

## Kids Days Out / Activities

**Carterton Leisure Centre** Map Ref: B5  
Broadshires Way, Carterton OX18 1AA  
01993 861981 [www.will.co.uk](http://www.will.co.uk)  
Swimming, aerobics, health & fitness studio

**Chipping Norton Leisure Centre**  
Map Ref: B3  
Burford Rd, Chipping Norton OX7 5DY  
01993 861951 [www.will.co.uk](http://www.will.co.uk)  
Swimming, squash, aerobics, fitness studio

**Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens**  
Map Ref: A5  
Bradwell Grove, Burford OX18 4JW  
01993 823006 [www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk)  
160 acres of parkland and gardens with a varied collection of mammals, birds and reptiles

**Windrush Leisure Centre** Map Ref: B5  
Witan Way, Witney OX28 4YA  
01993 202020 [www.will.co.uk](http://www.will.co.uk)  
Swimming, squash, aerobics, fitness studio

**Lakeside Superbowl** Map Ref: C2  
Cherwell Centre, George Street,  
Banbury OX16 5BH  
01295 251222 [www.lakeside-superbowl.co.uk](http://www.lakeside-superbowl.co.uk)  
20 lanes of Tenpin bowling, bar and food diner

**Rye Hill Golf Club** Map Ref: C2  
Milcombe, Banbury OX15 4RU  
01295 721818 [www.ryehill.co.uk](http://www.ryehill.co.uk)  
Family Golf Parc with Tri Golf for children

**Waterford Sanctuary and Children's Farm**  
Map Ref: B2  
Wiggington Heath, Banbury OX15 4LQ  
01608 730252  
Cuddle baby animals, children's playground with Thomas, snack cabin and picnic area

**Farmer Gow's Activity Farm** Map Ref: C5  
West Farm, Eaton, Abingdon OX13 5PR  
01865 863472 [www.farmergows.co.uk](http://www.farmergows.co.uk)  
Families can enjoy picnic area, chicken and duck feeding, trailer rides and more

**Millets Farm** Map Ref: C6  
Frilford, Nr Abingdon OX13 5HB  
01865 391555 [www.milletsfarmcentre.com](http://www.milletsfarmcentre.com)  
Garden centre, farm shop, pick your own fruit, maize maze, farm zoo, play area, restaurants

**Pendon Model Museum** Map Ref: D6  
Long Wittenham, Abingdon OX14 4QD  
01865 407365 [www.pendonmuseum.com](http://www.pendonmuseum.com)  
Realistically modelled miniature scenes showing the beauty of the English countryside in the 30's

**Thomas the Tank Engine at Didcot Railway Centre** Map Ref: D7  
Didcot OX11 7NJ  
01235 817200 [www.didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk](http://www.didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk)  
Unique collection of Great Western Railway steam engines. Exciting science, learning and railway exhibition. Thomas visits throughout the year

**Wind in the Willows Exhibition at the River and Rowing Museum** Map Ref: F7  
Mill Meadows, Henley RG9 1BF  
01491 415600 [www.rm.co.uk](http://www.rm.co.uk)  
'The Wind in the Willows' is re-created in a spectacular walk-through attraction in this award winning attraction

**Oxford Castle - Unlocked** Map Ref: D5  
44-46 Oxford Castle, Oxford OX1 1A  
01865 260666 [www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk](http://www.oxfordcastleunlocked.co.uk)  
Oxford's newest visitor attraction revealing 1000 years of history in Oxford Castle

**Oxford Ice Rink** Map Ref: D5  
Opens Road, Oxford OX1 1RX  
01865 467000  
[www.oxford.gov.uk/leisure/oxford-icerink.cfm](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/leisure/oxford-icerink.cfm)  
Large ice rink with public skating and disco sessions

**Pitt Rivers Museum** Map Ref: D5  
South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PP  
01865 270927 [www.prm.ox.ac.uk](http://www.prm.ox.ac.uk)  
Award winning family-friendly museum with a world famous collection

## Theatres & Cinemas

**Screen at the Square** Map Ref: B5  
Market Square, Witney  
01865 880645 [www.screenwitney.co.uk](http://www.screenwitney.co.uk)

**The Theatre** Map Ref: B3  
Spring Street, Chipping Norton OX7 5NL  
01608 642350 [www.chippingnortontheatre.co.uk](http://www.chippingnortontheatre.co.uk)  
An eclectic programme of live theatre

**The Mill Arts Centre** Map Ref: C2  
Spiceball Park, Banbury OX16 5QE  
01295 279002 [www.themillartscentre.co.uk](http://www.themillartscentre.co.uk)  
Education and Arts Centre

**St Mary's Live Arts** Map Ref: C2  
St Mary's, Horsefair, Banbury OX16 0AA  
01295 275772 [www.livearts-st-marys.co.uk](http://www.livearts-st-marys.co.uk)  
Live Arts Venue

