

Summer Holiday Family Days Out

Local places to visit with family and friends - parks, walks, water activities, animals, play areas and rainy-day ideas.



A practical guide for parents and carers: quick highlights, addresses, phone numbers and website links in one place.

How to use this guide

Use the coloured categories to choose the right kind of day out. Some places are free parks and walks; others are paid attractions or have paid activities inside them. For summer holidays, check the website before travelling because opening times, prices and activity availability can change with weather, school holidays and staffing.

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Helpful reminders for parents

Pack water, sun cream, hats, snacks and a change of clothes for water-play days. For aqua parks and water activities, check age/height rules and whether children need to be confident swimmers. For parks and hills, choose a realistic route for the youngest child in the group.

Parks, picnics & easy walks

Kingsbury Water Park



Best for: Picnics, play park, bike hire, miniature railway, animal farm and waterside walks.

Address: Bodymoor Heath, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B76 0DY / B76 0DX

Phone: 01827 872660

Website: countryparks.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/6/kingsbury-water-park

Parent note: Large country park with 15 lakes across 600+ acres. Great for a full family day.
Note: swimming in open water is not permitted.

Arrow Valley Country Park



Best for: Lake walk, Boathouse Cafe, play parks, pedalos and seasonal water activities.

Address: Arrow Valley Visitor Centre, Battens Drive, Redditch B98 0LJ

Phone: Check website

Website: arrowvalley.co.uk/

Parent note: 900-acre country park with lakeside trails. Good mix of free walking space and paid activities.

The Lickey Hills Country Park



Best for: Woodland walks, viewpoints, play areas, picnic spots and cafe stop.

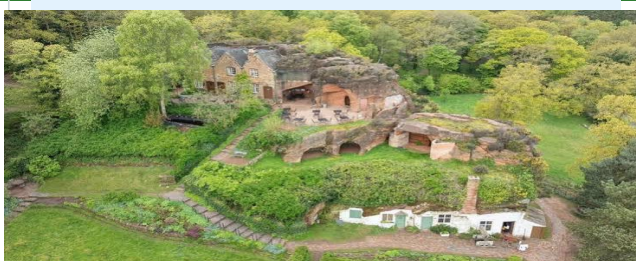
Address: Visitor Centre, Warren Lane, Rednal, Birmingham B45 8ER

Phone: 0121 303 2463

Website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20089/parks/406/lickey_hills_country_park

Parent note: A classic Birmingham family walk. Choose shorter loops for younger children or head up to Beacon Hill for views.

Kinver Edge & the Rock Houses



Best for: National Trust rock houses, heathland walks, woodland and unusual local history.

Address: Holy Austin Rock Houses, Compton Road, Kinver, near Stourbridge DY7 6DL

Phone: Check website

Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/shropshire-staffordshire/kinver-edge-and-the-rock-houses

Parent note: The countryside is generally dawn to dusk; Rock Houses opening varies by season and school holidays.

Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa



Best for: Formal gardens, picnic space, play area, river walks and cafe nearby.

Address: Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa CV32 4AA

Phone: Warwick District Council

Website: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20312/jephson_gardens

Parent note: Pretty, central and easy to combine with the town centre. Park opens from 8am; closing varies by month.

St Nicholas Park, Warwick



Best for: Boating, adventure mini-golf, play park, paddling pool, fairground rides and cafe.

Address: Banbury Road, Warwick CV34 4QY

Phone: 01926 450000 / boats 01926 494743

Website: www.stnicholaspark.co.uk/

Parent note: Good all-rounder for a mixed-age family group. Paid attractions may have separate opening times.

Edgbaston Reservoir



Best for: 70-acre nature reserve, waterside walks, open space and nearby cafe/community centre.

Address: 115 Reservoir Road, Ladywood, Birmingham B16 9EE

Phone: Birmingham City Council

Website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/reservoir

Parent note: Close to Birmingham city centre and useful for a low-cost local walk.

The Malvern Hills



Best for: Big views, family walks, picnic spots and cafe/visitor information nearby.

Address: Malvern Hills area; GeoCentre/Cafe H2O, Walwyn Road, Upper Colwall WR13 6PL

Phone: 01905 845057 / local centres vary

Website: www.malvern hills.org.uk/visiting/

Parent note: Choose a route that suits the group. Take water, layers and sensible shoes.

Brueton Park & Malvern Park, Solihull



Best for: Play area, lake walk, picnic spaces, nature reserve and near Touchwood.

Address: Warwick Road / New Road area, Solihull town centre B91

Phone: Solihull Council

Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces/malvern-and-brueton-parks

Parent note: Good easy local option with town-centre facilities nearby.

Elmdon Nature Park



Best for: Plane spotting, park walks, pond/wildlife, play space and picnic potential.

Address: Tanhouse Farm Road B92 9EY or Damson Parkway B91 2PP, Solihull

Phone: Solihull Council

Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces/elmdon-nature-park

Parent note: Handy for children who love watching planes taking off and landing near Birmingham Airport.

Stratford-upon-Avon days out

Stratford Greenway



Best for: Disused railway track for family walks, cycling, bike hire and cafe stops.

