent shopping destinations and a great place to live.

You'll be enchanted by its characterful buildings, sparkling river and strong cultural scene for arts, music, cinema and festivals. Explore a great range of independent shops, wide variety of places to eat or just soak up the city café culture. That's not enough, there are street markets twice a week too.

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Fisherton Mill

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108 Fifehouse Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 7JY

Enjoy fabulous food, art and shopping at Salisbury's destination arts venue, established in 2005. With its 'local gem' listing in the 2025 Good Food Guide, the cafe serves mouthwatering treats, delicious lunches, homemade cakes and an imaginative selection of drinks. Fisherton Mill is the largest independent art gallery in the South West, displaying work by over 200 artists. With on-site boutique studios and a programme of interesting workshops, it is a creative haven just a stone's throw from Salisbury city centre.

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-5pm, Sat 9.30am-5.30pm, Sun CLOSED
www.fishertonmill.co.uk

Bowood House & Gardens

Derry Hill, Calne, SN11 0LZ
T: 01249 812102 E: houseandgardens@bowood.org

Welcome to the rich history and scenic surroundings of Bowood House & Gardens, set within 'Capability' Brown's stunning landscaped park. Bowood House has been the cherished home of the Lansdowne family since 1764. Highlights in the collection of art and historical treasures include the laboratory in which Dr. Joseph Priestley discovered oxygen gas and Queen Victoria's wedding chair.

Surrounding the Georgian House are the Italianate Terrace Garden and the Walled Garden. Wander in the Arboretum amongst the rare, record-breaking trees. Spot hidden gems including a Cascade, Hermit's Cave and the Doris Temple.

Children aged 12 years and under will adore the Adventure Playground's pirate ship and aerial walkways. An area for children aged 7 years and under includes a Wendy House, indoor interactive play and ride on tractors.

Bowood Woodland Garden is a separate spring attraction, offering an oasis of bluebells, azaleas, magnolias and rhododendrons.

Book Tickets online: www.bowood.org/visit

Open: 27th March to 1st November 2026 | 10.30am – 5.30pm.
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Activities range from the white-knuckle-inducing to the utterly relaxing. Set your pulse racing with a spin around Castle Combe Circuit. Saddle up for a horseback ride. Explore the vast landscape on foot or on a bike. Race against the clock in an escape room challenge. Or spend your day getting wet and wild on the water. Relax in a luxurious spa. Play a round of golf. Or sign up for a cookery class.

In Wiltshire we pride ourselves on the quality of our local food and drink, so you'll find plenty to whet your appetite in bars, restaurants and coffee shops around the county. There are farm shops aplenty too, and our historic shopping streets are home to a wealth of independent retailers, as well as high street stores, colourful markets and a top notch designer outlet.

Wiltshire is home to imagination and creativity in abundance. First rate venues include a leading production theatre and a music centre with 'the finest acoustic outside London'. Festivals and events feature everything from classical, jazz and world music to carnivals, fairs and folk festivals. While Wiltshire locations have featured in every type of production from swashbuckling adventures to Jane Austen classics, Dr Dolittle to Dr Who.

So pay us a visit and let Wiltshire put back what the rest of the week takes out. You'll find less racing against the clock and more timeless pleasures to enjoy.

TIMELESS NATURE

Wiltshire is an enchanted place where you feel close to the earth and the ever-changing big skies. The landscape's mood alters with the seasons, connecting you not just to nature, but to time itself. Sit on the downs at sunrise or sunset, see how the light changes the texture of the hills, and think of others admiring the same spectacle over thousands of years.

"What view did you wake up to this morning"

Almost half of Wiltshire's breathtaking landscape lies within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. From the lush meadows of the Vale of Pewsey to more austere expanses of upland, the North Wessex Downs are a nationally protected landscape. As are Cranborne Chase and the West Wiltshire Downs, stretching in a giant undulating swathe across the south of the county. Acres of ancient woodland can be found on the borders of the New Forest National Park and in the Savernake Forest. While parts of north and west Wiltshire lie within the Cotswolds. At the heart of it all lies the vast, untouched expanse of Salisbury Plain, home to numerous rare and endangered species that thrive in this sparsely populated environment.

Amid the unspoiled, rolling countryside, charming hamlets nestle. A wide variety of natural habitats provide havens for flora and fauna. Miles of ancient drove roads and quiet country lanes make exploring a pleasure. And thousands of paths for walkers and cyclists make it perfect for outdoor pursuits.

Wiltshire is one of Britain's best kept secrets. Easy to explore, yet off the beaten track, if you're tired of the everyday, it's time for Wiltshire.

To book your rural break go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation

Longleat Festival of Light

Carvers Hill

Wild MTB Adventures

Vale of Pewsey