

# Parents Leisure Booklet

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Arts and Crafts				
Name	Venue	Further Information	Contact Details	Cost
Bilston Craft Gallery	Mount Pleasant Bilston WV14 7LU	Bilston Craft Gallery is the largest dedicated craft venue in the West Midlands with exhibitions featuring the best in contemporary ceramics, glass, jewellery, textiles, metalwork and woodwork. Bilston Craft Gallery is the largest venue in the West Midlands dedicated to the applied arts. It houses the permanent exhibition Craftsense, which includes a collection of the world renowned Bilston enamels, and runs a lively temporary exhibition programme featuring the best in contemporary craft. There is also a community gallery, resource area, craft shop and garden, which features Amber the Dragon, a beautiful wooden sculpture. The Gallery is home to Craftplay, an award-winning creative play space for children 0-7 and their parents and carers.	<a href="http://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/">http://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/</a>  01902 552507  <a href="mailto:BilstonCraftGallery@wolverhampton.gov.uk">BilstonCraftGallery@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>	FREE entry
Chilvers Coton Craft Centre	Avenue Road Nuneaton Warwickshire CV11 4LU	A 10 minute walk from Nuneaton town centre you'll find a warm welcome awaits you at the Chilvers Coton Craft Centre, home to a thriving selection of 18 widely individual craft studios. Offering a unique selection of speciality gifts and services such as jewellery and knitwear, but also everyday items like cakes, cards and garden pots (plenty of Free parking).	024 7632 5822	Craft Centre FREE
Compton Verney	Warwickshire CV35 9HZ	Visitors of all ages are warmly welcomed to this award-winning art gallery. The gallery is housed in a Grade I listed Georgian mansion remodelled by Robert Adam, surrounded by 120 acres of 'Capability' Brown landscaped parkland. Be enthralled by an exciting changing programme of exhibitions which in the past have included Van Gogh, Constable, Peter Greenaway, Luc Tuymans and Francis Bacon. Enjoy a refreshing break in the licensed waitress service cafe or enjoy a picnic and a stroll in our parkland. There's also a programme of free daily tours, talks, adult workshops and family activities.	01926 645500 01926 645501	Adult £8.00 - £8.80 Child £2.00 - £2.00 Family £18.00 - £19.80 Concession £6.00 - £6.60
Daub and Wattle	Rear of 50 High	A small working pottery studio, where everything is hand-made on the	01527 574004	Arts Centre

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Pottery	Street Bromsgrove Worcestershire B60 2BG	premises, Su can be seen decorating items most days.		FREE
Green Frog Pottery	107 Barnards Green Road, Malvern, WR14 3LT	Green Frog Pottery is a pottery painting studio in Malvern, Worcestershire. We have everything you need to have fun creating your own ceramic masterpiece. Don't worry if you've never painted before – our friendly, experienced staff will give you all the help you need. There's no need to make a booking (unless you are a group of eight or more) but if you would like to reserve a table just give us a call.	01684 561778 <a href="mailto:info@greenfrogpottery.co.uk">info@greenfrogpottery.co.uk</a>	FREE admission
Ikon Gallery	1 Oozells Square Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2HS	The Ikon Gallery, Birmingham features temporary exhibitions over two floors totalling 450m <sup>2</sup> . A variety of media is represented, including sound, film, mixed media, photography, painting, sculpture and installation. Opening times: Tuesday - Sunday 11.00 to 18.00 Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays. Closed during installation of exhibitions	Tel. 0121 248 0708 Fax. 0121 248 0709 <a href="mailto:art@ikon-gallery.co.uk">art@ikon-gallery.co.uk</a>	Admission to Ikon Gallery is FREE
Royal Birmingham Society of Artists	Gallery 4 Brook Street Birmingham B3 1SA	The Royal Birmingham Society of Artists (RBSA) is an artist-led charity which supports artists and promotes engagement with the visual arts through a range of inclusive activities: exhibitions, workshops and demonstrations Monday to Friday 10:30am – 5:30pm Saturdays 10:30am – 5:00pm Sundays 1pm – 5:00pm	0121 236 4353	Admission – FREE
Wolverhampton Art Gallery		With its family friendly displays, Wolverhampton Art Gallery welcomes visitors to explore 300 years of art; from delightful Georgian paintings and Pop Art to thought provoking contemporary pieces Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm Closed Bank Holidays	<a href="http://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/">http://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/</a>	FREE entry
<b>Boats, Canals and Railways</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Avon Boating	Swans Nest Boathouse Stratford-upon-Avon	Half-hour cruises on the River Avon in a fleet of traditional passenger boats. Regular departures from the Bancroft Gardens adjacent to the theatre. Private charter and extended cruises, buffets, high teas, river picnics and corporate events. Bar services provided on board. 1898 coal-fired steam	01789 267073 <a href="http://www.avon-boating.co.uk">www.avon-boating.co.uk</a>	Adult £4.00 - £4.00 Child £2.50 - £2.50 Family £10.50 -

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	Warwickshire CV37 7LS	launch for hire. Rowing boats, punts and self-drive electric motor-boats for hire by the hour from our boathouse. Help available in boarding and disembarkation.		£15.50 Concession £3.00 - £3.00
Bancroft Cruisers	Holiday Inn Stratford Stratford-upon-Avon Warwickshire CV37 6YR	Bancroft Cruisers offers 45 minute sightseeing cruises along the River Avon on our traditional passenger boats, with a crew member on board to point out places of interest along the way, such as Clopton Bridge, the riverside Gardens, the hand operated chain ferry, Royal Shakespeare Theatre and Holy Trinity Church. Not to mention the considerable wildlife along the banks of the River Avon.	01789 269669 <a href="http://www.bancroftcruisers.co.uk">www.bancroftcruisers.co.uk</a>	Ticket £5.00 Adult, £3.50 - £3.50 Child
Canal Basin of Coventry	St Nicholas Street Coventry West Midlands CV1 4LY	Termination of the Coventry Canal. Popular with boats/easy access to city centre shops etc. Restored, original early 19th century wharf, also newer development including bar/cafe, newsagent, tea shop, canal rangers and more. Regular venue for public and community events. Free parking.	<a href="http://www.covcanalsoc.org.uk">www.covcanalsoc.org.uk</a> 024 7678 2368	FREE
Dudley Canal Tunnels	Blowers Green Pumphouse, Peartree Lane, DUDLEY West Midlands, DY2 0XP	See the network of underground canal routes that helped form the Industrial Black Country and marvel at the fantastic Limestone Caverns carved by man in his search for raw materials with which to make iron, the foundation of the 19th Century Black Country.	01384 236275 Fax 01384 456615 email : <a href="mailto:info@dudleycanaltrust.org.uk">info@dudleycanaltrust.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk">www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk</a>	Adults : £5.20 Children : £4.30 Seniors : £4.70 Family 2+2 : £17.00 Family 2+3 : £21.00 Earlybird discount admission for 10, 10.30 and 11am boats through our own entrance (excluding bank holiday weekends)