**Odeon Cinema** Map Ref: C2  
Horsefair, Banbury OX16 0AH  
0870 22 44 007 [www.odeon.co.uk](http://www.odeon.co.uk)

**The Unicorn Theatre** Map Ref: D6  
Abbey Buildings, Thames Street, Abingdon  
01865 735910 [unicorn@oxfordvocalists.co.uk](mailto:unicorn@oxfordvocalists.co.uk)  
Programmes include drama, dance and music

**Corn Exchange** Map Ref: E7  
Market Place, Wallingford OX10 0EG  
01491 825000 [www.cornexchange.org.uk](http://www.cornexchange.org.uk)  
Intimate 175 seat theatre and cinema

**Kenton Theatre** Map Ref: F8  
New Street, Henley RG9 2BP  
01491 575698 [www.kentontheatre.co.uk](http://www.kentontheatre.co.uk)  
Live theatre productions and films

**The Players Theatre** Map Ref: F5  
Nelson Street, Thame OX9 2DP  
01865 358907 [www.theplayers.co.uk](http://www.theplayers.co.uk)  
Performing arts and cinema

**Creation Theatre Company**  
01865 766266 [www.creationtheatre.co.uk](http://www.creationtheatre.co.uk)  
Open air theatre in spectacular city locations

**New Theatre** Map Ref: D5  
George Street, Oxford OX1 2AG  
0870 6063500 [www.livenation.co.uk](http://www.livenation.co.uk)  
The best in live music and entertainment

**Oxford Playhouse** Map Ref: D5  
Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2LW  
01865 305305 [www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)  
One of Britain's leading theatres featuring many famous names

## Museums & Heritage

**Blenheim Palace** Map Ref: C4  
Woodstock OX20 1PX  
08700 602080 [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com)  
Imposing palace set in 2100 acres of beautiful parkland. Birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill

**Cogges Manor Farm Museum** Map Ref: B5  
Church Lane, Witney OX28 3LA  
01993 772602 [www.cogges.org](http://www.cogges.org)  
A unique working museum depicting Oxfordshire rural life in Victorian Times

**Banbury Museum** Map Ref: C2  
Spiceball Park Rd, Banbury OX16 2PQ  
01295 259855  
[www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/banburymuseum](http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/banburymuseum)  
Hands-on displays and exhibitions

**Broughton Castle** Map Ref: C2  
Banbury OX15 5EB  
01295 276070 [www.broughtoncastle.com](http://www.broughtoncastle.com)  
14th Century moated castle set in parkland

**Hook Norton Brewery** Map Ref: B2  
Brewery Lane, Hook Norton OX15 5NY  
01608 730384 [www.hooknortonbrewery.co.uk](http://www.hooknortonbrewery.co.uk)  
Independent family-run. Brewery tours & museum

**Rousham House** Map Ref: C3  
Nr Steeple Aston, Bicester OX25 4QX  
01869 347110 [www.rousham.org](http://www.rousham.org)  
Gardens open daily

**Abingdon Museum** Map Ref: D6  
The County Hall, Market Place,  
Abingdon OX14 3HG  
01235 523703 [www.abingdon.gov.uk](http://www.abingdon.gov.uk)  
17th Century County Hall in the centre of the market town. The main gallery features a programme of changing displays and exhibitions

**Faringdon Folly Tower** Map Ref: B6  
Faringdon  
The 104 foot tower built by Lord Berners in 1935 has become a local landmark. Open to public 11am-5pm on the first Sunday in the month from Easter Sunday until October

**Vale and Downland Museum** Map Ref: C7  
Church Street, Wantage OX12 8BL  
01235 771447 [www.wantage.com/museum](http://www.wantage.com/museum)  
A former cloth merchant's house displaying geology, local history and archaeology of Wantage and the Vale of White Horse

**White Horse Hill** Map Ref: B7  
near Uffington  
01793 762209 (National Trust)  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)  
The Uffington White Horse is the only prehistoric chalk horse remaining in England and it's the second largest measuring 110m (360ft) by 38.5m (126ft)

**Mapledurham House and Watermill**  
Map Ref: E8  
Mapledurham, Reading RG4 7TR  
0118 972 3350 [www.mapledurham.co.uk](http://www.mapledurham.co.uk)  
An oasis of peace, natural beauty and history dating back to Doomsday England

**River and Rowing Museum** Map Ref: F7  
Mill Meadows, Henley RG9 1BF  
01491 415600 [www.rm.co.uk](http://www.rm.co.uk)  
An award winning museum with 3 galleries devoted to the Thames, rowing and Henley

**Wallingford Castle Gardens and Museum**  
Map Ref: E7  
52 High Street, Wallingford OX10 0DB  
01491 835065 [www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk](http://www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk)  
A delightful local history museum, featuring The Wallingford Story and Victorian street scene

