

Visitor and Accommodation Guide 2010

# Cambridge & Beyond

History • Culture • Shopping • Entertainment



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# Welcome to Cambridge

*From world-renowned history and culture to the latest shops and entertainment, this city has it all.*

It is no exaggeration to say that Cambridge has profoundly helped to shape the world we live in – from Newton's law of universal gravitation to the discovery of the structure of DNA by Crick and Watson. Visitors can immerse themselves in the incredible wealth of tradition and achievements that have made this a centre for learning, famed right across the world.

Incredible architecture, from colleges and chapels to churches and courtyards, literally on your doorstep.

The city also boasts an impressive range of world-renowned museums, stimulating galleries and historical attractions to make this a must visit hotspot for any lover of history and culture. What's more, Cambridge has been used as the backdrop to some of the world's leading films. For example, the city recently featured in 'Elizabeth – The Golden Age'.

But that's only half the story. Cambridge is also a shoppers paradise, with its vast array of independent boutiques, bustling markets and brand new shopping centres hosting the latest high street names.

With no major hills and being of a compact size, Cambridge is best explored by bike or on foot. And to help you get the best of the city's

historic centre why not take an official guided walking tour that can be arranged from the Visit Cambridge Tourist Information Centre.

We are easy to get to by train, coach and car and Cambridge is one of the most varied and culturally exciting places you can visit and with a huge variety of restaurants and stylish bars the only problem in an evening's entertainment is deciding where to go. With all its unique attractions and variety of places to stay, Cambridge and the surrounding area makes for a great short break or a longer holiday.

With information on accommodation, places to visit, annual events and services we offer, this guide gives you all the information you need to make the most of your visit here.

Come and see us – let us welcome you and show you our wonderful city.



# Visit Cambridge

*From buying tickets to free, expert knowledge, Visit Cambridge is here to help you.*

somewhere else in the UK after your stay in Cambridge, we can book that for you too.

**Information on what to see and do** – if there's something going on in the city, we'll know about it! Our team have all the latest details on what's happening – whether it's relating to entertainment, attractions, shops or places to eat and drink.



**Tickets** – to help you make the most of your visit and save time call in at the Tourist Information Centre where you will find a wide range of tickets. These include punting on the River Cam, Guided walking tours, CitySightseeing open-top bus trips around the city or exploring King's College Chapel.

Visit Cambridge is the official tourism service for Cambridge and through our Tourist Information Centre we are able to provide a range of services to ensure you thoroughly enjoy your stay in and around this world renowned city. Whether you get in touch before you come or pop in and see us when you arrive, we can help with:

**Booking your accommodation** – Visit Cambridge represents over 100 places to stay in and around the city. All have been graded either by VisitBritain (Quality in Tourism) or the AA, so whether looking for a self-catering apartment, campsite, guesthouse, B&B or hotel, you can be assured of a good night's sleep, with us sorting out the booking on your behalf. What's more, if planning to visit

**Guided tours** – our Guided Tours department (Tour Cambridge) offers a range of official tours covering the most important and fascinating aspects of the city, University and colleges. Blue or Green Badge guides will relate some amazing stories regarding the famous people connected with Cambridge whilst looking at some of the best known and impressive sights we have to offer – either on foot or by punt. Tour Cambridge also runs themed tours during Science Week and Halloween.

If you are arranging a group visit, Tour Cambridge also arrange private tours on topics including the University of Cambridge Botanic Garden, modern and ancient architecture and Christian heritage.

Punting along the River Cam is one of the traditional delights of visiting Cambridge, and something that should be tried by everyone! There is simply nothing more relaxing than gently drifting down a slowly winding river on a quiet summer afternoon. There are numerous boatyards throughout the city, open generally from Easter to early October, although some are open all year, and all within easy reach where you can hire all manner of punts, rowing boats and canoes. Tel 0871 226 8006

**Destination Cambridge** – is the dedicated venue finding service for Visit Cambridge and offers a complete, comprehensive service to assist the conference or event organiser in finding the perfect venue for any occasion. We can assist with meetings, conferences, product launches, private parties or family occasions by finding availability and prices for over eighty venues throughout Cambridge and beyond.

**Transport information** – we have details on the best ways to travel around the city and surrounding area. This includes information on the city's Park & Ride service, local bus and rail services as well as places to hire bikes and punts. If you are planning to visit another destination after your time in Cambridge, we can also book National Express coach tickets.



# Architecture and heritage

*From ancient and modern college buildings to cathedrals, the architecture and history in and around Cambridge is second to none.*

Cambridge has profoundly helped to shape the modern world, and there is a real sense of living history almost everywhere you look – as you might expect from a city whose university has produced fifteen former British Prime Ministers and eighty-one Nobel Prize winners (more than any other single institution).

History and environment are inseparable in Cambridge, from the descendant of the tree

outside Trinity College that inspired Sir Isaac Newton to devise his theory of gravitation to The Eagle pub where Crick and Watson sketched out the structure of DNA on a napkin.

Coming up to its 800th-year anniversary, the University of Cambridge is home to thirty one autonomous colleges. Each has its own distinctive atmosphere and rich history to soak up and enjoy – from the medieval Peterhouse College (the oldest, founded in 1284) to the twentieth-century Churchill College (founded in 1958 in honour of Britain's most famous Prime Minister).

No trip would be complete without gazing upon the majestic King's College Chapel – the picture postcard symbol of the city and its University that is known around the world. The Great Court at Trinity College, founded by the infamous Henry VIII, offers a scene that has remained virtually unchanged for centuries.

The most idyllic way to see the city has to be

drifting slowly down the River Cam on a punt – a flat-bottomed boat steered and powered by a pole. Once on board, you can literally see history pass before your eyes as you take in 'The Backs' of the colleges and glide under the famous Bridge of Sighs (St John's College) or the Mathematical Bridge (Queens' College). But Cambridge is no historical museum piece; this vibrant city is home to Europe's largest cluster of hi-tech businesses and admirers of modern architecture will find much to enjoy, from the dramatic Law Faculty building designed by Sir Norman Foster to the award-winning new Centre for Mathematical Sciences.

Outside Cambridge the visitor is also spoilt for choice in terms of history and heritage. Beautiful stately homes such as Audley End, Anglesey Abbey and Wimpole Hall are some of the finest and most accessible anywhere in the country. Fifteen miles north of Cambridge is Ely, Britain's second smallest city and home to an awe-inspiring cathedral dating back nearly a thousand years.

Whether you choose to stay in Cambridge itself or to explore beyond, there's only one problem – the more you look, the more you'll find.

**Audley End House and Gardens – English Heritage**

Enjoy a wonderful day out at Audley End House and Gardens. Admire the beautiful interiors and impressive collection of art works. Wander round the beautiful Elysian garden and 19th century parterre. Explore the organic Kitchen Garden and imagine life behind the scenes in the Service Wing.