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				<p>Earlybird Prices Adult : £3.50 Children : £2.90 Seniors : £3.20 Family 4 : £11.50 Family 5 : £14.20 Adult (inc £1.10 donation) £11.90*</p>
Edgbaston Reservoir Birmingham	The Ranger's Lodge 115 Reservoir Road Ladywood Birmingham B16 9EE	All events at Edgbaston Reservoir meet at the Rangers Office, many are free of charge and led by Birmingham City Council Park Rangers, unless listings state otherwise. We welcome people with disabilities to our site and most of our "on the move" talks we use the circular route around the reservoir which has a fairly flat path. The route is approximate 2.8 km (1.75 miles) in length. Events include walks and talks, craft sessions and children's storytimes. An adult must accompany children at all times. Details may be subject to change, and therefore we recommend you telephone in advance for confirmation.	0121 454 1908 <a href="mailto:edgbaston.reservoir@birmingham.gov.uk">edgbaston.reservoir@birmingham.gov.uk</a>	FREE
Sherbourne Wharf public boat trips	Sherborne Street Birmingham B16 8DE	<b>The Premier Trip Boat, Party Hire and Corporate Narrow Boat Charter Company in the heart of Birmingham. Canal Boat trips depart from the International Convention Centre Quayside daily from Easter to October (and weekends in the winter) at 11.30am, 1.00pm, 2.30 pm and 4.00pm for our City Heritage cruises.</b>	0121 455 6163 <a href="http://www.sherbornewharf.co.uk">http://www.sherbornewharf.co.uk</a>	Adults £ 6.50 O.A.P'S £ 5.50 Children £ 5.00
Blithfield Reservoir	C/o South Staffordshire Water Rugeley Staffordshire	Set in rural Staffordshire Blithfield Reservoir provides a stunning visual aspect in a particularly picturesque landscape. Since its opening in 1953 the reservoir has become a haven for wildlife, particularly birds, a fact that was recognised in 1988 when the reservoir and most of its surrounding woodland was designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, (SSSI).	01283 841068 <a href="http://www.blithfieldeducationcentre.co.uk">www.blithfieldeducationcentre.co.uk</a>	Child FREE

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## Farms and Animals

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Ash End House Children's Farm	Middleton Lane, Middleton, Nr Tamworth, Staffs., B78 2BL	<b>Ash End House Farm</b> is a family owned farm which has been operating as a Children's Farm for nearly 30 years. Our aim is to provide an enjoyable and educational hands on experience for children of all ages. We are open to the general public and specialize in guided tours for school parties and play groups. Farm Opening times are 10am to 5pm Spring, Summer and Autumn, 10am to 4pm in Winter (3:30pm Christmas Eve). Last admission is 1 hour before closing. The farm is closed from Christmas Day to New Years Day inclusive, reopening Sunday the 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2011).	0121 329 3240 <a href="mailto:contact@childrensfarm.co.uk">contact@childrensfarm.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.ashendhouse.fsnet.co.uk">www.ashendhouse.fsnet.co.uk</a>	Cost: Children £4.90 incl. food for the animals, chick chatting and other activities. Adults: £4.50.
Broomey Croft Children's Farm	Bodmoor Heath Lane Bodmoor Heath Kingsbury North Warwickshire B76 0EE	Broomey Croft Children's Farm offers a host of wonderful attractions and first-rate facilities. In addition to the granary tea room and our gift shop we also have everything you need for a great day out, from a <b>large, free car park</b> , play areas and an <b>undercover picnic area</b> in case it rains! Of course, beside all this, Broomey Croft has its many animals.	01827 873844 <a href="http://www.broomeycroftfarm.co.uk">www.broomeycroftfarm.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:info@broomeycroftfarm.co.uk">info@broomeycroftfarm.co.uk</a>	Cost: Adult: £4.90 Child £4.40 OAP: £4.40 Under two's: FREE
Boxtrees Farm Art and Craft Centre	Box Trees Farm Hockley Heath B94 6EA	Arts and craft centre situated in 18thC farm buildings with a coffee shop.	<a href="http://www.boxtrees.co.uk">www.boxtrees.co.uk</a> 01564 782039	FREE entry
Domestic Fowl Trust	Station Road Evesham Worcestershire WR11 7QZ	A great family day out and one of the best UK farm parks for rare breed Chickens, Ducks and Geese  The Domestic Fowl Trust - Rare breed visitor information centre - Children's playground - Rare Breeds Farm Park	<a href="http://www.domesticfowltrust.co.uk">www.domesticfowltrust.co.uk</a> 01386 833083	Adults £4.50 Children (aged 3 - 15) £3.00 Children (2 and under) FREE Concessions £3.75 Family (2

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Speckled Hen Tea Rooms</li> <li>- Chicken houses &amp; poultry supplies</li> <li>- Gift shop with "chicken" related gifts</li> <li>- Advice on how to keep chickens</li> </ul>		adults and 2 children £13.50
Dudley Zoo & Gardens	2 The Broadway Dudley West Midlands DY1 4QB	<p>Dudley Zoological Gardens is unique . . . a zoo with hundreds of animals set around an 11th century castle incorporating the world's largest single collection of Tecton buildings all sited on a 40-acre wooded hillside with a rich geological history. And there's so much more. Adopt your very own Tapir, Tiger or Tarantula</p> <p>Other facilities and activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate Sponsorship Package</li> <li>• Zoo Keeper for a Day</li> <li>• Snake and Spider Phobia Workshops</li> <li>• Birthday Parties</li> <li>• Go Wild! in our Theatre</li> <li>• Be a Little Zoo Keeper</li> <li>• Creature Features</li> <li>• Horrible History</li> <li>• Birds of Prey</li> <li>• Ghost Walks</li> </ul> <p>Support Worldwide Conservation for some of the world's rarest animals</p>	<a href="mailto:safari.shop@dudleyzoo.org.uk">safari.shop@dudleyzoo.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.dudleyzoo.org.uk">www.dudleyzoo.org.uk</a> 0844 474 2268	Adult (without £1.10 donation) £10.80* Children (3-15 yrs) £7.90 Concessions £8.90 Adult with disability/Senior Citizen/Student or Young Person (16-18 yrs) Child with Disability £5.00 Under 3s Free One Free Admission for Carer with Disabled Visitor Car Parking (all day) £3.00
Forge Mill Farm,	Forge Lane, West Bromwich, B71 3SZ.	Forge Mill Farm is one of two farm visitor centres within Sandwell Valley Country Park. It is a working dairy farm where the main attraction is the dairy herd of pedigree Jersey cows. The farm is open from 10.00am until 4.30pm. The car park and wider Country Park are open from Dawn until Dusk.	0121 588 7210. <a href="http://www.sandwell.gov.uk">www.sandwell.gov.uk</a>	Admission is FREE
Hatton Country	Hatton,	A fun filled family day out with farmyard animals, adventure play, children's	<a href="http://www.hattonworld.com">www.hattonworld.com</a>	Contact for cost

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World,	Warwick, CV35 7LD	shows, fun fair rides and seasonal events throughout the year. From February Frolics to Easter Eggstravaganza, Spring Special and Summer Spectacular, Pumpkin Week and Santa's Grotto.	<a href="mailto:hatton@hattonworld.com">hatton@hattonworld.com</a> 01926 843411	details
Umberslade Children's Farm	Butts Lane Tanworth In Arden Warwickshire B94 5AE	We're open daily from 10am to 5pm. Our family-run working farm is a fantastic day out for families in the West Midlands, and gives children the chance to see and handle farm animals in safe and friendly surroundings. hands-on activities that will appeal to every age.	<a href="mailto:info@umberslade.com">info@umberslade.com</a> <a href="http://www.umberslade.com">www.umberslade.com</a> 01564 742251	Admission Prices: Adult - £5.95 Child (Age 2 to 16) - £5.65 Senior citizen - £5.65 Under 2s – FREE Family (two adults & two children) - £22.00
West Midlands Safari Park	Spring Grove, Bewdley, Worcestershire, DY12 1LF	Help feed the sea lions or hippos, learn about the fascinating world of reptiles, African Village Life or Leaping Lemurs or have a close encounter with one of our friendly exotic animals!	01299 402114  Bookings & Events Hotline: 01299 400700  <a href="http://www.wmsp.co.uk/index.php">http://www.wmsp.co.uk/index.php</a>  <a href="mailto:info@wmsp.co.uk">info@wmsp.co.uk</a>	SUMMER SEASON ADMISSION (Amusement rides charged extra in all cases.) Adults (16-64yrs) - £12.95 per person Children (3- 15yrs) - £11.50 per person Under 3's – FREE Family