**Ashmolean Museum** Map Ref: D5  
Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2PH  
01865 278000 [www.ashmolean.org](http://www.ashmolean.org)  
The oldest public museum in the world

**Bodleian Library** Map Ref: D5  
Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BG  
01865 277224 [www.shop.bodleian.ox.ac.uk](http://www.shop.bodleian.ox.ac.uk)  
This grand University research library is home to over 7 million books

**Modern Art Oxford** Map Ref: D5  
30 Pembroke Street, Oxford OX1 1BP  
01865 722733 [www.modernartoxford.org.uk](http://www.modernartoxford.org.uk)  
Internationally renowned gallery specialising in contemporary art

## Shopping

**Burford** - Christmas Court  
**Chipping Norton** - Westgate Centre  
**Farmers Markets** in Charlbury, Chipping Norton, Witney and Woodstock.  
Tel: 0870 241 4762

**Witney** - Waterloo Walk, Wesley Walk, Woolgate  
Wake up to **Woodstock**  
[www.wakeuptowoodstock.com](http://www.wakeuptowoodstock.com)

**Banbury** - Castle Quay Shopping Centre  
[www.castlequay.co.uk](http://www.castlequay.co.uk)  
**Banbury Farmers' Market** - 1st Friday of the month

**Banbury Market** - Outdoor market every Thursday & Saturday  
**Bicester Farmers' Market** - 2nd Thursday of the month

**Bicester Market** - Traditional market every Friday  
**Bicester Village** - Chic outlet shopping  
[www.bicester-village.com](http://www.bicester-village.com)

**Deddington Farmers Market** - Award winning - One Saturday a month  
**Abingdon** - boutiques, art galleries, weekly market and monthly farmers market

**Faringdon** - has small independent traditional businesses which offer pleasant and relaxed shopping environment. Monthly farmers market

**Wantage** - has a traditional but lively mix of shops, most of which are family run businesses. Weekly market and monthly farmers market

**Henley** - boutiques, art galleries, weekly market and monthly farmers' market

**Thame** - for an eclectic array of independent shops  
**Wallingford** - antiques, weekly market and monthly farmers' market

**Oxford** - 18th Century Covered Market, Market Street, Oxford - lively collection of small shops selling everything from homemade hats to Oxford sausages  
[www.oxford-covered-market.co.uk](http://www.oxford-covered-market.co.uk)

Clarendon Centre, 52 Cornmarket, Oxford OX1 3JE. Tel: 01865 251493  
[www.clarendoncentre.co.uk](http://www.clarendoncentre.co.uk) - shopping centre with lots of high street brands

Westgate Centre, Queen Street, Oxford OX1 1NZ. Tel: 01865 725455  
[www.oxfordcity.co.uk/shops/westgate](http://www.oxfordcity.co.uk/shops/westgate) -shopping centre in the heart of Oxford with parking for 1200 cars

## Rivers & Canals

**Hardwick Park (Watersports)** Map Ref: C5  
Downs Rd, Standlake, Witney OX29 7PZ  
01865 300501 [www.hardwickparks.co.uk](http://www.hardwickparks.co.uk)  
Waterskiing, wakeboarding, kneeboarding

**Oxfordshire Narrowboats** Map Ref: B6  
Lower Heyford, Bicester OX25 5PD (operating from The Swan Hotel, Radcot)  
01869 340348  
[www.oxfordshire-narrowboats.co.uk](http://www.oxfordshire-narrowboats.co.uk)  
Self Steer hire or skippered cruises on the Oxford Canal and River Thames

**Heyford Wharf** Map Ref: C3  
Station Road, Lower Heyford OX25 5PD  
01869 340348 [www.the-waterside.com](http://www.the-waterside.com)  
200 year old working boatyard. Boat and cycle hire

**Tooley's Boatyard** Map Ref: C2  
Spiceball Park Rd, Banbury OX16 2PQ  
01295 272917 [www.tooleysboatyard.co.uk](http://www.tooleysboatyard.co.uk)  
Oldest working dry dock in Britain. Guided tours

**Abingdon Marina** Map Ref: D6  
South Quay, Abingdon OX14 5TW  
01235 536147 [www.abingdonmarina.co.uk](http://www.abingdonmarina.co.uk)  
Facilities include water, electricity, elsan disposal and secure parking

**Kingcraft Ltd** Map Ref: D6  
The Bridge, Nag's Head Island  
Abingdon OX14 3HX  
01235 521125  
Facilities include water, electricity, elsan disposal and secure parking

**Benson Waterfront** Map Ref: E7  
Benson OX10 6SJ  
01491 838304 [www.bensonwaterfront.com](http://www.bensonwaterfront.com)  
Boat hire and hourly boat trips, café and bar