Telephone. 01799 522399

Map 1, G7



# The colleges of Cambridge

*Cambridge's most famous institution, the University of Cambridge, is made up of thirty-one colleges; below we introduce just a small selection of these*

### Trinity College and Newton's Tree

Trinity College, located on Trinity Street, is the largest of the Cambridge colleges and was founded in 1546 by Henry VIII. Among its famous alumni are Lord Alfred Tennyson and Prince Charles, as well as Lord Byron, who allegedly kept a bear which he walked around the college on a chain. But perhaps the best known is Sir Isaac Newton, whose theory of gravity is said to have been inspired by watching an apple fall from a tree. Today, a descendent of the original tree known as 'Newton's Tree' stands just outside the Great Gate, by the windows of the rooms he occupied. Trinity's reputation for academic

excellence also continues, with many Nobel laureates among its members in recent years. Closed summer 2009 for one year, please check for details.  
**Map 3, B3**

### Emmanuel College

Founded in 1584 on the site of a former Dominican Friary, Emmanuel College was the first Puritan college in Cambridge and to indicate its different religious views the Chapel was changed to the dining hall, and the refectory to the college chapel and then eventually became the Old Library. Emmanuel's famous alumnus, John Harvard was one of many Cambridge students to travel to the 'New World' and after his death in 1638, left money to start a school which eventually took the name of Harvard University. The beautiful gardens at Emmanuel College include the original monks' fish pond and a selection of unusual trees and shrubs.  
**Map 3, D4**

### St John's College

St John's College was founded in 1511, its First Court finished in 1516, and its most recent major addition (the River Court built during the 1960's) was completed by the addition of the Fisher Building in 1985. Its famous Second Court, built from 1599-1603, has been described as 'the finest Tudor court in England'. The college is also famous for possessing what is generally acknowledged to be one of the best collegiate choirs in the world. The Chapel, which is home to the Choir, was built between

1863 and 1869. St John's has produced leaders in many fields; nine Nobel Prizes have been awarded to its members. However, just to prove it's not all about study, 'Time' magazine once described St John's May Ball as the '7th greatest party in the world'.  
**Map 3, B3**

### King's College

Henry VI laid the first stone of King's College of Our Lady and St. Nicholas on Passion Sunday, 1441. From the first, the college's buildings were intended to be a magnificent display of the power of royal patronage and Henry went to great lengths to ensure that King's College Chapel would be without equal in size and beauty. The Chapel features the world's largest fan vault, and is home to the world-famous chapel choir and the painting of the Adoration of the Magi by Rubens.  
**Map 3, B4**

### Bridge of Sighs

The Bridge of Sighs in St John's College was built in 1831 and crosses the River Cam between the college's Third Court and New Court. It is named after the Bridge of Sighs in Venice, although they have little in common architecturally beyond the fact that they are both covered. Queen Victoria is said to have loved it more than any other spot in the city. Locals jest that the bridge is named in reference to the sound that Cambridge students make as they cross the bridge on their way towards their exams.  
**Map 3, B3**



### Law Faculty

Despite being famous for its architectural heritage, Cambridge also has its share of modern classics. Take the Foster-designed Faculty of Law building – the largest law school in Britain. The inside is closed to visitors, however private tours can occasionally be arranged by calling the Faculty.  
Telephone. 01223 330077  
**Map 3, A5**

### Great St Mary's

A major highlight of a visit to Cambridge is a climb up Great St Mary's tower. 123 steps take you up 114 feet (35metres) to the top, giving a panoramic view of Cambridge and the surrounding countryside.  
Telephone. 01223 741716  
**Map 3, C4**

### Hemingford Grey Manor

Built in the 1130's, The Manor is one of the oldest continuously inhabited houses in Britain and much of the original house remains virtually intact. The house was recreated and made famous as the House of Green Knowe by Lucy Boston in her series of children's books. Her son Peter's illustrations depict many of the things in the house and garden. The house is moated and surrounded by four acres of garden renowned for its collection of over 200 roses. The inside is closed to visitors; however, private tours can be arranged by calling in advance.  
Telephone. 01480 463134  
**Map 1, C3**

## Architecture and heritage

### The Wren Library

The Wren Library, part of Trinity College and completed in 1695, is one of Cambridge's foremost libraries. Sir Christopher Wren (who was also responsible for St Paul's Cathedral in London) designed not only the building but also the fittings and furniture. It contains many valuable texts, including two of Shakespeare's first folios, a 14th century manuscript of the Vision of Piers Plowman, letters by Sir Isaac Newton and, from the more recent past, AA Milne's manuscripts of Winnie-the-Pooh and the House at Pooh Corner.  
**Map 3, B3**



### The Round Church

Most churches in Western Europe are cross-shaped but, as the name suggests, this church is different. Originally called the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, there are only four complete round churches like this in England. The Fraternity who constructed it in

the 12th century were influenced by the first round Christian church built by the Roman Emperor Constantine around the site of Christ's tomb in Jerusalem, using thick pillars and rounded arches.  
Telephone. 01223 311602  
**Map 3, C3**

### Wimpole Hall Estate – National Trust

Wimpole Hall is set amidst a fine wooded park, complete with Gothic tower, Chinese bridge and serpentine lakes. The hall has fine interiors and fascinating servants' quarters. The Estate's Home Farm with traditional thatched farm buildings is a centre for rare breeds of farm animals and a great family favourite.  
Telephone. 01223 206000 **Map 1, D6**



### American Cemetery

First established on 7 December 1943, this 30.5 acre site, donated by the University of Cambridge (Trinity College), was later selected as a permanent American Military Cemetery. The 3,812 American war dead buried here represent 42% of those buried in England and Northern Ireland. The site is also home to the Wall of Missing which records the names of 5,127 servicemen and women who gave their lives for their country whose remains were never recovered. The site was selected not only because of its scenic grandeur, but also because a large proportion of American casualties occurred in this general area of East Anglia. The cemetery was dedicated on 16 July 1956.  
Telephone. 01954 210350  
**Map 1, D5**





# Stay a little longer

## South Cambridgeshire

A rural gem, South Cambridgeshire offers 350 square miles of fantastic walking and cycling countryside dotted with historic monuments, houses and other attractions.

From small hamlets to larger villages, South Cambridgeshire combines the modern and the historical, sitting pretty in a tranquil landscape ranging from rolling chalk hills to flat, fertile fenland.

Food lovers will have a tough time choosing from an array of friendly local pubs and restaurants, while wine connoisseurs will delight in discovering the county's only vineyard.

Art enthusiasts are spoilt for choice with open studio events, dance, theatre and music played in some of our beautiful medieval churches. Storytellers weave enchanting tales in country parks and villages celebrate the seasons.

