

What to see and do in the area

There's plenty to see and do in the area, here are just a few of our recommendations. Please also see the leaflets which we have left for you.

(Distances are from Chilworth Golf Centre)

ESSENTIALS - SHOPS

The Co-Op

118 Botley Rd, North Baddesley, SO52 9DW (0.5 miles)

Our closest shop, stocking a wide range of essentials.

Asda Eastleigh Supercentre

Bournemouth Road, Eastleigh, SO53 3YJ (2.7 miles)

Asda in Eastleigh is a giant superstore offering clothing, a pharmacist, a petrol station, an optician and of course, food.

Aldi

1B Chestnut Ave Retail Park, Eastleigh SO53 3LE (2.9 miles)

Just around the corner from Asda, Aldi sells food, household essentials, drinks and has weekly special buys.

Waitrose

32 Alma Road, Romsey, SO51 8AS (3.4 miles)

Waitrose in Romsey has everything you'd expect from Waitrose, and free parking when you shop in-store.

PLACES TO EAT

Charlie's at Chilworth

Chilworth Golf Course, Main Road, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JP (0 miles). Tel: 07909 331272
www.chilworthgolfclub.com/clubhouse

Charlie's at the golf course clubhouse offers delicious breakfasts, yummy lunches and a range of cakes and hot drinks.

The Chilworth Arms

Chilworth Rd, Chilworth, SO16 7JS (1 mile). Tel: 023 8076 6247
www.chilwortharms.co.uk

A brilliant gastro-pub with great food and a cosy atmosphere which you can walk to through the woods from Chilworth Woodland Retreat (see separate map). It's worth booking as they get very busy, especially at the weekends.

Raja Indian (behind The Ox Bar)

120 Botley Rd, Southampton, SO52 9EE (0.4 miles). Tel: 023 80 735 238
www.ilikegoingout.com/venue/bella-vita

The Indian restaurant attached to The Ox doesn't look like much from the outside but the food is good and it's within walking distance. They will also deliver.

Chilworth Manor Hotel

Chilworth, SO16 7PT (1.2 miles). Tel: 023 8076 7333
www.chilworthmanorhotel.com/dining/

A beautiful location for lunch, dinner or afternoon tea, they also have a spa if you fancy a bit of extra pampering and you can walk there through the woods (see separate map).

TAKEAWAYS

If you fancy a night in without cooking, there are a few local takeaways. Some of the below will deliver and we've also had deliveries from Deliveroo (just try not to choose anything too far away so it's not cold by the time it gets to you). Menus can be found with the tourist information leaflets in your cabin/hut. If you're expecting a delivery, please let us know so that we can open the gate for them.

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Indian dine-in or takeaway – they will deliver

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Chunky's

Fish and Chips (plus kebabs) takeaway

15 Fleming Ave, North Baddesley, Southampton SO52 9EJ. Tel: 02380 740749

www.chunkysfishandchips.com

Pipasa

Another good Indian takeaway

27 Fleming Ave, North Baddesley, Southampton SO52 9EJ. Tel: 02380 732286

www.pipasa-balti.co.uk

Sheung Moon

Chinese takeaway – they will deliver

94 Botley Road, North Baddesley, Southampton, SO52 9DW. Tel: 02381 782848

www.sheungmoonchinese.co.uk

Water Margin

Chinese dine-in or takeaway

72 Botley Road, North Baddesley, Southampton, SO52 9DU. Tel: 02380 732377

www.water-margin.co.uk

Dominos

Pizza – it's a little further away (3.2miles) but if you've got the craving...

93B Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh SO53 2GG. Tel: 02381 650020

PLACES TO VISIT

Romsey

(3.5 miles)

www.visitromsey.org

Romsey is a lovely historic market town. Visit its beautiful abbey, meander around its shops or relax in one of its many cafés. There is a regular market on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Winchester

(11.7 miles)

www.visitwinchester.co.uk

The ancient capital of England, home of King Alfred the Great, and Jane Austen's resting place, Winchester is well-known for its stunning cathedral and pretty high-street. Visit some of its attractions or just soak up the atmosphere in the Cathedral Grounds. It's a great place for food and drink and has a market every Thursday, Friday and Saturday and a farmer's market on the second and last Sunday of the month. It's also home to one of the best Christmas markets in Europe!

Southampton

(5.2 miles)

www.visitsouthampton.co.uk

Southampton is a great place for shopping, eating out and nightlife but it also has a few attractions of its own: The Tudor House, The Old City Walls and the SeaCity Museum.

The New Forest

(13.5 miles to Lyndhurst)

www.thenewforest.co.uk

Famed for its free-roaming ponies (and pigs during the autumn pannage), the New Forest is a must-see! Don your walking boots and follow one of the routes that can be found in the book in your hut/cabin, hire a bike (see below) and they'll point you in the direction of a good cycle route or visit one of its pretty villages, cosy pubs, beaches or other attractions. I particularly like Beaulieu and Lyndhurst.