**Hobbs of Henley** Map Ref: F8  
Station Road, Henley RG9 1AZ  
01491 572035 [www.hobbs-of-henley.com](http://www.hobbs-of-henley.com)  
Scheduled boat trips. Boat and canoe hire

**Salter's Steamers** Map Ref: E7  
Wallingford, Riverside Pool and Park  
01865 243421 [www.salterssteamers.co.uk](http://www.salterssteamers.co.uk)  
Scheduled passenger boat trips on the Thames

**Cherwell Boathouse** Map Ref: D5  
Bardwell Road, Oxford OX2 6SR  
01865 515978 [www.cherwellboathouse.co.uk](http://www.cherwellboathouse.co.uk)  
Punts, rowing boats and Canadian canoes for hire on the River Cherwell in secluded part of the city

**Oxford River Cruises** Map Ref: D5  
Folly Bridge, Oxford OX1 4LA  
08452 269396 [www.oxfordrivercruises.co.uk](http://www.oxfordrivercruises.co.uk)  
Luxurious cruises in a 12 seater Edwardian craft along the Thames from Christ Church to Wolvercote

**Salter's Steamers** Map Ref: D5  
Folly Bridge, Oxford OX1 4LA  
01865 243421 [www.salterssteamers.co.uk](http://www.salterssteamers.co.uk)  
Scheduled passenger boat trips on the River Thames along with punt, pedalo, day and rowing boat hire

## Countryside / Outdoor Pursuits

**Cotswold Guided Walks:**  
1) Lowland Country Walks. 01993 878615  
2) Talking Walks. 01608 631839  
3) Wardens Guided Walks. 01451 862000

**Rollright Stones** [www.rollrightstones.co.uk](http://www.rollrightstones.co.uk)  
Contact the Site Manager (queries, volunteers, and bookings)  
[sitemanager@rollrightstones.co.uk](mailto:sitemanager@rollrightstones.co.uk)

**Witney Lake and Meadow.** 01993 704379  
[townclerk@witney-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@witney-tc.gov.uk)

**10 circular walks in North Oxfordshire** - free circular walks download from [www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/leisure) or on sale at Banbury Tourist Information Centre. Tel: 01295 259855

**Guided walks in Banbury and Bicester.** Contact local Tourist Information Centres

**The Vale of White Horse** offers walking, cycling, horse riding and boating on the River Thames. Those less able can explore using the many access-friendly routes across the Vale and at places of interest. Visit [www.visitvale.co.uk](http://www.visitvale.co.uk)

**Chiltern Sculpture Trail** - Cowleaze Wood, Watlington. The trail meanders for several miles through the 80 acres Cowleaze Wood. Open every day, the trail incorporates an ever growing collection of sculptures. 01865 778918 [www.chilternsculpturetrail.co.uk](http://www.chilternsculpturetrail.co.uk)

**Phoenix Trail** - Thame. A six mile traffic-free path on the old railway line between Thame and Princes Risborough, over 30 artworks feature along the trail. Tel: 0845 1130 065 [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

**The Thames Path** - from Culham to Henley-on-Thames, runs through South Oxfordshire for some 47 miles, passing through local towns and villages. Tel: 01865 810224 [www.nationaltrail.co.uk/thamespath](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/thamespath)

**City Sightseeing Open-Top Bus Tour** No.1 Shop Railway Station, Park End Street, Oxford OX1 1HS. Tel: 01865 790522  
[www.citysightseeingoxford.com](http://www.citysightseeingoxford.com) - a one hour open-top bus tour of the historic city centre with hop-on hop-off stops at various sites

**Oxford Official Guided Walking Tours** 15-16 Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3AS  
Tel: 01865 726871 [www.visitoxford.org](http://www.visitoxford.org)  
- the best way to gain an informed introduction to the city. Tours run daily throughout the year

**University of Oxford Botanic Garden** Rose Lane, Oxford OX1 4AZ  
Tel: 01865 286690  
[www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk](http://www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk) - the oldest botanic garden in Britain with over 7000 plants