With attractions from nature reserves, a zoo and wildlife park, golf courses, walks and windmills, South Cambridgeshire is a fantastic place to make some memories. Getting here couldn't be easier with rail connections between London and Norfolk, road access from the M11, A1 and A14 and Stansted airport just a short hop away.

## Ely

Located only 15 miles from Cambridge, Ely is a perfect one-day or short break destination. The first port of call for any visitor to Ely today will almost certainly be the cathedral. This

imposing structure towers across the fens for miles around. Dominating the skyline, it is one of England's most beautiful and largest Cathedrals. Known locally as the 'Ship of the Fens' it is famous for its unique Octagon tower, which when lit can be seen for tens of miles. The cathedral is also home to the only national museum dedicated to stained glass. If it's history you are interested in then Ely's Museum, housed in the old Gaol, is an excellent place to start.

Ely's most famous historical resident of Ely was of course Oliver Cromwell. You can visit the Cromwell family house, which now doubles as the local Tourist Information Centre.

As you would perhaps expect from a place so attractive to tourists, there are many gift shops, craft shops, antique shops, art galleries and ubiquitous teashops. Follow the city's heritage public art trail, which is a walk that takes you past five pieces of stunning art.

The City's beautiful waterside is a hot spot for tourists and hosts a variety of musical entertainment to suit all tastes.

Ely is easily accessed by road via the A10 or A142 off the A14. There is also a centrally located railway station, with good links to the rest of the region which makes Ely ideally situated to use as a base whilst visiting Cambridge, Newmarket, Norwich or the Norfolk Coast. We look forward to welcoming you! For a copy of our Visitors Guide which includes information on accommodation, attractions and events call the Tourist Information Office on 01353 662062 or check out our website: [www.eastcambs.gov.uk/tourism](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/tourism).

## Bury St Edmunds and just beyond

Just 30 minutes east of Cambridge you will find an historic town that has a delightful atmosphere all its own.

Bury St Edmunds' medieval Abbey Gate, behind which stands the award winning Abbey Gardens, overlooks a beautiful square surrounded by splendid Georgian town houses, the newly crowned St Edmundsbury Cathedral, the Angel Hotel and Athenaeum. The square plays host to the hugely popular Christmas Fayre each December.

From there it's a short stroll into one of the most cosmopolitan town centres. Famous name stores sit cheek by jowl with delightful independent shops and cafés galore, and every Wednesday and Saturday the town centre plays host to one of the largest street markets in East Anglia. The town's many attractions are also within easy walking distance and the convenient grid formation of the streets – courtesy of the abbots of the Abbey – make them easy to find. With a mixture of old and new there certainly is something for everyone. With theatres, galleries and museums there is plenty to visit. For something a little different Greene King Visitor Centre promises a warm Suffolk welcome and a chance to sample some of their famous ales! Or visit the newly restored Theatre Royal – the only working Regency playhouse in Britain. If you would like someone to do the hard work take one of our guided tours and let our knowledgeable town guides show you everything including some of the more hidden attractions.

For further information telephone the Tourist Information Centre 01284 764667 or email [tic@stedsb.gov.uk](mailto:tic@stedsb.gov.uk)

## A day out in Newmarket

If it's horses & horseracing you are interested in, then Newmarket is the place to visit! Home to over 2500 horses in training, most of whom are exercised each morning on the gallops at Newmarket's Warren Hill, plus several hundred stud and pleasure horses, horses really are the main feature in this unique market town. Other points of interest include the two racecourses; the famous Rowley Mile Racecourse, named after King Charles II's favourite horse 'Old Rowley', and the July Course, where the oldest surviving race, the Newmarket Town Plate is still run every year in October. The governing body of horseracing, the Jockey Club, established in 1770, stands off the High Street with the bronze statue of the Derby winner Hyperion at the front of the building. And Tattersalls Park Paddocks, the world's most famous bloodstock auctioneer, are just around the corner.

Next to the Jockey Club is the Horse Racing Museum; a must-see for all visitors interested in horseracing. The museums' collection tells the story of horseracing, and they hold varying

art exhibitions as well as having a horse simulator. So while learning the history of the sport of Kings – why not try out your own riding abilities under the supervision of a retired jockey! The Horse Racing Museum also organises regular tours of the town and yards. The National Stud situated at the entrance to the town, and the only working stud that opens its doors to the public, also provides daily tours during the summer.

Palace House is also well worth a visit. Palace House is the surviving part of Charles II's palace, dating back to the seventeenth century, and has recently been restored. Today, Palace House is used as a Tourist Information Centre and Gift Shop, providing information on both the local area, and other areas of the UK, Palace House is also available for hire as a venue for Civil Ceremonies, Wedding Receptions, Exhibitions, Conferences and Seminars.

Newmarket also has a wide variety of restaurants and pubs, catering to all tastes and budgets. The town is also a popular place for shoppers, with popular high street names alongside independent boutiques and specialist shops. Newmarket also has a lively nightlife.



# Local attractions

## Flag Fen

Flag Fen is the site of an amazing mile long ritual causeway that is 3500 years old – East Anglia's Stonehenge! Visitors can explore the lives of Fen Folk 3000 years ago seeing Celtic treasure, the oldest wheel in England and a reconstructed village. New for 2008, guided tours and themed craft activities subject to volunteer availability. Map 1, off A1 Telephone. 01733 313414

## Mountfitchet Castle

Experience Travel back in time to medieval England of 1066 as you wander through Mountfitchet Castle and its Norman village. Adjacent to the historic castle you can take a nostalgic trip to The House on the Hill Toy Museum and come face to face with Daleks and a life-size Jar Jar Binks, view the rock 'n' roll exhibition and enjoy playing the early end-of pier amusement machines. All for one entrance fee! Map 1, off G8 Telephone. 01279 813237

## Shepreth Wildlife Park

Shepreth is a great wildlife experience offering the whole family the chance to get up close to some amazing animals. The children can hand-feed the ponies, ducks and goats and large carp, while the young at heart can meet up with the wolves. In addition, there's Monkey Island, the tropical house or Bug City. Map 1, F6 Telephone. 01763 262226

## Linton Zoo

Linton Zoo is a great family day out, with a wealth of rare and exotic creatures to be seen including snow leopards, tigers, lions, tapirs, giant spiders and snakes, all set in 16 beautiful acres of gardens. Map 1, G6 Telephone. 01223 891308

## The Raptor Foundation

The Raptor Foundation is a bird of prey sanctuary and hospital. It is a unique and exciting place for children and adults to learn about owls, falcons, hawks and buzzards. There are over 41 species, many of which are endangered. Weather permitting, there are flying displays with audience participation each day and regular twilight flying displays. Map 1, D3. Telephone. 01487 741140