Portsmouth

(23 miles)

www.visitportsmouth.co.uk

Portsmouth has lots to offer visitors, from the Historic Dockyard to the Spinnaker Tower and Gunwharf Quays for shopping and eating.

ATTRACTIONS

Mottisfont Abbey

near Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 0LP - SAT NAV use SO51 0LN (7.6 miles)

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/hampshire/mottisfont

Owned by the National Trust, Mottisfont (a historical priory) is a beautiful place to explore. It's particularly popular in early summer when the rose gardens are in bloom and also hosts various exhibitions throughout the year.

Sir Harold Hilliers Garden

Jermyn's Lane, Ampfield, SO51 0QA (4.3 miles)

www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/hilliergardens

If trees are your thing, head to Sir Harold Hilliers Garden arboretum which houses over 42,000 trees and shrubs. They also put on various events throughout the year, including live music in the summer and a Christmas light trail.

National Motor Museum

Beaulieu, New Forest, Hampshire, SO42 7ZN (15.7 miles)

www.beaulieu.co.uk

Situated in the New Forest, visitors have access to the The National Motor Museum, Palace House & Gardens, Beaulieu Abbey, The Secret Army Exhibition and an ever-changing exhibition of TV and film vehicles.

Bucklers Hard

Buckler's Hard, New Forest, Hampshire, SO42 7XB (19.7 miles)

www.bucklershard.co.uk

An 18th century shipbuilding village, it's lovely to walk there from Beaulieu or take a river cruise (Easter to October).

There are so many more attractions in Hampshire, it would be impossible to list them all. Please see the leaflets in your hut/cabin.

WALKING

Walking in the Forestry Commission woods around the site is no longer permitted. However, you can walk to the Chilworth Conservation Area (a lovely area to explore) and Chilworth Manor Hotel and then on to the pub if you wish. Please see the separate map in this booklet.

The New Forest is also very popular for walking. You will find a book of walks in your hut/cabin.

BEACHES

There are plenty of beaches around but personally I think it's worth the drive to Bournemouth (33 miles) for a lovely sandy beach. You could park at Boscombe (a little closer with probably slightly easier parking and a nice restaurant, The Urban Reef, on the front) and walk along the beach to Bournemouth.

If not, try Netley (10.5 miles), Calshot Beach (20 miles), or Lepe Beach (all stony but still nice to be beside the sea).

GOLF

If you haven't arranged any golfing before your arrival and would like to do so, please call the golf club on 02380 740544 to book a tee time. You will need to be experienced golfers and take your own clubs. Please let them know that you are a guest at Chilworth Woodland Retreat for a discount. There is no need to book for the driving range and you can borrow clubs from the pro shop.

FISHING

If you have brought your own fishing rod, please feel free to fish in our lake. Please be aware that anyone fishing in the lake is required to have a fishing licence (these can be purchased through the government website: www.gov.uk/fishing-licences/buy-a-fishing-licence). Any bait is fine but please use barbless hooks.

SPA

www.theclub-chilworth.co.uk

The Club at Chilworth Manor Hotel offers massages, a pool, steam room and sauna. Spa Day packages are also available.

Chilworth Manor Hotel, Chilworth, SO16 7PT (1.2 miles), Tel: 02380 763022

CYCLING

The New Forest is a great place to cycle. Bikes can be hired from the following places where they will also give you advice about the best routes to take.

Cyclexperience www.cyclex.co.uk

Brockenhurst Railway Station Car Park, Brockenhurst, SO42 7TW (16.5 miles). Tel: 01590 624808

Or

New Forest Cycling www.forestleisurecycling.co.uk

Village Centre, Burley, New Forest, Hampshire, BH24 4AB (21 miles). Tel: 01425 403584

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

Go Ape

www.goape.co.uk/southampton

High ropes for children and adults. Please note, you have to pay for parking. There's also a café on the site.

Itchen Valley, Itchen Valley Country Park, Allington Lane, Southampton SO30 3HQ (6 miles).

New Forest Activity Centre

www.newforestactivities.co.uk

The New Forest Activity Centre offers all sorts, from canoeing and kayaking to archery and bushcraft. Location depends on the activity. Tel: 01590 612377.

New Forest Water Park

www.newforestwaterpark.co.uk

Wakeboarding, kayaking and a giant water park (an inflatable obstacle course on the water).

Ringwood Road, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP6 2EY (25 miles), Tel: 01425 656868.

Woodmill Activity Centre

www.activenation.org.uk/outdoor_venue/woodmill/

Canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, climbing, archery and fishing.

Woodmill Outdoor Activities Centre, Woodmill Lane, Southampton, SO18 2JR (4 miles). Tel: 02380 439185.