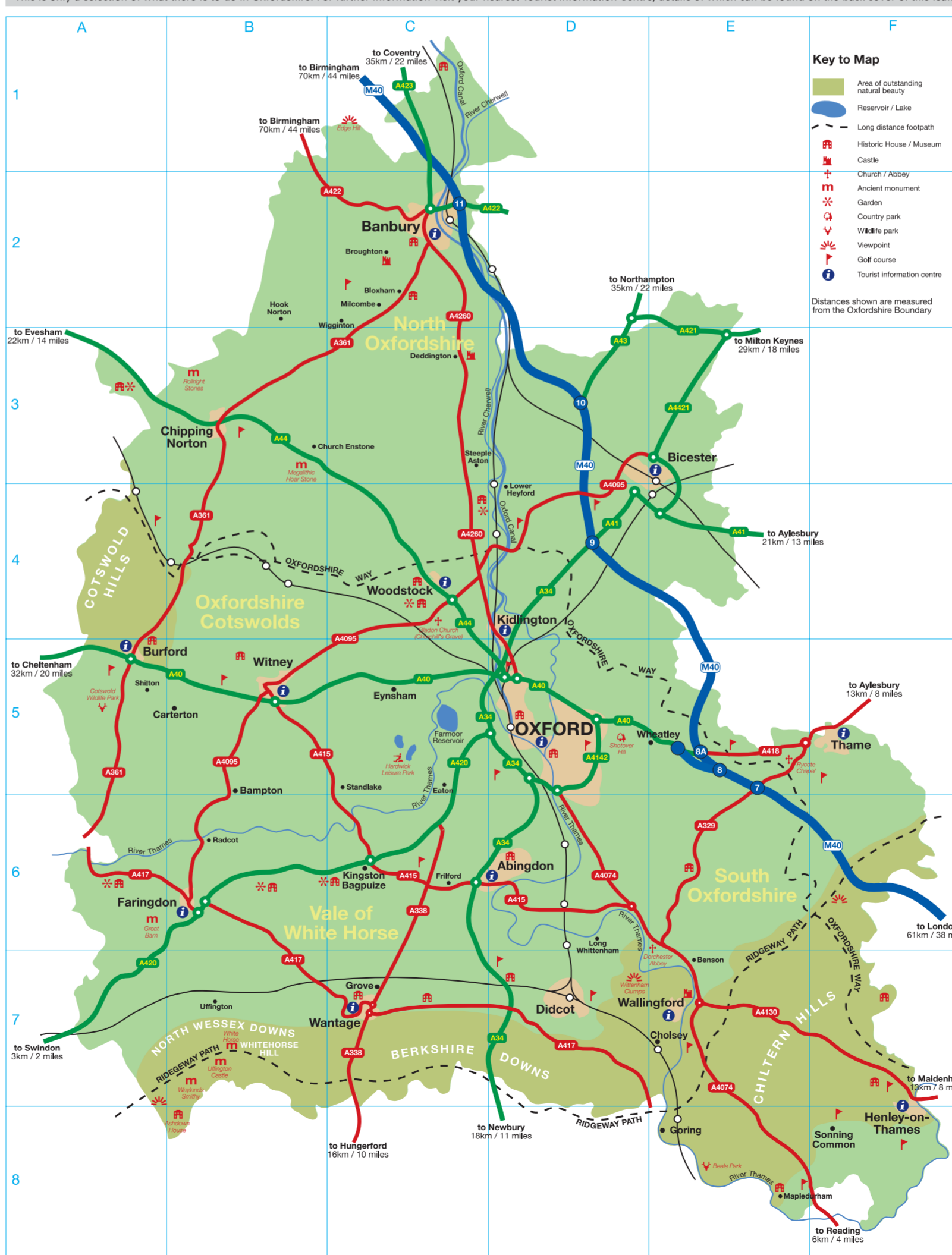
## Travelling to Oxfordshire

**Road** - the M40 motorway goes through the north-east of the county linking Banbury, Bicester and Oxford directly with London, Birmingham and the North. It meets the M25 London orbital motorway at junction 16. The major north-south route through the county is the A34 which links the Midlands and the North with Southampton, crossing the M4 at junction 13. The A420 road provides a fast link to Swindon and the M4 at junction 15. The A40 is the major western route to Witney, Gloucester, Cheltenham and the M5.

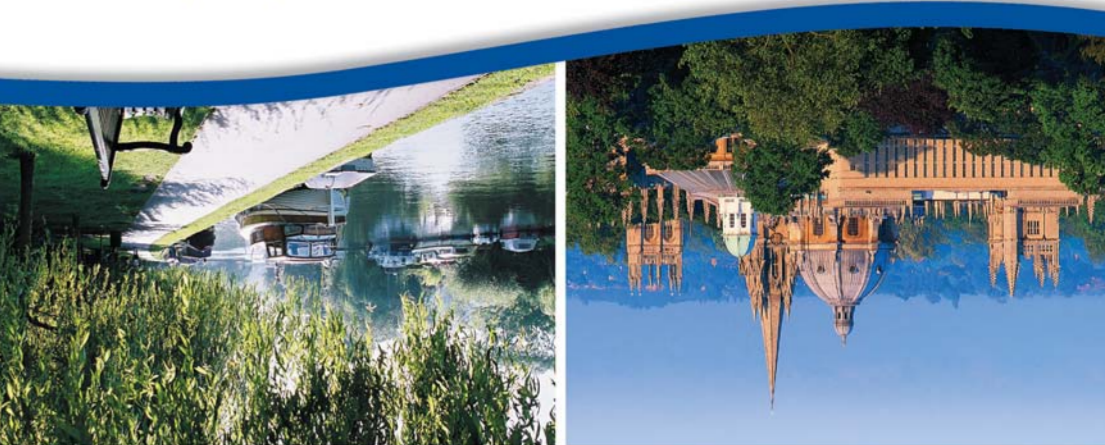
**Rail** - London Paddington is just an hour away from Oxford. Services to Birmingham and Birmingham airport also take one hour on Virgin Trains. Chiltern Trains operate services into London Marylebone from Banbury (1hr 20min), Bicester North (1hr) and Haddenham and Thame Parkway (50 min). Didcot is the junction of north-south and east-west rail services across the UK with connections to the Midlands and North of England (via Oxford), to the south coast (via Reading), and directly to London, Bristol and South Wales.

