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The Easter holidays are fast approaching and if you are wondering what to do with the children then look no further. We have put together 10 ways you can entertain your children in Wiltshire this break, with a little help from Visit Wiltshire

1. Longleat – A classic visit for a family day out in Wiltshire. The famous Longleat Safari Park has everything from those famous lions to a series of mazes to keep the whole family entertained. Some mind-boggling new residents arrive from April 8 onwards as 20 larger-than-life animatronic bugs take over the park for the Marvellous Monsters event.

2. Take part in some hands-on history at **Old Sarum** – English Heritage will be running events throughout the Easter holidays for the children at Old Sarum, on the outskirts of Salisbury. The Easter Adventure Quest runs from April 14 to 17.

3. Get hunting at **Mompesson House and Gardens** – as well as the quintessential Queen Anne townhouse, situated inside Salisbury’s historic Cathedral Close, there’s a Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt running daily over the Easter weekend, plus a springtime discovery trail.

4. Climb into the cockpits of a variety of aircraft and don your own flight suit on a visit to **Boscombe Down Aviation Collection**, just outside Salisbury. Perfect for rainy days!

5. Spot butterflies at **Studley Grange Butterfly World and Craft Village** and marvel at many other amazing animals including meerkats, otters, goats and a friendly raccoon.

6. Make friends with the residents of **Cholderton Charlie’s Farm** – Meet the chickens, pet the donkeys and place your bets on the pigs in the daily pig

racing event. There’s also a soft play area to let off some steam as well as a Tree Top Trail and Fairy Garden. Their Easter EGGStraordinaire takes place from April 8 to 23, with appearances from the Easter Bunny and the chance to see new baby animals. Or why not have breakfast with the Easter Bunny from Good Friday?

7. Create your own clay masterpiece at a pottery workshop on a visit to **Eastcott Studios** in Swindon. Create your own pot, character mug or bowl or, if you only have a few hours to spare, have a go at painting a pot. See eastcottstudios.co.uk for session times

8. Swing through the trees at **Jungle Parc** at Lydiard. The aerial adventure centre runs Children’s Adventurer and Xplorer courses within the woodlands with more than 50 different activities, including rope bridges, zip lines and cargo nets.

9. STEAM Museum is another great rainy day activity, and children will love finding out more about Swindon’s railway heritage. A Bigger, Better, Faster! event is being run on April 13 and 20, aimed at children aged from six to 12. From 11am to 3pm, children will be able to find out how the magnificent steam locomotive, King George V, was designed and built for speed.

10. Get some fresh air at **Avebury** stone circle. The pre-historic complex in the Marlborough Downs is the largest stone circle in the world, but it’s also a great place for kids to let off steam or to have a picnic... once the educational bit has