## Duxford Imperial War Museum

Duxford is Europe's premier aviation museum – housing the largest collection

of historic aircraft in Europe, ranging from WWI vintage biplanes to Spitfires, Concorde and Gulf War jets – as well as having one of the finest collections of tanks, military vehicles and naval exhibits in the country. Also now open is Duxford's new £25m project which tells the story of Britain's civil and military aviation, past, present and future. Duxford hosts air shows and special events throughout the year. Telephone. 01223 835000 **Map 1, F6**

## Wysing Arts Centre

Wysing Arts Centre is an incubator for creative talent, offering artist studios for professional practising artists alongside modern contemporary art exhibitions and events for the visiting public. In January 2008 we launch a £1.7m Capital Redevelopment Project with new studio block, state-of-the-art NewMedia and Education facilities alongside a new Gallery and Reception space as well as Café facilities. Our programme of exhibitions for 2008 focuses on Social Sculpture and public participation. Telephone. 01954 718881 **Map 1, D5**

## Ely Cathedral

Gaze upwards inside the magnificent Ely Cathedral and you'll soon see why this ceiling has attracted visitors from around the world. In addition, the cathedral boasts one of the most amazing engineering feats of the Middle Ages in the form of its unique Octagon Tower. The origins of the cathedral date back to St Etheldreda, a Saxon princess, who founded a religious community in Ely as early as AD 673. The present building dates from 1081 and achieved cathedral status during the early 12th century. Ely itself was an island until the draining of the fens in the 18th century and the cathedral is still referred to today as the 'Ship of the Fens'. Telephone. 01353 667735 **Map 1, G2**

## Oliver Cromwell's House

Dating back to the 13th century, this house was Cromwell's family home from 1636–1647 and is situated in the beautiful city of Ely. Born in nearby Huntingdon and part educated at Cambridge University, Cromwell settled in Ely with his wife Elizabeth Bourchier and their eight children. At that time England was in the considerable religious and political turmoil of the civil war, culminating in the execution of King Charles 1 in 1649. It was from his base in Ely that Cromwell rose to become the most powerful man in the country as head of state, the 'Lord Protector'. Telephone. 01353 662062 **Map 1, G2**

Stay a little longer



# Museums and galleries

*From Concorde to Canaletto, we have some of the world's greatest treasures.*

From paintings by Titian and Picasso, through World War Two fighter planes to fossils dating back some 550 million years, museums and galleries in and around Cambridge house some of the most fascinating and diverse collections to be found anywhere in the world – and most are free to enter.

There are exhibits to excite and inspire visitors of all ages and interests – on the same day

you could wonder at treasures from the tombs of ancient Egypt, gaze upon a masterpiece by Rubens, visit Concorde, take a trip to the North and South Poles and still have time to see the specimens that Darwin gathered on his famous trip on the Beagle. But with so much to see, a more leisurely approach is perhaps recommended!

The world-famous Fitzwilliam Museum has been described as 'the finest small museum in Europe' and is an essential stop on any cultural itinerary of Cambridge. This incredibly diverse collection includes antiquities from ancient Egypt, Rome and Greece, illuminated manuscripts, armour and weaponry used by knights, as well as masterpieces by artists such as Canaletto, Cézanne, Renoir and Monet – a treasure trove not to be missed.

For something completely different, try Kettle's Yard – formerly the home of Jim Ede, a curator at the Tate Gallery, London, whose private art collection has been preserved in this beautiful house alongside his furniture and household objects. Just next door, you can visit the Kettle's Yard gallery of contemporary art, then find out how local people lived in past times at the newly renovated Cambridge & County Folk Museum.

On a somewhat larger scale, Duxford Imperial War Museum (ten miles south of the city centre) is Europe's largest aviation museum housing historic planes from the first years of flight to the modern day. Also a few miles from the city is Wising Arts Centre where you can see artists at work and view a range of modern, contemporary events and exhibitions throughout the year.

Back in the centre of town, you don't need to be an academic to enjoy some of the incredible collections at the University's many departmental museums. Marvel at unusual artefacts from different cultures from around the world at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology; gaze on rare animal specimens and fossils at the University Museum of Zoology; find out more about the polar regions and some of the intrepid explorers who've journeyed there at the Scott Polar Research Institute; or learn how medieval astronomers mapped the skies at The Whipple Museum of the History of Science.



## The Museums of Cambridge and beyond

**Cambridge County & Folk Museum:**  
Discover the vibrant history of Cambridge people in this friendly museum, located just 5 minutes from the City Centre. For 300 years it was the White Horse Inn, now this beautifully restored building gives you the opportunity to feel the warm settings such as the bar, kitchen and the snug, which are filled with objects from the 1660s to the 1960s.  
Telephone: 01223 355159

**Denny Abbey and The Farmland Museum–English Heritage**  
The Farmland Museum at Denny Abbey is a fantastic opportunity to discover the rural life of Cambridgeshire. The museum houses a 1940's farm labourer's cottage, a 1930's village shop, displays of local crafts and skills, and a collection of farm tools and agricultural machinery. The 12th century Abbey has housed three different religious orders including the Knights Templar.  
Telephone: 01223 860988/489  
Map 1, F4

**Kettle's Yard**  
Kettle's Yard is a beautiful and unique house that contains a distinctive collection of modern art. Next door is a gallery which has a changing exhibition programme of modern and contemporary art. There is a rolling programme of workshops, talks and concerts.  
Telephone: 01223 352124  
Map 3, B2

**Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology**  
The museum houses the University's collections of local antiquities together with archaeological and ethnographic artefacts from all continents.



**Fitzwilliam Museum**  
The Fitzwilliam Museum is the principal museum of the University of Cambridge. It was founded in 1816 and contains magnificent collections of works of art and antiquities of international standing. Highlights include masterpieces of painting from the fourteenth century to the present day, drawings and prints, sculpture, furniture, armour, pottery and glass, oriental art, illuminated manuscripts, coins, medals and antiquities.  
Telephone: 01223 332900  
Map 3, C6

The permanent galleries provide an overview of material from around the world; one gallery is devoted to changing exhibitions and there are annual student exhibitions and rotating displays. The museum is an important research and teaching centre that continues to collect

contemporary material and local archaeology. Telephone: 01223 333516  
Map 3, D5

**Museum of Classical Archaeology**  
This museum is a real find, containing a unique collection of early plaster casts of many of the most famous statues of ancient Greece and Rome. A visit offers a view of a whole host of sculptures, whose originals are spread all over the planet – from Tehran to Malibu.  
Telephone: 01223 335153



**National Horseracing Museum**

This museum, at the home of horseracing in Newmarket, tells the story of racing from its Royal origins to the modern day. Learn about the horse and jockey, then put on your silks and ride the horse simulator! 'Behind the scenes' minibus tours visit the famous gallops, trainers' yards and equine pool.  
Telephone. 01638 667333  
Map 1, 14