**Oxford Park and Ride** - for quick and easy access to the city centre why not use one of Oxford's 5 Park and Ride sites across the city. With buses running, on average, every 15 minutes, these can be found at Pear Tree, Redbridge, Seacourt, Thornhill (hospital park & ride) and Water Eaton. Details can be found at [www.visitoxford.org/how-to-get-to-oxford.cfm](http://www.visitoxford.org/how-to-get-to-oxford.cfm)

This is only a selection of what there is to do in Oxfordshire. For further information visit your nearest Tourist Information Centre, details of which can be found on the back cover of this leaflet



Great days out to inspire you



# OXFORDSHIRE

Explore

## TOURIST INFORMATION

Call into one of our friendly Tourist Information Centres for helpful information about accommodation, attractions and events. Our trained staff will make every effort to ensure your visit to Oxfordshire is an enjoyable and memorable experience.

- Abingdon Information Point**  
Abingdon Town Council, Old Abbey House  
Abbey Close, Abingdon OX14 3JE  
Tel: +44 (0)1235 522711  
Email: [information@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:information@abingdon.gov.uk)
- Banbury Tourist Information Centre**  
Castle Quay Shopping Centre  
Spiceball Park Road, Banbury OX16 2PQ  
Tel: +44 (0)1295 259855  
Email: [banbury.tic@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:banbury.tic@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)
- Bicester Visitor Centre**  
Bicester Village Outlet Shopping Centre  
Pingle Drive, Bicester OX26 6WD  
Tel: +44 (0)1869 369055  
Email: [bicester.vc@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:bicester.vc@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)
- Burford Visitor Information Centre**  
The Brawery, Sheep Street, Burford OX18 4LP  
Tel: +44 (0)1993 823558  
Email: [burford.vic@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:burford.vic@westoxon.gov.uk)
- Faringdon Community & Tourist Information Centre**  
Pump House, 5 Market Place  
Faringdon SN7 7HL  
Tel: +44 (0)1367 242191  
Email: [tourism@faringdowntowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:tourism@faringdowntowncouncil.org.uk)
- Henley-on-Thames Visitor Information Centre**  
Kings Arms Barn, Kings Road  
Henley-on-Thames RG9 2DG  
Tel: +44 (0)1491 578034  
Email: [henleyvic@frenchjones.co.uk](mailto:henleyvic@frenchjones.co.uk)
- Kidlington Tourist Information Point**  
Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington OX5 1AB  
Tel: +44 (0)1865 378479  
Email: [kadic@exeter-hall.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:kadic@exeter-hall.fsnet.co.uk)
- Oxford Tourist Information Centre**  
15-16 Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3AS  
Tel: +44 (0)1865 726871  
Email: [tic@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:tic@oxford.gov.uk)
- Thame Tourist Information Centre**  
Market House, North Street  
Thame OX9 3HH  
Tel: +44 (0)1844 212834  
Email: [thame.tic@btconnect.com](mailto:thame.tic@btconnect.com)
- Wallingford Tourist Information Centre**  
Town Hall, Market Place  
Wallingford OX10 0EG  
Tel: +44 (0)1491 826972  
Email: [ticwallingford@freenet.co.uk](mailto:ticwallingford@freenet.co.uk)
- Wantage Information Point**  
Vale and Downland Museum  
19 Church Street, Wantage OX12 8BL  
Tel: +44 (0)1235 760176  
Email: [tourism@wantage.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@wantage.gov.uk)
- Witney Visitor Information Centre**  
26a Market Square, Witney OX28 6BB  
Tel: +44 (0)1993 775802  
Email: [witney.vic@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:witney.vic@westoxon.gov.uk)
- Woodstock Visitor Information Centre**  
The Oxfordshire Museum  
Park Street, Woodstock OX20 4SN  
Tel: +44 (0)1993 813276  
Email: [woodstock.vic@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:woodstock.vic@westoxon.gov.uk)

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**Rural England at its Finest**

