

Herefordshire

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The Waterworks Museum & The Cider Museum

Located within approx. one mile of each other, on the outskirts of Hereford City, these are more than just museums. With an claimed collection of working steam pumps, The Waterworks Museum tells the fascinating story of the City's water supply with regular 'in steam' weekends to get the machines in action. Presenting original methods of cider production, still used by some artisan producers today, Hereford Cider Museum brings you the county's cider heritage on the site of the original Bulmers Factory, complete with a well-stocked shop and tearoom.



Hereford Cathedral, Black & White House Museum, City Walking Tour

A circular City walking day: Marvel at the Mappa Mundi, Magna Carta, The Chained Library and the new SAS Memorial: *Ascension* at spectacular Hereford Cathedral. See how the Jacobean's lived in the amazing Black & White House Museum in High Town, and discover the hidden landmarks and history of the city's streets and beautiful buildings with a Walking Tour from the Guild of Guides. With plenty of places to refresh for coffee, lunch and afternoon tea, a fine evening can even take you a little further across the lovely Castle Green, over the River Wye on the Victoria Footbridge and through the parkland of the King George V's Playing fields.



Rhodds Farm Garden and British Cassis Tour

To the North of Herefordshire in Kington and open throughout Summer are the gardens and woodland at Rhodds Farm. This garden has been professionally designed by its garden designer owner and has an extensive range of interesting trees and shrubs, large areas of perennials, wild-flower meadows, hot borders, a gravel garden, formal garden, 3 ponds and a new arboretum. Just down the road on the outskirts of Kington is the home of British Cassis, White Heron Properties. The tour will provide interest as well as a taste of this delicious liqueur. Enjoy walking through the blackcurrant fields and even bottle your own Cassis to take home.



The Laskett Gardens and Labels Shopping

Famous historian, author and museum director Sir Roy Strong's labour of true love has seen his home at The Laskett Gardens hailed as the Sissinghurst of the late 20C. Bring back an exclusive memento from the gift shop, which can only be purchased when you have made a much prized visit. Just a few miles on into south Herefordshire, Labels Shopping in Ross-on-Wye tempts you not only with its wide range of fashion outlet shopping, but its delicious seafood bar, restaurant and café, farm shop, and also its home interior and garden products from well-known and emerging brands.



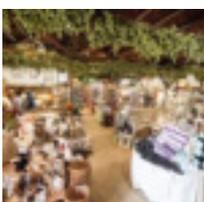
Black & White Village Trail and Westonbury Mill Water Gardens

Drive the fairytale 40 mile route of the Herefordshire's Black & White Villages in the north of the county and you'll adore the picture postcard sight of timbered and thatched buildings with their medieval history, quaint communities and hidden tearooms, galleries and unique businesses. A favourite village stop is Pembridge, with its Old Chapel Gallery and, just on the outskirts, you'll find the wonderful Westonbury Mill Water Gardens, home to the largest cuckoo clock in England and a magical glass dome made from over 5000 bottles. Relax amongst the little ponds and streams and enjoy the nature and wildlife it attracts.



Westons Cider and Hellens Manor

Nestled to the east in Much Marcle, the now famous cider maker is still family owned and lets you tour behind the scenes of the cider-making process, with a look in its visitor centre at the traditional equipment used across to the modern methods in their production plant today. Their onsite restaurant, the Scrumpy House, will refresh you before you move on to beautiful Gothic Hellens Manor just a short drive across the road. Again, family owned, this wonderful property dates back to the Domesday Book and its 1000 year history comes with a tour, lovely gardens and several glorious events throughout the year.



The Hop Pocket and Holloways

Just on the Worcestershire border at Bishops Cleeve, The Hop Pocket Shopping Village brings you 5.5 acres of independent retailers, with a huge craft centre, restaurant and plant centre, all set in the converted hop barns of the family farm. Further along that easterly border, Holloways is a must-visit for garden lovers that covet original salvage items as well as high quality modern pieces. Also presenting furniture for both inside and outside the home, quality ranges in sunshades and window shielding, plus an excellent tearoom, you'll find everything you need and don't need but just want at these two great destinations.



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