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Heritage and Gardens				
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				Admission Ticket (Admits 2 adults & 2 children)- £44.00
Akamba Garden Centre	Tythe Barn Lane Shirley Solihull B90 1PH	A Garden Centre like no other... a bit of Africa in the West Midlands Opening times: Winter: 9am until dusk Summer: 9am - 6pm	0121 733 3111 <a href="http://www.akamba.co.uk">www.akamba.co.uk</a>	FREE
Allesley Hall Gardens & Park	Allesley Hall Drive Coventry Warwickshire CV5 9AD	The Park was formerly part of a Deer Park, probably 5 times larger than the present park. The original mansion known as Allesley Hall was built as a private house in the mid 17th century; today the hall is a residential home for the elderly and provides a superb setting for Bands in the Park concerts in the summer. The park provides pleasant walks with wonderful views. It also has a children's play area and pitch & putt golf.	024 7667 9977	FREE
Aston Hall	Trinity Road, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6JD	Opening Times: Open from Friday 2nd April to Sunday 31st October 2010 Tuesdays - Sundays, closed Mondays except for Bank Holidays 12pm - 4pm  Closed on weekend Aston Villa home match days.	0121 675 4722 <a href="http://www.bmag.org.uk">www.bmag.org.uk</a>	FREE
Arbury Hall	Arbury Nuneaton Warwickshire CV10 7PT	Home of Lord and Lady Daventry, Arbury Hall is known as the Gothic Gem of the Midlands and stands in the midst of rolling lawns, surrounded by many acres of beautiful parkland, this has been the home of the Newdegate family since the 16th Century. George Eliot, born on the estate in 1819, featured Arbury in several of her novels, especially 'Scenes of Clerical Life' where in 'Mr Gilfil's Love Story' she portrays Arbury as Cheverel Manor and gives	024 7638 2804	FREE

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		detailed descriptions of many of the rooms in the house including The Saloon and The Dining Room. Historic House/Palace		
Bishop Asbury Cottage,  Tel: (Oak House)	Newton Road, Great Barr B43 6HN.	An eighteenth century cottage which was the boyhood home of Francis Asbury, the first American Methodist Bishop. Furnished in period style, and with memorabilia and information relating to Asbury's life both in West Bromwich and in America. Also information relating to the rise of Methodism in the Black Country, and links to John Wesley's life and times, and visits to the local area.  The cottage is believed to date from the early 18th century. It is a simple artisans dwelling, constructed of brick, tile and timber. When built, it was part of a short terrace, but the other cottages were demolished to make way for the widening of the Newton Road.  The cottage is very small, and has no visitor facilities. Parking is limited to the Malt Shovel public house next door. Access to the cottage is up a flight of steep steps into the garden. We regret that there is no disabled access at present	0121 553 0759	FREE
Broadfields A-Maize-ing Maze	Upton Road Nr. Worcester Worcestershire WR2 4QZ	Enjoy a fantastic day out with the view of the beautiful Malvern Hills countryside where great fun is in store for the whole family. The action packed maize maze is open throughout the summer holidays. Be prepared for country fun!	<a href="http://www.broadfieldsmaizeingmaze.co.uk">www.broadfieldsmaizeingmaze.co.uk</a>	Children (3-16 inc).....£4.50 (2 and under FREE) OAP £4.50 Adults £4.95 Family £18.00 SEASON TICKET£40.00
Blooms of Bressingham	Kenilworth Road	Garden centre offering comprehensive range of indoor and outdoor plants, bulbs and seeds, garden furniture, display gardens and garden	<a href="http://www.blooms-online.com">www.blooms-online.com</a> 01675 442866	FREE

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	Hampton in Arden West Midlands B92 0LP	building/conservatories. Workshop/ exhibition hall with programme of events throughout the year, patio cafe offering delicious home cooked food.		
Bodenham Arboretum	Wolverley Kidderminster Worcestershire DY11 5SY	A mile long drive winding through undulating countryside gently climbs to the brow of the hills to reveal a secret garden nurtured since 1973. An oasis of plantations, pools and avenues beautifully landscaped including over 3000 species of trees and shrubs from all over the world. Bodenham is an area of outstanding landscape beauty and interest. Its 156 acres contains mature woodland, specimen trees and shrubs and two acres of pools and lakes.	01562 852444 <a href="http://www.bodenham-arboretum.co.uk">www.bodenham-arboretum.co.uk</a>	Contact for cost details.
Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve	Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Coventry Warwickshire CV3 3GW	Brandon Marsh is a 200-acre nature reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) on the banks of the River Avon, near to Coventry and was opened by Sir David Attenborough in 1998. Once an active sand and gravel quarry, the site is now a tranquil series of pools and wetlands, with nature trails and seven bird hides. Depending on the time of your visit you could see migrating waders, breeding warblers or year-round residents like kingfisher, coot or moorhen or even an otter.	<a href="http://www.warwickshire-wildlife-trust.org.uk">www.warwickshire-wildlife-trust.org.uk</a> 024 7630 8999	Nature Reserve £2.50 - £2.50
Birmingham Botanical Gardens & Glasshouses	Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR	The Birmingham Botanical Gardens & Glasshouses, situated in Edgbaston, Birmingham, UK, are a 15 acre oasis of delight. Designed by J. C. Loudon, a leading garden planner, horticultural journalist and publisher, they opened to subscribers in 1832. Today, you will find beauty, peace and also tranquillity combined with excellent visitor facilities for all the family. We really look forward to welcoming you into our gardens and glasshouses where you can enjoy nature at its best and discover the importance of plants to people.	0121 454 1860 <a href="http://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk">www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk</a>	Cost: Adults - £7.50, Concessions - £4.75, CHILDREN UNDER 16 - FREE
Birmingham Nature Centre	Pershore Road Birmingham B5 7RL	You can visit the Birmingham Nature Centre which is home to a wide range of animals and reptiles from across the world, including some endangered species. If you visit regularly with your family it may be worth purchasing a season ticket. During your visit you have the opportunity to sponsor one of our wide range of animals. Your sponsorship will be valid for 12 months. You can purchase the sponsorship for yourself or as a present to celebrate a	0121 472 7775 Fax: 0121 471 4997 <a href="mailto:naturecentre@birmingham.gov.uk">naturecentre@birmingham.gov.uk</a>	Adult: £3.50 Concessions Senior citizens, students, passport to leisure

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		birthday or special occasion by pressing the <b>Sponsor an Animal</b> button above.		holders): £2.50 Children 5-15 years: £1.00 Children under 5: FREE All children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
Kenilworth Castle & Elizabethan Garden,	Warwickshire, CV8 1NE	The vast medieval fortress of Kenilworth Castle is one of the largest historic visitor attractions in the West Midlands and one of the most spectacular castle ruins in England. A brilliant day out for the whole family, Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire is set in vast grounds perfect for exploring.	01926 852078. <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk">www.english-heritage.org.uk</a>	Tickets Adults: £7.60 Children: £3.80 Concessions: £6.50 EH Member Cost: FREE Family Ticket: £19.00
Parkridge Centre	Brueton park Warwick Road Solihull B91 3HW	Set in the middle of Brueton Park, on the edge of Solihull Town Centre, the Parkridge Centre and its 5.5 acre nature area offer a tranquil setting for environmental education and information, plus a wide variety of nature conservation events and activities throughout the year.	0121 704 0768 <a href="http://www.warwickshire-wildlife-trust.org.uk/home/visitor-centres/parkridge.aspx">http://www.warwickshire-wildlife-trust.org.uk/home/visitor-centres/parkridge.aspx</a>	FREE
Witley Court and Gardens	Worcestershire, WR66JT	The vast and rambling remains of the palatial 19th century mansion are surrounded by magnificent landscaped gardens, which still contain huge stone fountains	01299 896636 <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk">www.english-heritage.org.uk</a>	Tickets Adults: £6.00 Children: £3.00 Concessions: £5.10 EH Member Cost: FREE Family Ticket:

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Winterbourne House & Garden	University of Birmingham 58 Edgbaston Park Road Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2RT	Restored to its Edwardian Arts and Craft splendour, Winterbourne House is a unique heritage attraction set within seven acres of beautiful botanic gardens. Opening times April-September 10-6pm October March 10-4pm	<a href="mailto:enquiries@winterbourne.org.uk">enquiries@winterbourne.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.winterbourne.org.uk">www.winterbourne.org.uk</a> 0121 414 3003	£15.00 Admission: check website or call for prices.
Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens	Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, England, B36 9BT.	The 18th Century walled gardens contain a maze, herbs, fruit and vegetables and other historic plants. There is a cafe and gift shop on the site. Office Hours:- Monday - Thursday 9-30am to 4-00pm Friday 9-30am to 3-00pm	0121 749 4100	Costs: Adults - £4.00; Concessions - £3.50; Children - £1.00 Most Children's Activities: FREE

## Museums

Name	Venue	Further Information	Contact Details	Cost
Abbey Barn	Abbey Fields Kenilworth Warwickshire CV8 1LY	Small museum housed in medieval building formerly part of the Abbey of St Mary the Virgin. Collection of stonework and tiles from the ruined abbey and an exhibition of the history of the Abbey. Also exhibits of interest of old Kenilworth. Explanatory trail of the scant Abbey ruins open all the year round.	01926 512406	FREE
Atherstone Heritage Centre & Museum	Market Square Atherstone Warwickshire CV9 1AX	The heritage centre is run on a voluntary basis by the Friends of Atherstone Heritage. They provide a programme of themed exhibitions associated with the history of Atherstone and the surrounding area. Other exhibitions include those by local artists. Telephone for exhibition details.	01827 713191 <a href="http://www.visitnorthernwarwickshire.com">www.visitnorthernwarwickshire.com</a>	FREE
Avery Historical Museum	Avery-Berkel Foundry Lane Smethwick West Midlands, B66 2LP	Open all year. Closed 12 Apr, 27, 28 Dec. This private museum houses probably the finest collection of weighing artefacts in the world. Here, visitors can trace the development of weighing over 6,000 years, from its origins in Ancient Egypt during time of the early Pharaohs.	0121 558 1112	FREE
Avoncroft	Stoke Heath	Avoncroft is a fascinating place to visit near Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.	01527 831363	Ticket £6.60 -

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Museum of Historic Buildings	Bromsgrove Worcestershire B60 4JR	Our event days make a fabulous day out with the family, or for young or older people it provides a great attraction to find out about the history of the West Midlands. Our new Edwardian Tea Room and our Gift shop are both usable independently of visiting the Museum.	<a href="http://www.avoncroft.org.uk">www.avoncroft.org.uk</a>	£6.60 Concession £5.50 - £5.50 Child £3.00 - £3.00 Family £16.50 - £16.50
Bantock House Museum		ABOUT US Set in 44 acres of peaceful parkland, Bantock House Museum explores Wolverhampton's rich history. With displays of locally made steel jewellery, japanned ware and enamels. April - Oct: Tues - Sun 10am - 5pm Nov - Mar: Tues - Sun 12pm - 4pm Open Bank Holiday Mondays	<a href="http://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk">www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk</a>	FREE
Berkswell Village Museum	Lavender Hall Lane Berkswell West Midlands CV7 7BL	Collection of memorabilia; farm implements, Victorian household items, church and parish documents.	01676 533242	FREE
Bewdley Museum	Load Street Bewdley Worcestershire DY12 2AE	Come and Explore Bewdley Museum A surprise around every corner! Set in a historic Butchers Shambles fascinating displays give an insight into the trades and crafts of the Wyre Forest area. Hands-on activities and regular craft demonstrations. Plenty to see and do for the whole family, brass foundry, jails, resident crafts people, air raid shelter tours, varied exhibitions and events, lovely gardens & café.	01299 403573	FREE
Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery	Chamberlain Square Birmingham West Midlands, B3 3DH	Birmingham Museums & Art Gallery (BMAG) is the largest city museums service in England. Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery is housed in a Grade II* listed city centre landmark building. The museum shows its collections of art, applied art, social history, archaeology and ethnography in over 40 galleries. The collections have been Designated as outstanding by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and have local, regional,	0121 303 2834 <a href="mailto:Bmag_enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk">Bmag_enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk</a>	FREE

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		national and international importance.		
The Birmingham & Midland Transport Museum	Chapel Lane, Wythall, Worcs, B47 6JX	All facets of the museum are staffed by volunteers. We are open to casual visitors between 11a.m. and 4.30p.m. each Saturday and Sunday between March and the end of October, and Wednesday afternoons 1pm to 4:30pm between June and August, when you are able to see volunteers restoring and maintaining the collection. Throughout the year we have themed Event Days when museum buses offer rides, a delightful ride-on miniature steam railway operates, and the cafeteria and shop are open, the latter selling transport models, books, magazines and DVDs.	01564 826471 <a href="http://www.bammot.org.uk">www.bammot.org.uk</a>	Major Operating Days Adults £4 Children(5-16) £2 Family (2 Adults + 2 Children) £10 Other Opening Days Adults £3, Children £1.50, Family £8
Birmingham Railway Museum Trust	Vintage Trains Limited Tyseley, Birmingham B11 2HL	Monday - Friday 09:30 - 16:30 Reduced price travel for juniors (age 5-15 years) is available on some Vintage Trains excursions. Please check individual trains for details. All Juniors must travel with an adult. Infants under 5 may travel free and should not occupy a seat. Only one child per adult qualifies for these concessions.	0121 708 4960 <a href="mailto:office@vintagetrains.co.uk">office@vintagetrains.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.shakespeareexpress.com">www.shakespeareexpress.com</a>	Contact for cost details
The Black Country Living Museum	Tipton Road Dudley, DY1 4SQ,	<b>Britain's Friendliest Open Air Museum</b> Discover a fascinating world when you visit this urban heritage park in the shadow of Dudley Castle at the heart of the Black Country. Historic buildings from all around the Black Country have been moved and authentically rebuilt at the Museum, to create a tribute to the traditional skills and enterprise of the people that once lived in the heart of industrial Britain. Visitors are transported back in time from the modern exhibition halls to the canal-side village, where costumed demonstrators and working craftsmen bring the buildings to life with their local knowledge, practical skills and unique Black Country humour.	0121 557 9643 <a href="http://www.bclm.co.uk">www.bclm.co.uk</a>	Adults: £13.20 Seniors (60+): £10.70 Young People (5-16 years): £7.00 Under Fives: FREE Family Ticket: (2 Adults and up to 3 young people): £34.95

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				(1 Adult 1 young person): £18.00 Student with NUS card: £7.00 Museums Association Members: FREE Carer: FREE Parking: £2.00 per car Guide Book: £3.00
Blakesley Hall	Blakesley Road, Yardley, Birmingham, B25 8RN	Opening Times: Open from Friday 2nd April to Sunday 31st October 2010 Admission: Free  Opening Times: Open from Friday 2nd April to Sunday 31st October 2010 Tuesdays - Sundays, closed Mondays except for Bank Holidays 12pm - 4pm	0)121 464 2193 <a href="http://www.bmag.org.uk/blakesley-hall">www.bmag.org.uk/blakesley-hall</a>	FREE
Bombay Manor Museum / Stratford Ripper Experience	21 Henley Street Stratford-upon-Avon Warwickshire CV37 6QW	Welcome to Bombay Manor - a spooky museum in an ominously haunted house in Henley Street where Dr Thaddeus Bombay, one of history's most colourful characters, awaits your arrival and just maybe will introduce you to some of his dearly departed friends and relatives.	01789 290969 <a href="http://www.seekthemagic.org/attractions.html">www.seekthemagic.org/attractions.html</a>	Adult £5.00 Child £2.75 Concession £4.00
Broadfield House Glass Museum	Compton Drive Kingswinford West Midlands DY6 9NS	An exciting programme of events and temporary exhibitions complement the glass displays and celebrate the magical art of glassmaking. There is also a glassmaking studio on site where visitors can watch and wonder at the glassblowers' skills.	<a href="http://www.dudley.gov.uk">www.dudley.gov.uk</a> 01384 812745	FREE