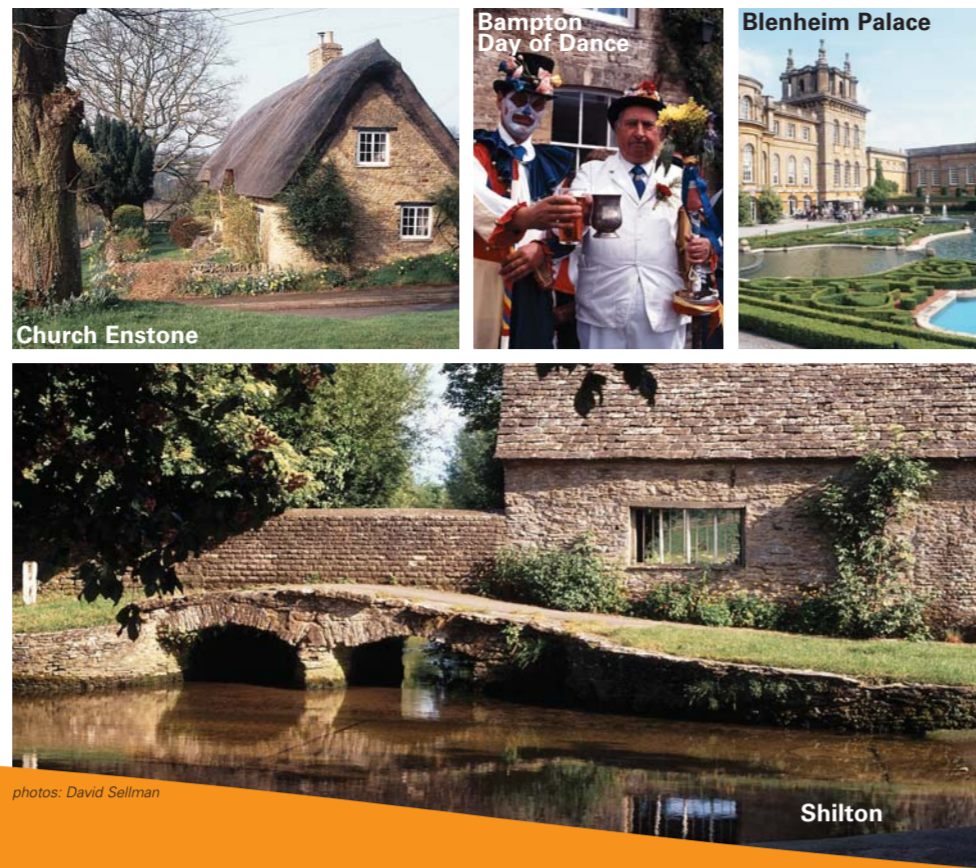
Steeped in history, rich in heritage and awash with natural beauty, the Oxfordshire Cotswolds epitomises all that is fine in rural England. A charming blend of bustling market towns and breathtaking scenery, the area harbours over 6,000 years of history and exudes a sense of harmony that has taken countless generations to create.

Beautiful rolling countryside, historic market towns, amazing attractions and Cotswold stone villages make this an irresistible destination to visit. Walking and cycling routes a plenty and Blenheim Palace and the Cotswold Wildlife Park waiting to be explored. Burford, Woodstock, Witney and Chipping Norton are on your doorstep and it's an ideal touring base to explore Oxford City, Stratford, Cheltenham and London.

Website: [www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org](http://www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org)  
 Email: [cotswold@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:cotswold@westoxon.gov.uk)  
 Brochure Request Line: 01993 704645



Burford



Church Enstone

Bampton Day of Dance

Blenheim Palace

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Shilton

**Lying between the Ridgeway and the River Thames, the Vale of White Horse stretches from the edge of Oxford to the threshold of the Cotswolds.**



Its enchanting landscape is marked by a mysterious pagan past - the very name comes from the oldest chalk figure in Britain dating back to around 1000 BC.

**White Horse Hill**

photo: Anthea Kemp

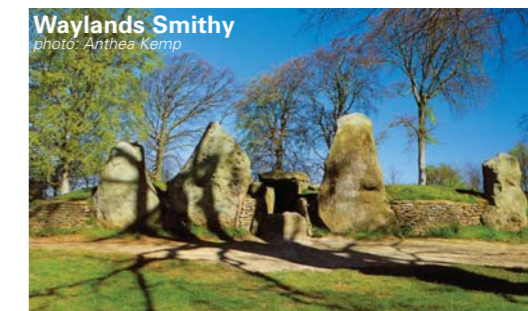


The Vale, as it is known, is peaceful and tranquil but near to motorways and only 60 miles from London. The countryside is ideal for walking, cycling and horseriding. The River Thames is perfect for boating and fishing. Traditional English pubs are ideal places for lunch or a night out. Excellent hotels, guest houses and bed and breakfast means there are plenty of reasons to stay awhile.