**The Rupert Brooke Museum**

This small museum is situated in the grounds of the world famous Orchard Tearooms in Grantchester. Rupert Brooke, one of our favourite poets lived in Grantchester when he was a University student. The museum has a collection of artefacts related to the poet, a

comprehensive history and a small library with related materials.  
Telephone. 01223 845788  
Map 1, E5

**Scott Polar Research Institute**

The Scott Polar Research Institute is the UK's leading centre for research into both Polar regions and glaciology worldwide. Founded in 1920 as the national memorial to Captain Robert Falcon Scott and his companions, its museum holds a compelling collection of artefacts (particularly from the Heroic Age of Exploration), paintings, drawings, photographs and other material relating to polar history, exploration, science and art.  
Telephone. 01223 336540  
Map 3, D6

**Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences**

Discover fossils, rocks and minerals from around the world and explore more than 550million years of the Earth's history at the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences. The museum offers a family events programme, a free rock and fossil identification service, and structured school and adult group visits.  
Telephone. 01223 333456  
Map 3, C/D5

**The University Museum of Zoology**

This museum displays a great range of recent and fossilised animals, demonstrating the diversity of the animal kingdom. The collections were accumulated from 1814 onwards, and highlights include many specimens collected by Charles Darwin, a near comprehensive display of British birds and a notable collection of beautiful shells.  
Telephone. 01223 336650  
Map 3, C4

**Whipple Museum of the History of Science**

The Whipple is a world-class collection of scientific instruments, covering all branches of science. Its collection includes scientific instruments, apparatus, models, pictures, prints, photographs and books. The museum displays many instruments used in the University, dating from the 17th century to the present day.  
Telephone. 01223 330906  
Map 3, C4/5



# Shopping

*Cambridge is truly a shoppers' paradise with its mix of covered shopping centres, bustling high streets, fabulous independent boutiques and seven day a week Market – we are sure you will not be disappointed.*

stir-fried noodles, hot dogs, great coffee, freshly squeezed juices and hot soups all available in the square! On Sundays, the Market Square hosts the Arts and Crafts and Local Produce Market. Here, there are all sorts of goodies produced by the region's most talented artists, craftspeople, sculptors and photographers.  
[www.cambridge.gov.uk/markets](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/markets)

Sundays see a return to a more traditional and healthy way of shopping where you can buy fresh local produce directly from the producers. Stalls sell fresh bread, fruit, vegetables, plants, cakes, meat, poultry and a selection of organic fare and even ostrich burgers. It is best to get there early as stalls often sell out! Map 3, C4

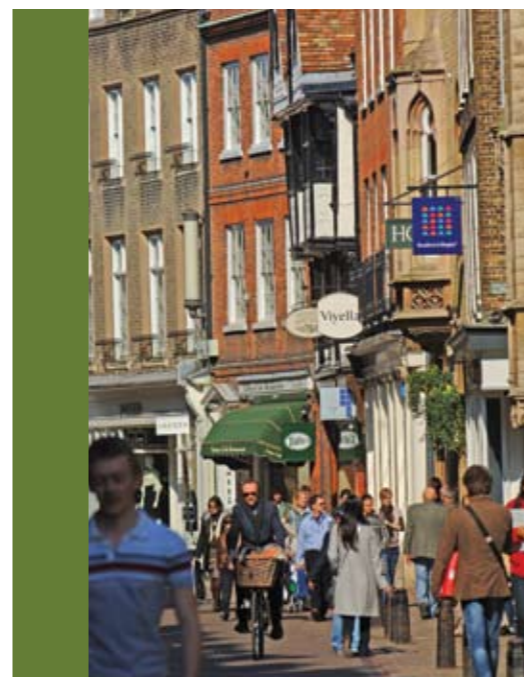
**Cambridge General Market**

In the very heart of the city, the historic, cobbled Market Square is home to the General Market open between Monday and Saturday. This bustling market offers everything from a wide range of food, clothes, hats, books and CDs through to jewellery. You can have your bike repaired, visit Cambridge's first ever outdoor hairdresser or even enjoy a back massage. A range of refreshments are always available, with

The All Saints Garden Art and Craft Market, off Trinity Street in the city centre, has been part of the Cambridge scene for nearly thirty years. This friendly market, with the motto 'We Make What We Sell', provides a very special opportunity to meet the artists and makers, discuss their work, and to buy unique hand-made products direct from the maker. These include fused and stained glass, jewellery, painting, pottery, woodturning, photography and much more. The market is held on Saturdays all year round.

A stone's throw from the Market Square is the Cambridge University Press bookshop – the oldest bookshop site in the country where books have been sold since 1581. And it's fair to say that, if you can't find the book you want in Cambridge, you probably won't find it anywhere. From large modern booksellers complete with cafés to specialist second-hand dealers and even a reputedly haunted bookshop, you're never far from a good read in this literary city.





## A-Z of Cambridge shopping areas:



### Benet Street Area:

With its mix of entertainment venues, this area has become known as the "Arts Quarter". Stop by the city's Tourist Information Centre and then browse the boutiques dedicated to fashion, ceramics, jewellery and lingerie. There are also lively cafes, hair salons, a tea-shop and second-hand bookshops. [Map 3, C4](#)

### Bridge Street/ Magdalene Street:

Leading down to the banks of the River Cam you'll discover a mix of essential and specialist shops, bars and restaurants, all scattered around the quayside area. Magdalene Street is home to some wonderful boutiques where you can really indulge yourself, while Bridge Street offers everything from chocolate and jewellery to clothing and health food. [Map 3, C3 + B2](#)

### Christ's Lane:

One of Cambridge's newest developments comprising a diverse mixture of shops and Giraffe, a brand new restaurant offering customers stunning views over Christ's Pieces as they tuck into a wonderful range of food and drink. Shopping enthusiasts will not be disappointed as Christ's Lane is home to firm favourites such as H&M, Zara and Bank as well as

Divertimenti which offers customers stylish and practical cookware, underwear giant Triumph, surf wear specialist Billabong, furniture shop Lambok and Starbucks. [Map 3, D4](#)

### The Grafton:

A short walk from the historic city centre is the Grafton, home to more than 70 retailers, including Debenhams, Next, BHS and. Offering something for everyone The Grafton is a family favourite with stores like Pumpkin Patch, Mothercare and the Early Learning Centre catering for little ones. Take a break from shopping for a bite to eat and relax in the many cafes and restaurants. Leading to the Grafton is Fitzroy Street and Burleigh Street with specialist shops, plus Argos, Starbucks as well as independent flower sellers and food stalls. [Map 3, F3](#)

### Grand Arcade:

Cambridge's newest 21st Century Style destination contains 52 new shops, a 5 storey John Lewis store, Carluccio's Restaurant and much much more. With bigger branches of favourite names like Topshop/Topman and River Island, as well as shops that are completely new to Cambridge like Apple, T M Lewin, Swarovski and L K Bennett Grand Arcade is an incredibly popular destination. [Map 3, D4](#)