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Coventry Transport Museum	Hales Street Coventry West Midlands CV1 1PN	From bone-rattling bicycles to world speed historic vehicles. See the 'Back to the future' Delorian car. Great facilities for children's activities. A great journey through time and a look into the future too. Admission is free! Open all year, daily, 10.00 to 17.00. Closed 24 to 26 December	Tel: 024 7683 2425 Fax: 024 7683 2465	FREE
Coventry Watchmaker's Museum	Court 7 Coventry West Midlands CV1 3BA	House within three 19th Century cottages, the project organisers continue to work towards making this site the Museum's permanent home, proudly illustrating Coventry's influence within the British watch making industry, which dates back to the 1680s.	024 7640 2331	FREE
Earlswood Village Museum	Shutt Lane Earlswood Solihull West Midlands B91	Open Mar-Sep, 1st Sat in the month, 14.30pm-16.30pm	0121 704 6130	FREE
Galton Valley Canal Heritage Centre		Adjacent to both the Birmingham New and Old Main Lines, the Galton Valley Canal Heritage Museum in Smethwick is ideally place to explore the local canals and their history.  As well as the museum building on Brasshouse Lane we also look after the New Smethwick Pumping Station and the original site of the famous Smethwick Engine.	<a href="http://www.laws.sandwell.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries/our-museums/">http://www.laws.sandwell.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries/our-museums/</a>	It is Free to visit the museum and if you would like to visit the New Smethwick Pumping Station or the Smethwick Engine Site please speak to a member of staff to arrange a time.
Herbert Art Gallery and Museum	Jordan Well Coventry West Midlands CV1 5QP	Open all year, Mon-Sat, 10.00am-17.30pm Sun, 12.00pm-17.00pm	Tel: 024 7683 2565 Fax: 024 7683 2410	FREE

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Haden Hill House,	Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, B64 7JU.	Haden Hill House Museum in Cradley Heath, Rowley Regis is a Victorian gentleman's house furnished in period style surrounded by 55 acres of award winning parkland.	01384 569444 <a href="mailto:museumarts_tourism@sandwell.gov.uk">museumarts_tourism@sandwell.gov.uk</a>	FREE
Ironbridge Gorge Museum	The IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUM TRUST, Coach Road, Coalbrookdale, Telford, TF8 7DQ	For facilities in the Ironbridge Gorge and surrounding area call the Tourist Information Centre in Ironbridge on	01952 884 391 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:tic@ironbridge.org.uk">tic@ironbridge.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.ironbridge.org.uk">www.ironbridge.org.uk</a>	Contact for cost details
Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust	Allesley Coventry West Midlands CV5 9DR	With 30-35 cars from the Jaguar Heritage Collection on display at any one time, portraying over a century of outstanding automotive design, fine engineering and world-leading car development. Many of the collection are original, just as they left the factory, and fully operational. Opening Times: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm Friday 10am-1pm Last Sunday of the month (excluding December) 10am-4pm CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS	024 7640 1288 024 7640 1052 <a href="mailto:jagtrust@jaguar.com">jagtrust@jaguar.com</a>	FREE
Lapworth Museum of Geology Earth Sciences	The University of Birmingham Edgbaston Birmingham West Midlands B15 2TT	Open 5 Jan-22 Dec. Mon-Fri 9am-17pm; Sat, Sun 14pm-17pm	Tel: 0121 414 7294 Fax: 0121 414 4942	FREE
Museum of the Jewellery Quarter	75-79 Vyse Street Hockley Birmingham West Midlands B18 6HA	With live demonstrations of traditional jewellery-making skills, experience of what it was like to work in this noisy and busy workshop. The museum is open all year round, but entrance to the factory is by guided tour only (Allow 1 hour for the tour). Opening Times: Tuesday to Saturday 10.30 - 16.00 Closed Sundays and Mondays Open Bank Holiday Mondays	Tel: 0121 554 3598 Fax: 0121 554 9700	FREE

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NATIONAL Motorcycle Museum Birmingham, Coventry, Solihull	Coventry Road, Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0EJ	Important and famous machines are forever being added to our collection. It is a place where 'Legends Live On' and it is a tribute to and a living record of this once great British industry that dominated world markets for some sixty years. It is a place where an older generation can once again view with nostalgia the machines they rode in days gone by, and younger generations can study the development of the motorcycle from its earlier days to the golden years of the 1930s-60s, when British motorcycles 'ruled the world'. A fully licensed self-service restaurant and a <b>bike museum</b> gift shop is available throughout opening hours, but it is the motorcycles that most visitors will come to see, and we wish them a very happy time with us amidst the glittering paint, chrome and nickel of the past. Open every day 9.30am-5.30pm. Parking is free.	01675 443311 <a href="http://www.nationalmotorcyclemuseum.co.uk/museum/">http://www.nationalmotorcyclemuseum.co.uk/museum/</a>	Adults £8.95 Children (5-16yrs) £6.95 OAPs £6.95 Family (2 adults and 2 children) £24.95
Soho House. Museum	Soho Avenue, Handsworth, Birmingham B18 5LB	The former home of industrialist and entrepreneur Matthew Boulton, Soho House has been restored, with period room settings (including some of Boulton's own furniture), and displays on his factory and his family. Visitor Centre with permanent exhibition on the Lunar Society, and temporary exhibition gallery. Garden. Open: 4th April to November 1st 2009 Tues to Sun 12.00 - 4.00pm Open Bank Holiday Mondays	0121 554 9122 <a href="mailto:bmag_enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk">bmag_enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.bmag.org.uk">www.bmag.org.uk</a>	FREE
Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum	Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG	Thinktank redefines the concept of a Science Museum. Think of it more as a way to discover the world around you and the life you lead. From steam engines to intestines, this exciting museum has over 200 hands-on displays on science and technology including a state-of-the-art Planetarium and IMAX cinema.	0121 202 2222 <a href="mailto:findout@thinktank.ac">findout@thinktank.ac</a> <a href="http://www.thinktank.ac">www.thinktank.ac</a>	Adult from: £11.75 Child (3-15yrs) from: £7.95
The Oak House Museum,	Oak Road, West Bromwich, B70 8HJ.	Oak House hosts a variety of events and exhibitions throughout the year for all the family to enjoy. We have school holiday activities as well as a lively schools programme.	Tel: 0121 553 0759 <a href="mailto:museumarts_tourism@sandwell.gov.uk">museumarts_tourism@sandwell.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200070/museums_and_galleries/8/oak_ho">http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200070/museums_and_galleries/8/oak_ho</a>	FREE

