

Suggested Itineraries



Rutland in Winter



G Barnsdale Gardens

With over 38 individual gardens in an 8-acre site, there's plenty to see and do at Barnsdale Gardens all year round. Whether you are a keen gardener, an armchair gardener or a visitor looking for a wonderful day out, enjoy the gardens, nursery and a great lunch in the Tea Room. Each garden offers practical concepts that you can use at home, as well as botanically labelled plants, ideal for making notes of the ones you really like!



Barnsdale Gardens
The Avenue
Exton
Oakham
Rutland
LE15 8AH

Opening Information

Open 7 days a week
Closed Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day

01572 813200
www.barnsdalegardens.co.uk

B Rutland Water Birdwatching Centre

One of the finest bird and wildfowl reserves in Britain. The centre at Egleton has a shop and panoramic views of the lagoons. Binoculars may be hired from the centre. Within a short walk, there are 24 purpose-built hides from where a fabulous selection of birds and wildfowl can be viewed. A permit is required for access to the hides, available from the centre. During winter there is an excellent array of waders on display around the reserve.



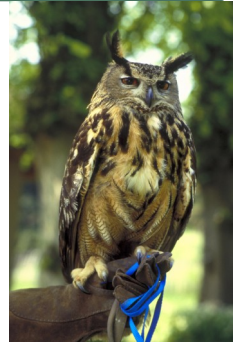
Opening Information

From Nov - Feb:
Open daily: 9am - 4pm

Rutland Water Nature Reserve
Egleton, Rutland, LE15 8BT
01572 770651
www.rutlandwater.org.uk/awbc.html

F Rutland Falconry & Owl Centre

The wilderness you won't want to leave!
This is a popular place to be and not just for people. It seems that this little corner of British countryside has become a sought after location for all manner of nature and wildlife. The centre offers a fascinating experience all year round, however it is all outdoors. You will come face to face with a magnificent collection of hundreds of rescued birds of prey from all round the world, from owls, hawks, falcons, buzzards, eagles and even vultures!



Burley Bushes, Exton Lane
Exton
Rutland
LE15 7TA

Opening Information

Open 7 days a week
Winter: from 10am, last entry 4pm

07778 152814
www.rutland-falconry.com

C Oakham Castle

The splendid Great Hall of Oakham Castle is one of the finest examples of late 12th century domestic architecture in England. The hall is decorated with a range of 12th century sculptures. Above the columns are six musicians, each playing a different instrument. They are made of local stone from Clipsham and although damaged, they are of superb quality. They are believed to have been carved by masons who had worked at Canterbury Cathedral. The Castle displays a collection of over 200 horseshoes given by passing royalty.



Opening Information

Tue - Fri 10.00 - 5.00: Sat 10.00 - 4.30
Bank Holiday Mondays - 10.00 - 5.00
Closed Sundays & Mondays, (Open Bank Hols)
Check Christmas opening times on the website.

Market Place
Oakham
Rutland
LE15 6DX

01572 758440
www.rutland.gov.uk/castle

M Rutland County Museum

The perfect introduction to England's smallest county. The "Welcome to Rutland" display tells the story of the county, and compliments displays of archaeology, history & rural life. The museum has a varied & exciting programme of Exhibitions & Events, including the popular **Live@The Museum** programme with performances and cinema. Plus a host of family activities including the Discovery Tots club, there's always plenty to do!



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Catmose

Oakham

Rutland

LE15 6HW

01572 758440

www.rutland.gov.uk/museum

www.rutland.gov.uk/live@themuseum

A Rutland Outdoor Adventure

Hire a bike and explore the **25 miles** of track around the reservoir. There are two depots offering a full range of bikes & equipment for hire & sale:

Normanton & Whitwell.

Whitwell is the largest shop but both are staffed by dedicated **cycle enthusiasts** who will give you all the advice you need.



Rutland Cycling & Rock Blok

Whitwell Leisure Park

Whitwell

Oakham

LE15 8BL

The **Rock Blok** is Located on the north shore of Rutland Water, they specialise in providing challenging experiences in a safe environment that will test your nerves. With the

High Ropes, the Climbing Wall

and other challenging activities **Open 7 day a week.**

01780 460705

hire@rutlandcycling.co.uk

Oakham to Stamford by Rail

A delightful rail journey taking approximately 15 minutes. The train leaves Oakham at a quarter to the hour. Enjoy a morning coffee in Oakham, and then head for the station. The train heads south, and shortly after leaving, distant views of Rutland Water can be seen on the left. The line swings to the east, passes through a tunnel under Manton village, crosses Manton junction and follows the valley to Stamford. Alight at Stamford. Now you are in for a real treat! Leave the station and follow the signs to the town centre crossing the River Welland on your way. The centre is 10 minutes walk from the station. Head for the Tourist Information centre where the staff will be pleased to help. There are many cafes and tearooms scattered about the town, spend as long or as little time as you wish in this remarkable Georgian town. The trains leaves Stamford station for your return journey at five minutes past the hour. Market days are Friday & Saturday.



Y Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue

The fascinating yet tranquil Yew Tree Avenue at Clipsham is over 200 years old, consisting of over 150 clipped Yew Trees in all manner of unusual shapes. The topiary was begun in 1870 by the Clipsham Estate Head Forester, and soon became a tradition which still continues today.



Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue

car park is one mile

North-East of

Clipsham Village

(3 miles east of the

A1 at Stretton).

Accommodation/Eat & Drink:

The Olive Branch, Clipsham

01780 410355

www.theolivebranchpub.com

W Rutland Water

Walk the Hambleton Peninsula, or stop off at any site around Rutland Water and enjoy the peaceful scenery and space. It's the largest in area of any man-made lake in Europe, some 3,500 acres.

It's possible to walk or cycle the whole way round the lake, approximately 26 miles, but a brilliant winter walk is the 5.5 mile walk round the peninsula. It takes about three hours and gives you some of the best views of the water.

This walk was selected by 'Country Walking' magazine, as one of the top lakeside walks in Britain. The walk starts and ends at the Finch's Arms, a delightful hostelry. The terrain is easy, but at this time of the year sensible footwear is recommended.



The Finch's Arms

Oakham Road

Hambleton

Rutland

LE15 8TL

01572 756575

www.finchsarms.co.uk

R Rutland Railway Museum

Located on the site of the former Cottesmore Iron Ore Mines Sidings, this open air Museum has a collection of steam and diesel locomotives, wagons, machinery and artefacts relating to Industrial Railways and the (now defunct) Iron Ore Mining Operations.

Admission is free but voluntary donations are encouraged to assist the charitable cause. Enjoy the on-site café and train rides on the 3/4 mile demonstration track.



Opening Information

The Museum is open for viewing

on Sundays and Thursdays

through the year between

11am and 5pm.

Donations welcome.

Ashwell Road

Cottesmore

Rutland

LE15 7BX

www.rutlandrailwaymuseum.org.uk