### Green Street:

This cobbled street connecting Sidney Street with Trinity Street is worth a detour and you will be surprised at the variety of little independent shops. Here, you can find everything from outdoor clothing, hairdressers and cameras, through to gifts, clothing and even a shop dedicated to music books. [Map 3, C3](#)

### King's Parade:

Classically Cambridge, King's Parade epitomises the spirit of the city. Set amongst the famous colleges, local history sites side-by-side with today's shops offering classic men's and college-wear, boutique womenswear, fine art galleries and crafts, a wine merchant, cameras and even relaxation and meditation books and CD's. [Map 3, C4/5](#)

### King Street:

Historic King Street offers a mix of 35 quality independent stores and a lively café culture to entice and entertain every visitor. Outlets include cafes, bars, a teashop, as well as fashion boutiques, menswear, hair- nail and beauty establishments, art supplies and an interior store. [Map 3, D3](#)

### Lion Yard:

Lion Yard is an established, purpose-built shopping centre in the heart of the city centre. This and the surrounding Petty Cury area boast such names as Lush, Sony Centre, Currys Digital, Hotel Chocolate, New Look, Disney Store and many more... [Map 3, C4](#)

### Mill Road:

Located a short walk from both the historic centre and The Grafton is one of the most cosmopolitan areas of the city. Mill Road is renowned for its diverse range of restaurants and food shops, curios, second-hand books and furniture shops, cycles, hairdressers and electricals. [Map 3, F5](#)

### Newmarket Road:

A walk or short bus ride from the city centre is the Cambridge Retail Park-home to several of

the city's largest stores including Habitat, PC World, Homebase, Boots and Halfords. With a large Burtons and Dorothy Perkins store as well as Starbucks and Pizza Hut this busy retail park has something for everyone. Next door, the Beehive Centre houses a number of other large stores including a T.K.Maxx. [Map 3, E/F/G3](#)

### Rose Crescent:

Rose Crescent has its own unique charm. The striking buildings and traditionally slabbed paving stones are home to a renowned sandwich shop, a travel agent, tailors, jewellers, French Connection and Jack Wills. Those seeking a pampering beauty treatment will also find just the thing at L'Occitane, Molton Brown and Neal's Yard. [Map 3, C4](#)

### Sidney Street:

Lined with a wide range of High Street shops and services, Sidney Street offers everyday destinations -Sainsbury's, Marks&Spencers and Waterstone's-plus a branch of STA Travel, book shops and Austin Reed for classic menswear. It is also home to Women's favourites Monsoon, East and Mayhem as well as coffee outlet Costa and Presso Pasty Shop. [Map 3, C3](#)

### St John's Street:

Home to the stunning entrance to St. John's College, tourists and locals alike are drawn to the outdoor and well-established All Saints Art and Craft market is held here every Saturday. Tucked away next to the market you'll find All Saints Passage - well worth a visit for the cheese and delicatessen shop. [Map 3, C3](#)

### Sussex Street:

Sussex Street colonnade features two cafes and

a wide variety of specialist shops in beautiful surroundings. Here there's everything for the musician with pianos, instruments and sheet music. Ladies are spoilt for choice with designer clothes, wedding fashion and balls gowns and an underwear specialist. Sweet provide contemporary children's fashions and The Toy Shop is tucked away on Hobson Street providing an Aladdin's cave of treats. [Map 3, C3](#)

### Trinity Street:

Boasting ornately-decorated shops fronts, this delightful winding street offers quirky independent gems mixed with well-known High Street names such as Reiss, Jaeger, Jigsaw, Sweaty Betty and White Stuff. Alongside a charming café located within a church, you'll find fashion trends, plus pretty home wares, clothing and a specialist book store. [Map 3, C4](#)





# Events Calendar

*From January to December, Cambridge and the surrounding area has a vast array of events. Below is a selection of what you can expect during 2010. For a complete list, keep a check on [www.visitcambridge.org](http://www.visitcambridge.org)*

## January

- Pantomime Season, Cambridge at The Arts Theatre
- Full Lent term begins. [www.cam.ac.uk](http://www.cam.ac.uk)
- Cambridge Winter Ale Festival. University Sports & Social Club, Mill Lane. [www.camra.org.uk/cambridge](http://www.camra.org.uk/cambridge)

## February

- Rag Week, Tel. 01223 330286. [www.cambridgerag.org.uk](http://www.cambridgerag.org.uk)
- Rag Carnival Procession, 01223 330286. [www.cambridgerag.org.uk](http://www.cambridgerag.org.uk)
- Lent Bumps, [www.cucbc.org/calendar/2009-02](http://www.cucbc.org/calendar/2009-02)

## March

- Lent Term ends
- Cambridge Science Week, Tel. 01223 766762; [www.cambridgescience.org](http://www.cambridgescience.org)
- Wimpole Home Farm Lambing Time, Wimpole; [www.wimpole.org](http://www.wimpole.org)

## April

- Cambridge University Easter Full Term begins
- Easter at The Kings: Handel's Messiah, Bach's St John Passion, Haydn Church music. Tel. 01223 350544 [www.kings.cam.ac.uk/chapel](http://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/chapel)
- Craven Meeting, Newmarket Races; Tel. 01638 663482; [www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk](http://www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk)
- Cambridge Wordfest: Tel. 01223 264404 [www.cambridgewordfest.co.uk](http://www.cambridgewordfest.co.uk)
- Wimpole Home Farm Lambing Time, Wimpole; [www.wimpole.org](http://www.wimpole.org)
- University Boat Race rowed on the river Thames

## May

- Guineas Festival, Newmarket Racecourses ; Tel. 01638 663482; [www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk](http://www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk)
- Opening of Jesus Green Swimming Pool for the Summer, Cambridge
- Stilton Cheese Rolling, Stilton; Tel. 01733 241206 [www.stilton.org/diary\\_intro.html](http://www.stilton.org/diary_intro.html)
- Cambridge Beer Festival, Jesus Green, Cambridge; [www.camra.org.uk/cambridge](http://www.camra.org.uk/cambridge)
- Oxfam Sponsored Walk, Chilford Hall; Tel. 01223 502798
- Spring Fixture, Newmarket Racecourses; Tel. 01638 663482; [www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk](http://www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk)
- Spring Air Show , Duxford Imperial War Museum, [www.duxford.iwm.org.uk/](http://www.duxford.iwm.org.uk/)



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## June

- Strawberry Fair, Midsummer Common, Cambridge; [www.strawberry-fair.org.uk](http://www.strawberry-fair.org.uk)
- Cambridge Children's Festival, Jesus Green, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 457521
- Family Fun Day, Jesus Green, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 457521
- Colleges May Bumps (University Bumping Races); Tel. 01223 467304; [www.cucbc.org](http://www.cucbc.org)
- Easter term ends
- Cambridge Midsummer Fair, Midsummer Common, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 457555
- University Honorary Degree Day, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 332300
- General Admission University Degree Day
- National Bike Week: [www.bikeweek.org.uk](http://www.bikeweek.org.uk)