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Tipton Community Heritage Museum,	Tipton Library, Unit 19, Tipton Shopping Centre, Owen Street, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 8QE	Tipton Community Heritage Centre is now located within Tipton Library. Included in the centre are temporary displays covering various aspects of Tipton's industrial and social history, along with information about the canals - which led to Tipton being called "The Venice of the Midlands". There is also a local history section within the library. A series of joint events and exhibitions staged throughout the year at the library.	<a href="#">use/1</a> Tel: 0121 557 1796 Museum Staff can also be contacted on: 0121 556 0683 <a href="http://www.laws.sandwell.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries/our-museums/tipton-community-heritage-centre/">http://www.laws.sandwell.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries/our-museums/tipton-community-heritage-centre/</a>	FREE
Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery,	Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, WS10 7DF.	Wednesbury Museum is Sandwell's Museum and Art Gallery. It is purpose built Victorian Art Gallery, housing collections which include fine art paintings, applied art, old toys as well as one of the world's largest collections of Ruskin pottery	<a href="http://www.laws.sandwell.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries/our-museums/">http://www.laws.sandwell.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries/our-museums/</a> Tel: 0121 556 0683 Email: <a href="mailto:museumarts_tourism@sandwell.gov.uk">museumarts_tourism@sandwell.gov.uk</a>	FREE
The Worcester Porcelain Museum	Severn Street Worcester WR1 2ND	The Worcester Porcelain Museum houses the world's largest collection of Worcester Porcelain. The ceramic collections, archives and records of factory production, form the primary resource for the study of Worcester porcelain and its history.	01905 21247 <a href="http://www.worcesterporcelainmuseum.org/">http://www.worcesterporcelainmuseum.org./</a>	FREE
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Brierley Hill Crystal	Mount Pleasant Quarry Bank West Midlands DY5 2YW	Manufacturers and decorators of the finest English hand cut lead crystal. We can supply either large pieces of crystal i.e. vases, bowls or more simple wine or brandy glasses. Our customers return year after year because of our attention to detail and competitive prices. All the items are available either plain, sandblasted or engraved with company logos, shields and text. We specialise in roughly and smoothing techniques using traditional methods to achieve the extraordinary depth and brilliance associated with our products.	01384 77486	FREE
Buildwas Abbey	Buildwas Nr Ironbridge Shropshire TF8 7BW	Impressive ruins of a Cistercian abbey, including its unusually unaltered 12th century church, beautiful vaulted and tile-floored chapter house, and recently re-opened crypt chapel.	01952 433274	Tickets Adults: £3.20 Children: £1.60 Concessions: £2.70
Bratch Steam Pumping Station	Bratch Lane Staffordshire Staffordshire WV5 8DW	Non steaming - open by prior appointment. Steaming Events: Groups welcome. December, Engine in steam some displays	<a href="mailto:admin@thebratch.org">admin@thebratch.org</a>	£2.00 - £5.00
BBC Birmingham	Birmingham B1 1RF	This is your chance to visit the home of BBC Birmingham, which hosts a number of popular shows such as The Archers and Midlands Today, as well as BBC WM.  Take a peek behind the scenes and then take part in some interactive fun.	0370 901 1227 <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/tours/birmingham.shtml">www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/tours/birmingham.shtml</a>	adult £6.00 - £6.00 Concession £5.50 - £5.50 Child £5.00 - £5.00
Boscobel House and the Royal Oak	Brewood Bishops Wood Staffordshire ST19 9AR	Discovering the future King Charles II's hiding places, including 'The Royal Oak' tree and secret priest hole Spectacular views over the fields on the two-mile round walk to White Ladies Priory Exploring Boscobel's history as a working farm with new displays and meeting Hetty and Cathy, two new silky hens	01902 850244	Tickets Adults: £5.50 Children: £2.80 (5-15yrs) Concessions: £4.70 EH Member Cost: FREE Family Ticket: £13.80
Baddesley	Rising Lane,	Picturesque medieval moated manor house and garden	<a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/">www.nationaltrust.org.uk/</a>	Adult £7.60 -

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Clinton	Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire B93 0DQ	Atmospheric house dates from 15th century Interiors reflect the house's heyday in the Elizabethan era Discover a priest's hole used to hide persecuted Jesuit priests in the 1590s Enchanting gardens with stewpond, lakeside walk and nature trail Exquisite 19th-century Catholic chapel	<a href="http://main/w-baddesleyclinton">main/w-baddesleyclinton</a> 01564 783294	£8.40 Child £3.80 - £4.20 Family £19.00 - £21.00 Concession £7.60 - £8.40
Charlecote Mill	Hampton Lucy Stratford-upon-Avon Warwickshire CV35 8BB	Picturesque watermill on the river Avon, from about 1800. Now restored and producing stone ground flour by water power using two waterwheels. This is a particularly fine example of a fairly large watermill of lowland England, virtually unchanged since it was built in the heyday of watermills.	01789 842072 <a href="http://www.charlecotemill.co.uk/">www.charlecotemill.co.uk/</a>	Adult £2.00 - £2.00 Concession £1.00 - £1.00 Child £0.50 - £0.50
Christchurch Spire	New Union Street Coventry West Midlands CV1 2PS	The third of Coventry's famous three spires. Henry VIII's commissioners demolished its first church. Its second was lost to bombing in 1941. Exterior viewing only.		Cathedral or Minster FREE
Halesowen Abbey	West Midlands B62 8RJ	A secluded 13th Century Abbey	<a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk">www.english-heritage.org.uk</a>	FREE
Heritage Motor Centre	Banbury Road Stratford-upon-Avon Warwickshire CV35 0BJ	The Heritage Motor Centre motor museum in Gaydon is home to the world's greatest collection of British Cars. The motor car is over one hundred years old and is one of the world's most influential inventions. The Heritage Motor Centre motor museum in Gaydon tells its story, from some of the very first cars to take to British roads, right up to the latest designs.	01926 641188	Adult £11.00 Child £8.00 Family £34.00 Concession £9.00
Little Malvern Court	Little Malvern Worcestershire WR14 4JN	A 15th Century Prior's Hall, with oak-framed roof, 5-bay double-collared roof, with two tiers of cusped wind braces. Formerly attached to 12th Century Benedictine Priory, Little Malvern Priory Church may also be visited. Victorian addition by Hansom. Family and European paintings and furniture.	01684 892988 01684 893057	Contact for cost details

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		Collections of 18th and 19th Century needlework and religious vestments. Home of the Berington family by descent since the Dissolution of the Monasteries.		
Perrott's Folly	Waterworks Road, Edgbaston	Perrott's Folly, which is one of the oldest buildings in Birmingham and said to be the original inspiration for Tolkien's The Two Towers, is being brought back to life as a major tourist attraction.	<a href="mailto:benb@trident-ha.org.uk">benb@trident-ha.org.uk</a>	FREE
The Pump House Environment Centre	Waterworks Road Worcester Worcestershire WR1 3EZ	Set in the idyllic surroundings of Gheluvelt Park, the Pump House Environment Centre provides community access to a range of information and advice on environmental issues. It also demonstrates a number of sustainable technologies and building materials.  With free admission, activities and displays around the environment, everyone is guaranteed an informative and fun filled time.	<a href="http://www.dwt.org.uk/">http://www.dwt.org.uk/</a>  01905 730600	FREE
Shakespeare's Birthplace Anne Hathaway's Cottage Mary Arden's Farm Nash's House & New Place Hall's Croft	Stratford Upon Avon see website for individual house addresses	Shakespeare Five House Ticket	<a href="http://www.shakespeare.org.uk">www.shakespeare.org.uk</a>	Adult: £19.50 Child: £12.00 Concession: £17.50 Family: £50.00 Other prices available check website for details