Address: Seven Meadows Road, Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 9LE

Phone: 07852 778488

Website: countryparks.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/12/stratford-greenway

Parent note: A flatter, easier route than many countryside walks. Bike hire opening can be weather dependent.

Stratford Butterfly Farm



Best for: Butterflies, insects and a warm indoor tropical environment near the river and play areas.

Address: Swan's Nest Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7LS

Phone: 01789 299288

Website: www.butterflyfarm.co.uk/

Parent note: Great rainy-day option. In summer, combine with the nearby river, picnic area, play park and crazy golf.

Shakespeare's Birthplace & Stratford Parks



Best for: Visit Shakespeare's birthplace, walk by the river, picnic, play and explore the town.

Address: The Shakespeare Centre, Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6QW

Phone: 01789 204016

Website: www.shakespeare.org.uk/

Parent note: Good for mixing history with outdoor time. Check ticket options for Shakespeare family homes before visiting.

Water, adventure & active days

Cliff Lakes Water Park



Best for: Inflatable aqua park, cafe and lakeside spectator areas.

Address: Tamworth Road, Cliff, Tamworth, Warwickshire B78 2DL

Phone: 01827 230656

Website: cliffflakes.co.uk/

Parent note: Book ahead for aqua park sessions. Check age, height and swimming ability requirements before travelling.

Rutland Water Visitor Centre & Aqua Park



Best for: Inflatable aqua park, cycle hire, lake walks, watersports and visitor centre.

Address: Sykes Lane Visitor Centre, Oakham LE15 8QL; Aqua Park Rutland, Bull Brigg Lane, Whitwell LE15 8BL

Phone: Visitor centre / activity operators vary

Website: anglianwaterparks.co.uk/rutland-water-park/visitor-information

Parent note: Bigger journey, but excellent for a full day. Check which car park/activity centre you need before setting off.

Draycote Water



Best for: Reservoir walks, cycling route, play area, visitor centre and cafe.

Address: Kites Hardwick, Rugby, Warwickshire CV23 8AB

Phone: 01788 815274

Website: www.stwater.co.uk/our-visitor-sites/draycote-water/

Parent note: A good active day out. The visitor centre cafe is run by Waterside/New Leaf Catering.

Animals, farms & paid attractions

Birdland Park & Gardens



Best for: Flamingos, penguins, over 500 birds, gardens and Jurassic Journey for younger children.

Address: Rissington Road, Bourton-on-the-Water GL54 2BN

Phone: 01451 820480

Website: www.birdland.co.uk/

Parent note: Ideal to combine with Bourton-on-the-Water. Book/check times and prices online.

Conkers



Best for: High ropes, indoor and outdoor play, sensory/barefoot walks, assault/activity trails and cafe.

Address: Rawdon Road (B586), Moira, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Derbyshire DE12 6GA

Phone: 01283 216633

Website: www.visitconkers.com/

Parent note: A strong all-weather choice because it has both indoor and outdoor areas.

Evesham Country Park / The Valley



Best for: Riverside/country walks, narrow gauge railway, splash pad, adventure golf, high ropes and play castle.

Address: The Valley, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11 4DS

Phone: 01386 298026

Website: www.thevalleyshopping.co.uk/things-to-do

Parent note: Formerly known by many as Evesham Country Park. Free and paid activities sit alongside shops and food options.

Hatton Adventure World



Best for: Farm animals, indoor activity centre, outdoor bouncy castles, funfair rides, foam parties and picnic areas.

Address: Dark Lane, Hatton, Warwick CV35 8XA

Phone: 01926 843411

Website: adventure.hattonworld.com/

Parent note: Excellent for younger children and a full summer-holiday day out. Check event programme before booking.

Rainy day, games & indoor options

Four Ashes Golf Centre



Best for: Adventure/crazy golf, driving range, Toptracer, golf academy and cafe/bar.

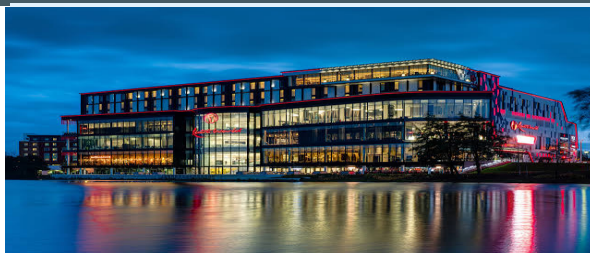
Address: Four Ashes Road, Dorridge, Solihull B93 8NQ

Phone: 01564 739559

Website: fourashesgolfcentre.co.uk/

Parent note: Good shorter trip rather than a whole day. Adventure golf is suited to a wide range of ages.

Resorts World Birmingham



Best for: IMAX cinema, bowling, arcade, Escape Hunt, shops, cafes and restaurants.

Address: Pendigo Way, Birmingham B40 1PU

Phone: 0121 273 1000 / Guest Services 0121 273 1230

Website: www.resortsworldbirmingham.co.uk/

Parent note: Useful bad-weather option near the NEC and Birmingham International station.

Sources & checking notes

This guide uses publicly available official attraction, council, National Trust and visitor information pages. Details such as opening times, prices and seasonal activities can change, so parents should use the website links before travelling.

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