## July

- Cambridge Film Festival, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 504444
- Cambridge Shakespeare Festival; Tel. 07955 218824 [www.cambridgeshakespeare.com](http://www.cambridgeshakespeare.com)
- East of England Show; Tel. 01733 234451; [www.eastofengland.org.uk](http://www.eastofengland.org.uk)
- Cambridge Open Studios; Tel. 01223 561192; [www.camopenstudios.co.uk/](http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk/)
- The Big weekend: Programme of summer entertainment for all, taking place in and around the parks of Cambridge. [www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/summerinthecity/](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/summerinthecity/)
- Pop In The Park, Parker's Piece, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 457521
- Big Day Out, Parker's Piece, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 457521
- Summer Sunday, Parker's Piece, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 457521
- World Pea Shooting Championships, Village Green, Witcham; Tel. 01353 777906
- Duxford Flying Show - Flying Legends

- Air Show, Duxford Imperial War Museum, Duxford; Tel. 01223 835000; [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)
- Singing on the River - King's College River Bank, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 331100
- Cambridge Summer Recitals; Tel. 01223 892945; email: [info@cambridgesummermusic.com](mailto:info@cambridgesummermusic.com)
- London to Cambridge Cycle Ride; Tel. 0870 7558519; [www.camcycle.org.uk/](http://www.camcycle.org.uk/)



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- [events/londontocambridge.html](http://events/londontocambridge.html)
- Town Bumps, Rowing Races, River Cam, Cambridge
- Cambridge Folk Festival, Tel. 01223 457521 [www.cambridgefolkfestival.co.uk](http://www.cambridgefolkfestival.co.uk)
- Secret Garden Party: [www.secretgardenparty.com](http://www.secretgardenparty.com)

## August

- Cambridge - The Comedy Marquee Club, Jesus Green, Tel. 01223 457521/357851
- Cambridge Shakespeare Festival; Tel. 07955 218824 [www.cambridgeshakespeare.com](http://www.cambridgeshakespeare.com)
- Cambridge Summer Recitals: [www.cambridgesummermusic.com](http://www.cambridgesummermusic.com)
- Cambridge Summer Music Festival; [www.cambridgesummermusic.com](http://www.cambridgesummermusic.com)
- Military Vehicle Show, Duxford Imperial War Museum, Duxford; Tel. 01223 835000
- Jazz and Brass in the Parks, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 457521
- Children's Theatre Marquee Club, Jesus Green, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 475521/357851
- Big Band Show, Cherry Hinton Hall, Cambridge; Tel. 01223 457521

## September

- Bridge The Gap Walk Sunday [info@bridgethegap.org](mailto:info@bridgethegap.org) or 01223 723115 / 01223 434378.
- Duxford Flying Show - Duxford Imperial War Museum, Duxford; Tel. 01223 835000; [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



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# Green Escape

*From flower gardens to fenland walks, we have a wealth of places to explore and relax*

Cambridge and the surrounding area offers an abundance of green spaces – from the city's many beautiful parks to nearby nature reserves and gorgeous gardens in local stately homes.

A stone's throw from the city centre, Jesus Green is a beautiful stretch of parkland bordering the River Cam and the nearby Jesus College. Complete with an open-air swimming pool, skate park and tennis courts, it's the perfect place for a leisurely stroll at any time of year.

Any first time visitor to Cambridge should really take a stroll along the 'Backs' of the riverside colleges, offering stunning views all year round. And if you really want to get into the Cambridge spirit, hire a bike from one of the city's many rental outlets and freewheel your way round this cycle-friendly city – take a ride across Parker's Piece where the basic rules of the football association were devised in the nineteenth century, or stop off at the nearby Christ's Pieces where you'll find a rose garden commemorating Diana, Princess of Wales. You might even venture out to Wandlebury, a beautiful area of wooded parkland four miles south east of the city with

picnic sites, way-marked walks, nature trails – and a café for the weary traveller!

Back in the city centre, the University Botanic Gardens is a forty-acre oasis of beautifully landscaped grounds and glasshouses that is home to a huge diversity of plants, trees and bird life.

You don't have to stray far from the city to find a wealth of natural beauty and stunning gardens to enjoy. The nearby village of Grantchester is a fantastic destination for a short walk – beautiful meadows border the

winding river as it flows from Byron's Pool, named after the romantic poet who was once said to bathe there. And if you've worked up a thirst or an appetite, stop for refreshment at one of the local pubs or the famous Orchard Tea Rooms.

Now a popular annual fixture, the Rectory Farmshop in Milton (just north of the city) creates a seven-acre maze made from maize each summer – marshals are on hand to help any truly lost souls! Just across the village, Milton County Park is a beautiful wildlife and plant sanctuary that is an oasis for walkers, cyclists and wheelchair users alike.

Eight miles south west of Cambridge, Wimpole Hall and Home Farm is Cambridgeshire's largest stately home with eighteenth century gardens designed by the famous historical gardener Capability Brown. As well as its impressive grounds, Wimpole Hall is also home to a working farm where visitors can take part in a variety of activities such as grooming donkeys and ponies, collecting eggs and see the wide range of pigs, sheep and cattle that live there.



- Heritage Open Days, Cambridge; [www.heritageopendays.org](http://www.heritageopendays.org)
- Burghley Horse Trials, Stamford; Tel. 01780 752131
- Haddenham Steam Rally, Haddenham; Tel. 01487 841893
- Alumni Weekend, Cambridge University; 01223 339268
- Autumn Racing, Newmarket Racecourses; Tel. 01638 663482

- Final Meeting Newmarket Racecourses
- Music Festival: Cambridge's premier triennial music festival marks the whose oratorio The Creation will be performed by King's College Choir. [www.cammusic.co.uk](http://www.cammusic.co.uk) Tel. 01223 350544
- Firework Celebrations and Funfair, Midsummer Common, Cambridge
- Christmas Lights Switch On, Cambridge Winterworld Festival.

## October

- Duxford Flying Show – Duxford Imperial War Museum, Tel. 01223 835000; [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)
- Meeting and Champion's Day, Newmarket Racecourses
- Apple Days in Cambridgeshire: [www.applesandorchards.org.uk/](http://www.applesandorchards.org.uk/)

## November

## December

- Pantomime Season, Cambridge
- Michaelmas Term ends
- The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, King's College Chapel,
- Cambridge Grand Christmas Tea Dance, The Guildhall, Cambridge



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**Anglesey Abbey, Gardens and Lode Mill – National Trust**

The Abbey, dating from 1600 and built on the site of a 12th-century Augustinian priory, houses a unique collection of paintings, furniture, silver, tapestries and clocks. It is surrounded by 98 acres of landscaped gardens and an arboretum with over 100 pieces of sculpture. The garden provides all year round floral interest with the Winter Garden, snowdrop collection in January and February, hyacinth displays in the spring, herbaceous borders and dahlia gardens in the summer and magnificent autumn foliage. There is also a working water mill providing flour for sale.