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AR Kayaking	C/o 25 Chapel Street Telford Shropshire TF4 3DD	The River Severn flows through this historic gorge forming our main centre of operation for paddling activity. See the sites from the river as they were intended to be seen, run the gentle rapids at Jackfield and enjoy a traditional ale afterwards in one of the many pubs that line the Gorge.	01952 504063 <a href="http://www.arkayaking.co.uk">www.arkayaking.co.uk</a>	Prices from £20
Ace Karting	Arden Forest Estate Ridge Lane Warwickshire CV10 0RF	Our company is here to provide unique adventures for any occasion. So if you are looking to organise a Corporate, Team Building, Stag/ Hen, Birthday, Children's Party or just a group of friends then we have a package to suit you.	07710 720506 <a href="http://www.acekarting.co.uk">www.acekarting.co.uk</a>	Contact for cost details
Blue Ice Solihull Rink	Hobs Moat Road, Solihull, B92 8JN.	<b>Blue Ice Plaza will provide you with an amazing experience!</b> Open 7 days a week, as well as ice skating, the plaza also incorporates fine restaurants, a pool and snooker club and a Fitness First health club. So plan your visit and come along to Blue Ice Plaza for a really super <i>cool</i> time! Car parking is FREE and we are easily accessible by road and rail.  Peak time is Friday and Saturday evening disco sessions, weekends and school holidays, all other times are classed as off peak for charges.	0121 742 5561 <a href="http://www.solihullicerink.co.uk/">http://www.solihullicerink.co.uk/</a>	Peak Admission Child under 16 with skate hire £6.50 Adult with skate hire £8.20 Family with skate hire £25.00 (2 parents and 2 children OR 1 parent and 3 children, Off Peak Admission Child under 16 with skate hire £4.90 Adult with skate hire £6.70

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				Family with skate hire £20.70 (2 parents and 2 children OR 1 parent and 3 children),
Theme Parks/ Adventure Playgrounds				
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Alton Towers		The Theme Park rides and attractions are open from 26 March - 6 November 2011. There is something for all thrillseekers and families, with tons of terrific rides, blockbusting attractions, amazing live shows, and weird and wonderful costume characters.	<a href="http://www.altontowers.com">www.altontowers.com</a> 0871 222 3330	Contact for cost details
Cadbury World	Linden Rd Birmingham, West Midlands B30	Chocolate Factory Costs: Adult: 13.90 Child: 10.10, Under 4's free	<a href="http://www.cadburyworld.co.uk">www.cadburyworld.co.uk</a> 0844 880 7667	See description
Conkers	Rawdon Road (B586), Moira, Nr Ashby-de-la-Zouch, five miles from Junction 11 on the M42, , Derbyshire, DE12 6GA	Conkers is a unique mix of indoor and outdoor hands on experiences which will keep visitors engaged for hours Costs:	01283 216633 <a href="mailto:info@visitconkers.com">info@visitconkers.com</a> <a href="http://www.visitconkers.com">www.visitconkers.com</a>	Adults - £6.32 (£6.95 including Gift Aid); Child 3 - 15 yrs - £4.50 (£4.95 including Gift Aid); Child under 3 - FREE Family: (2 adults 2 children) - £18.15 (£19.95)

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Crash Bang Wallop	114 Lindon Road, Brownhills, West Midlands, WS8 7BW	Crash! Bang! Wallop! has all the things kids love!!! This is the Midlands biggest most thrilling indoor fun centre for children, an indoor adventure wonderland where children can spend hours of adventure and exploration! Play session is usually 90 minutes, although this is only adhered to when busy. Monday to Friday: 9.30am – 6.20pm [last admission 5.30pm] Saturday & Sunday: 9.30am – 7.20pm [last admission 6.30pm]	<a href="mailto:info@crashbangwallop.biz">info@crashbangwallop.biz</a> <a href="http://www.crashbangwallop.biz">www.crashbangwallop.biz</a> 01543 377100	PlayTime: £4.50 Toddler Time: £3.00 Babies under 1: FREE - When accompanied by a paying sibling
Drayton Manor Theme Park		Everyone's favourite theme park, packed with a host of great rides and attractions set in 280 acres of lakes and parkland. Drayton Manor features some of the biggest, wettest and scariest rides around! Apocalypse is the world's first stand up tower drop. Shockwave is Europe's only stand up rollercoaster. Stormforce 10 is 'the best water ride in the country' (Daily Express). Maelstrom is the only gyro swing to make you face outwards! Pandemonium turns your world upside down! And the incredible G-Force is a rollercoaster ride like you've never had before! This £3 million ride takes terrified thrillseekers through a series of high banked twists and turns at speeds of up to 70kph at 4.3 Gs, whilst hanging by the hip! There's also a host of fantastic family entertainment with Excalibur – a Dragon's Tale, the Pirate Adventure, Drayton Manor's live theatres - and the Drunken Barrels is fantastic new fun for all the family! Thomas Land is packed with rides just for younger children. Drayton Manor Zoo is home to over a hundred species from throughout the world – plus Dinosaurland, museums, shops, cafes, bars and restaurants – and much more! It's a fantastic fun-filled day for everyone! Thomas Land – For the first time in Europe, Thomas and Friends will have their very own home at Drayton Manor Park!	<a href="http://www.draytonmanor.co.uk">www.draytonmanor.co.uk</a> 0844 472 1960	Contact for cost details
National Sea Life Centre	The Waters Edge Brindley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See the UK's first Hammerhead Sharks</li> <li>• Interactive Rockpool: Hold the crabs &amp; touch the starfish</li> </ul>	0871 423 2110 <a href="mailto:slcbirmingham@merline">slcbirmingham@merline</a>	Contact for cost details

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	Place Birmingham, B1 2HL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4D Cinema... now included in your entrance fee</li> <li>• Dive deep with the sharks! Walk through our million-litre underwater tank</li> <li>• Feeding demonstrations all day</li> <li>• 1,000+ creatures including Sharks, Turtles, Seahorses, Otters and Rays</li> <li>• 60+ displays include Nemo's Kingdom, turtle breeding and incredible tropical tanks</li> <li>• Join our campaign &amp; Help Stop Whaling</li> <li>• Children's soft play area</li> </ul>	<a href="http://ntertainments.biz">ntertainments.biz</a>	
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## Walks , Parks and Tours

Name	Venue	Further Information	Contact Details	Cost
Alvecote Pools Nature Trail	Robey's Lane Coventry West Midlands B78 1JA	Nature trail along old miners' path beside pools and marshes. Good list of birds to be seen, including waders on adjacent subsidence pools. Return route of trail along canal towpath	024 7630 8999	FREE
Arrow Valley Country Park	Arrow Valley Countryside Centre Redditch B98 0LJ	Arrow Valley Country Park is the largest area of open space in Redditch, 900 acres in size. The park was created in the 1970's by the Redditch Development Corporation and has become one of Redditch's greatest green assets. The park extends over 2.5 miles from	01527 464000	FREE
ALVECOTE MEADOWS SSSI.	3km east of Tamworth, near Alvecote village. Access from Robey's lane and Alvecote lane B79 0ED	These meadows contribute 11.5 hectares to the largest SSSI in Warwickshire, Alvecote Pools, which in total covers 128 hectares and includes Pooley Fields. Supports a variety of wetland habitats including wet grassland, marsh, reed swamp with water mint and greater pond sedge and open water, attracting a wide range of dragonflies, damselflies and birds such as snipe, pied wagtail, goldfinch and kestrel.	Volunteer Warden Derek Tattersall on 01827 897081 <a href="http://www.warwickshire-wildlife-trust.org.uk">www.warwickshire-wildlife-trust.org.uk</a>	FREE
Biddulph Grange Country Park	Grange Road Staffordshire	A 30 hectare (73 acre) site that was originally part of the larger Biddulph Grange Estate, comprising of woodland with meadows, a large lake and	01538 395577	FREE