The market towns of Abingdon, Faringdon and Wantage are full of beautiful buildings and provide excellent shopping opportunities. A stroll through the towns brings to life England's rich history; from King Alfred the Great to the Civil War and the MG sports car.

Website: [www.visitvale.co.uk](http://www.visitvale.co.uk)



Waylands Smithy

photo: Anthea Kemp



Faringdon



Abingdon Museum



King Alfred, Wantage

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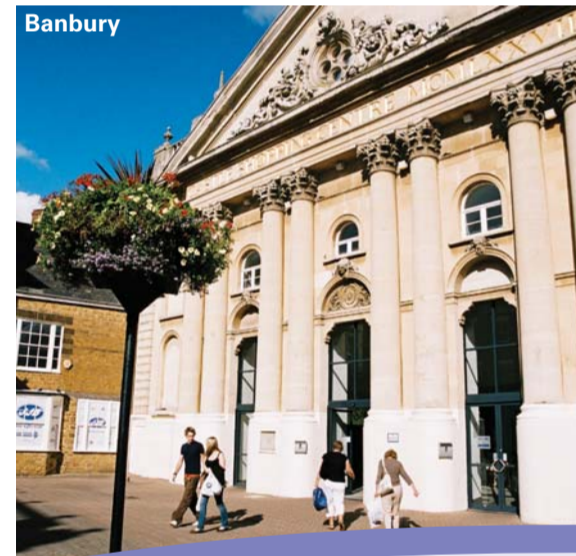
Banbury Cross



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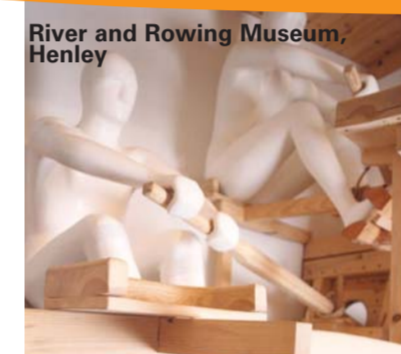
Bicester

**North Oxfordshire boasts a landscape of rolling countryside, rich in history and heritage and is home to the bustling historic market towns of Banbury and Bicester and many picturesque villages.**



Whether you're looking for a cruise along the Oxfordshire Canal or a trip to the shoppers paradise of Bicester Village chic Outlet, there is something for everyone. Banbury, the most Northerly town in Oxfordshire, is famous for its Banbury Cakes and the "Ride a Cock Horse" nursery rhyme based on the famous Banbury Cross. Each year the town hosts a wide range of events, including the Banbury Hobby Horse Festival and Canal Day Festival. Banbury also offers an award winning free museum based on the canal side. Nearby there are many fascinating places to visit from Broughton Castle, used latterly in many films and dramas, to the Hook Norton Brewery where you can sample the famous beer after a guided tour of the Brewery. For those who enjoy the outdoors why not try one of the districts 10 circular walks to appreciate this beautiful countryside!

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River and Rowing Museum, Henley



Thame High Street



Thomas at Didcot Railway



Wallingford Castle Ruins

**An area full of natural beauty, picturesque villages, shops to browse and places to stay and to eat.**



South Oxfordshire is one of Britain's most beautiful regions and includes 47 miles of the River Thames and the rolling Chiltern Hills among its many visitor attractions.

**Thames at Henley**



There is something for everyone, whether your main source of pleasure is wine and dining, shopping, walking, studying the wealth of historical locations or attending one of the region's many events.

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Creation Theatre Company

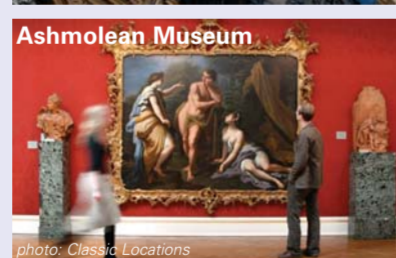


Punts on the river

Oxford never fails to impress even its most regular visitors, with something different, or something new. In amongst the treasures and attractions that are renowned as the oldest, finest or even the only one of their kind, there are always more secrets to discover and more stories to be told.

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Oxford High Street



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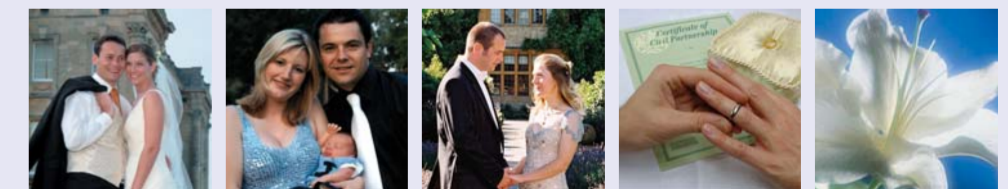


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