Telephone. 01223 810080  
Map 1, G4

**Wimpole Hall Estate Gardens –National Trust**

Wimpole Hall is set amidst a fine wooded park, complete with Gothic tower, Chinese bridge and serpentine lakes. The formal two mile grand avenue contrasts with the natural charms of the Capability-Brown-designed parkland. Brown, commonly referred to as England's greatest gardener, remodelled the gardens and parkland in the 18th century. Elsewhere in the gardens, visitors will find a formal parterre and a working Walled Kitchen Garden. The park, where many of Home Farm's rare breeds of cattle and sheep graze, offers delightful walks throughout the year.

Telephone. 01223 206000  
Map 1, D6

**Cambridge University Botanic Garden**

Opened in 1846 by John Henslow, teacher and mentor of Charles Darwin, the heritage-listed Cambridge University Botanic Garden is home to over 8000 plant species – a snapshot of global plant diversity. Important collections include species of tulips, geraniums and lavenders, and the finest arboretum in the East of England. The Garden also boasts flamboyant glasshouses of tropical plants, delicate alpine in the Rock Garden, Lake and Water Gardens teeming with aquatic life, and fabulous herbaceous plantings throughout.

Telephone 01223 336265  
Map 1, D/E7



**Coe Fen**

Coe Fen follows the River Granta through meadowland just south of the city. In the summer it is a favourite spot for fishing and picnics. Cows are still grazed on the Fen and the view of cattle grazing in the shadow of the college of Peterhouse is a real vision of the past and virtually unique in this country.

Telephone. 01223 420060  
Map 3, C6/7

**Wandlebury Country Park**

With its beautiful woodland and chalk grassland areas, Wandlebury Country Park is a wonderful open space set in the distinctive rolling slopes of the Gog Magog Hills. The park dates back to 400 BC and is open to the public for quiet recreation from dawn until dusk, every day of the year.

Telephone. 01223 248706  
Map 1, G6

**Wicken Fen – National Trust**

A visit to Britain's oldest nature reserve is a must. Not only is it home to wild ponies, otters and rare plants and insects, it is also a unique fragment of the wet fenland wilderness that once covered East Anglia. It can be explored by traditional wide droves and lush green paths, or a boardwalk nature trail, giving access to several hides. Enjoy the spring and summer

show of wild flowers, butterflies and 20 types of dragonfly, or the autumn and winter sunsets, wide skies and bird watching.

Telephone. 01353 720274  
Map 1, G3

**Bramblefields Nature Reserve**

Bramblefields provides an idyllic haven in the midst of a residential area. Along with its importance for birds, especially song thrushes, it is a brilliant site for families to visit. It is a place of discovery, with a mixture of grassland and scrub and a pond in which newts, frogs and other pondlife can be spotted. The entrance to the reserve is at the end of Laxton Way, Chesterton, within easy walk of the city along the river.

Map 2, F2



**Jesus Green**

Jesus Green, so named because it borders Jesus College, is a tree-lined area of open parkland within easy walking distance of the city centre. Originally the site of a nunnery, one-time host to the Royal Agricultural show and the site of the first-ever parachute jump, the park now has an Olympic-sized outdoor pool, tennis courts for hire and live concerts throughout the summer months.

Map 3, C/D2

**Grantchester Meadows**

Grantchester Meadows are within easy walking distance of Cambridge and are an idyllic place to relax with family and friends. The River Cam lazies its way through the meadows from the charming village of Grantchester, famous for its poets and welcoming pubs. The meadows are ideal for picnics or a gentle stroll and the walk is worth the minimal effort – within minutes of setting off you'll feel as though you are deep in the countryside.

Map 1, E5

**Chilford Hall**

Chilford Hall is home to the largest vineyard in East Anglia and is one of the region's most respected wine producers, winning numerous awards. Learn how wine is made and visit the beautiful grounds before tasting the local tipple.

Telephone. 01223 895600  
Map 1, G6

**Orchard Tea Gardens**

The Orchard at Grantchester is a corner of England where time stands still. Relax and enjoy the genteel setting where more famous people have taken tea than anywhere else in the world. Over morning coffee or a light luncheon, soak up the atmosphere of a bygone age; follow in the footsteps of generations by sharing in the great English tradition of afternoon tea.

Telephone. 01223 845788  
Map 1, E5

**Byron's Pool**

Byron's Pool in Grantchester was named after Lord Byron, who used to swim at the weir pool. This pleasant woodland site offers a lovely circular walk next to the River Cam, where kingfishers and grey wagtails can be seen on the weir. The site also contains a number of small ponds, which are managed for the benefit of a varied collection of native amphibians.

Map 1, E5



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# Outward bound

*For those who enjoy a little activity with their culture and entertainment, there is a wealth of fun things to do for all the family, from country walks to outward-bounding, there really is no excuse to stay indoors...*

**Ouse ValleyWay**

At 150 miles, the Ouse Valley Way is one of the longest river valley walking routes in Britain. The route takes in Godmanchester, the picturesque Houghton Mill, St Ives and the Cambridgeshire Fens. Map 1, C/D3

**The Roman Road Walk**

An attractive circular walk passing through arable farmland, the valley of the River Granta, along an ancient Roman trackway and through the villages of Hildersham and Linton. Telephone. 01223 717445  
Map 1, G6

**The Wimpole Way**

The Wimpole Way passes through gently rolling countryside, historic villages and small areas of ancient woodland. The walk ends in the grounds of the spectacular 18th century estate of Wimpole Hall. Telephone. 01223 717445  
Map 1, D6

**Walk to Grantchester**

A delightful riverside walk along the banks of the River Cam, between the historic

city of Cambridge, and its picture postcard neighbouring village of Grantchester. Telephone. 01223 717445  
Map 3, off A7

**Golf**

Visit Cambridge can give you information on local golf courses. Telephone. 0871 266 8006

**Go Ape**

Experience the excitement of aerial trekking through the heart of Thetford Forest. Telephone. 0870 444 5562  
Map 1, off I1

**Mepal Outdoor Activity Centre**

Mepal offers a wide range of watersports and activities, from sailing and windsurfing, to paintball and archery. Telephone. 01354 692251  
Map 1, F2

**Grafham Water**

Enjoy one of the largest reservoirs in the country, offering a fantastic range of water sports and activity training courses. Telephone. 01480 810521  
Map 1, off A3





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