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	Moorlands Staffordshire ST8 7TZ	ponds. Country/Royal Park		
Big Brum Open Top Buz Sightseeing Tour & Birmingham Tours	Birmingham Tours Birmingham Birmingham B17 0EG	Bus tours - for the Big Brum Buz sightseeing experience, fixed date and ideas for private bus tours check out our Bus Tours 2010 page - <a href="http://www.bustoursbirmingham.co.uk">www.bustoursbirmingham.co.uk</a> . Tolkien – the Road to the Twin Towers, Rhythms of the city, Genius! Matthew Boulton & the birth of Modern Birmingham. Birmingham Tours - provides guided coach or walking tours around Birmingham tailored to your requirements – Bull Ring, jewellery quarter, canal network to name but a few possibilities. We offer themed events, children's walks, package tours.	<a href="http://www.birmingham-tours.co.uk">www.birmingham-tours.co.uk</a> 0121 427 2555 To book tickets visit the Tourist Information Centre, Bull Ring or ring 0121 202 5000	Contact for cost details
Birmingham Ecopark	258a Hobmoor Road Birmingham B10 9HH	Each year thousands of young people take part in its wide and varied activities, in exciting surroundings with a wide range of habitats and demonstrations of sustainability.  The EcoPark is also able to cater for visits by groups and individuals, but as we are not open at all times, please book in advance.	0121 785 0553	FREE
Cannock Chase	Staffordshire Cannock Staffordshire WS15 2UQ	Cannock Chase, the smallest designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Britain, is designated because of its beautiful landscape, its history and its wildlife. Cannock Chase is a popular destination for people seeking fresh air, peace and exercise and is popular for walking and cycling. Just get out there and get active in 26 square miles of adventure and excitement, or immerse yourself in an oasis of tranquillity - take time to explore!	01543 877666	Country/Royal Park FREE
Castle Vale Centre Park	Yatesbury Avenue Castle Vale Birmingham B35	Located 6 miles north of the city centre in a predominantly residential area, Castle Vale Centre Park covers an area of just under 6 acres of parkland. The park was awarded the Civic Trusts prestigious Green Flag award for 2006. For active recreation, there are play facilities for children of different ages, a multi-use games area for football, basketball and other games, as well as space for events.	<a href="http://www.birmingham.gov.uk">www.birmingham.gov.uk</a> 0121 464 8728 <a href="mailto:parks@birmingham.gov.uk">parks@birmingham.gov.uk</a>	FREE

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Charlecote Park	Charlecote Stratford-upon-Avon Warwickshire CV35 9ER	More parkland open to explore, see deer and Jacob sheep. The atmospheric Victorian kitchen and scullery are brought to life. Enjoy walks, talks and tours of the house and parkland.	<a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-charlecotepark">www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-charlecotepark</a> 01789 470277	Adult £4.40 - £8.60 Child £2.20 - £4.30 Family £11.00 - £21.50
Coombe Country Park and Nature reserve	Brinklow Road Coventry Warwickshire CV3 2AB	It has taken ten centuries and the vision of many individuals for the magnificent country park to reach its present splendour. Come and explore 500 acres of historic parkland made up of gardens, woodlands and lakeside walks. Become on with nature and relax in magnificent surroundings.	024 7645 3720	Environmental Attraction FREE
Kingsbury Water Park	Bodmoor Heath Sutton Coldfield West Midlands B76 0DY	So much to see and do at Warwickshire's premier waterside attraction! Kingsbury Water Park has 15 lakes situated in over 600 acres of country park. Stroll along the surfaced paths, explore hidden corners, spot birds and wildlife, hire a bike, join an organised event or host your own event. Whatever your idea of a countryside visit is, you will find it at Kingsbury.	Special needs: Phone 01827 872660 for details - Mobility scooters are available. <a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk">www.warwickshire.gov.uk</a>	Admission free excluding Car parking: £3.00 per car.
Leasowes Park	Park Wardens, The Leasowes, Leasowes Lane, off Mucklow Hill, Halesowen, West Midlands B62 8DH	The Leasowes is listed Grade 1 on English Heritage's Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England.	01384 814642 <a href="http://www.dudley.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/the-parks-in-the-borough">www.dudley.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/the-parks-in-the-borough</a>	FREE
Lickey Hills Country Park	The Visitor Centre Lickey Hills Country Park Warren Lane Rednal	We welcome people with disabilities to the park and to our events; however, due to the nature of the terrain covered by many events, some visitors may require assistance or will have difficulty taking part. We will make reasonable adjustments where possible. Some events take place adjacent to the Visitor Centre and are fully accessible. Summer season 10am-6.50pm Winter season 10am-4.20pm	Telephone 0121 447 7106 <a href="http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/lickeyhills">www.birmingham.gov.uk/lickeyhills</a>	FREE

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Moseley Bog Local Nature Reserve	Moseley Bog and Joy's Wood lie approximately 3 miles south of Birmingham City Centre, situated between Sparkhill and Billesley, Hall Green and Moseley or between Yardley Wood Road and Wake Green Road	A wonderful hidden part of Moseley seen by many as the inspiration for the author J.R.R Tolkien when he remembered his childhood prior to writing his books on The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings.	0121 464 6024	FREE
New Hall Valley Country Park including New Hall Mill,	Off Wyldes Green Road, Sutton Coldfield, Nr Birmingham, West Midlands B76 1QU	There is an exhibition area, tearoom and sales area. The grounds include a nature trail and Miller's garden. Open: May to September, 2nd Sunday only each month. Free entry (donations welcome). No coach parking. 1000 - 1600	Tel: 0121 378 4901 <a href="http://www.newhallmill.org.uk">www.newhallmill.org.uk</a>	FREE
Plantsbrook Local Nature Reserve	Reserve Ranger Service The Interpretative Centre off Eachelhurst	The Plantsbrook LNR Rangers are part of the Birmingham Parks Ranger Service - Plantsbrook Young Explorers. The Plantsbrook Young Explorers are a group of children aged 7 to 11 that meet every third Saturday afternoon in the month. Membership is free for children.	0121 351 7007 Fax: 0121 351 7007 <a href="mailto:plantsbrook.lnr@birmingham.gov.uk">plantsbrook.lnr@birmingham.gov.uk</a>	FREE

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	Road, Erdington Birmingham B24 ONY			
Sheldon Country Park	Ranger Service, Old Rectory Farm, Ragley Drive, Church Road, Sheldon, Birmingham, B26 3TU	Sheldon Country Park covers an area of just over 300 acres, comprising open grassland, wetlands, old hedgerows and some mature woodland. The farm is open to visitors every day throughout the year. There is a children's playground, picnic areas and a Café. Car Parking is free	0121 742 0226 <a href="mailto:sheldon.country.park@birmingham.gov.uk">sheldon.country.park@birmingham.gov.uk</a>	FREE
Stratford Town Walk	Correspondence address: The End, The Nashes, Clifford Chambers, Stratford-upon-Avon Warwickshire CV37 6BA	Guided walks around historic Stratford upon Avon every day of the year with a local professional guide. Explore Stratford, its history, attractions, and fascinating relationship with William Shakespeare. Best Visitor Attraction Godiva Award winner.	<a href="http://www.shakespeare.org.uk">www.shakespeare.org.uk</a> 07855 760377 01789 292478	Adult £5.00 - £5.00 Child £0.00 £2.00 Concession £4.00 - £4.00
Sutton Park National Nature	Reserve Visitor Centre Park Road Sutton Coldfield B74 2YT	Delivering a sense of wilderness within an urban environment, visitors to Sutton Park can enjoy the captivating scenery, using an accessible network of paths. There are opportunities to enjoy walking, jogging, angling, nature watching, orienteering, picnic and play areas, restaurants and use bridle paths and cycling routes in the Park. Car parks are located at all the main entrances and the Park is linked to a variety of public transport routes. Sutton Park is an historic landscape that covers an area of 2,400 acres and attracts over two million visitors every year.	0121 355 6370 <a href="mailto:parks@birmingham.gov.uk">parks@birmingham.gov.uk</a>	FREE

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