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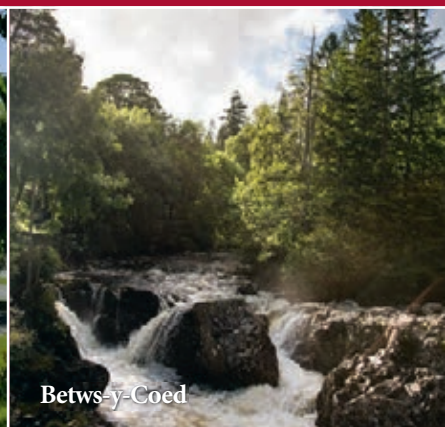
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That's where our annual *Top 100 Sites Guide* comes in – each and every park that has made it as a finalist here can offer you a fantastic stay. We know this because it's what you've told us: each year we ask you to nominate your favourite UK sites, and tell us why you love them. We then count up all the votes, and the expert team here at *Practical Caravan* and *Practical Motorhome* has its say; between us, we produce what we believe is the best guide out there to where to stay, whether you have a tourer, a tent, or choose to stay in a holiday caravan or glamping pod.

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and motorhome producers. It has a distinguished heritage that really reflects the quality you'll find at each and every one of these parks.

So, no matter where you're planning to go in the UK this coming year, there will be a site here that's absolutely perfect for you. What are you waiting for? Turn the page now and start exploring!

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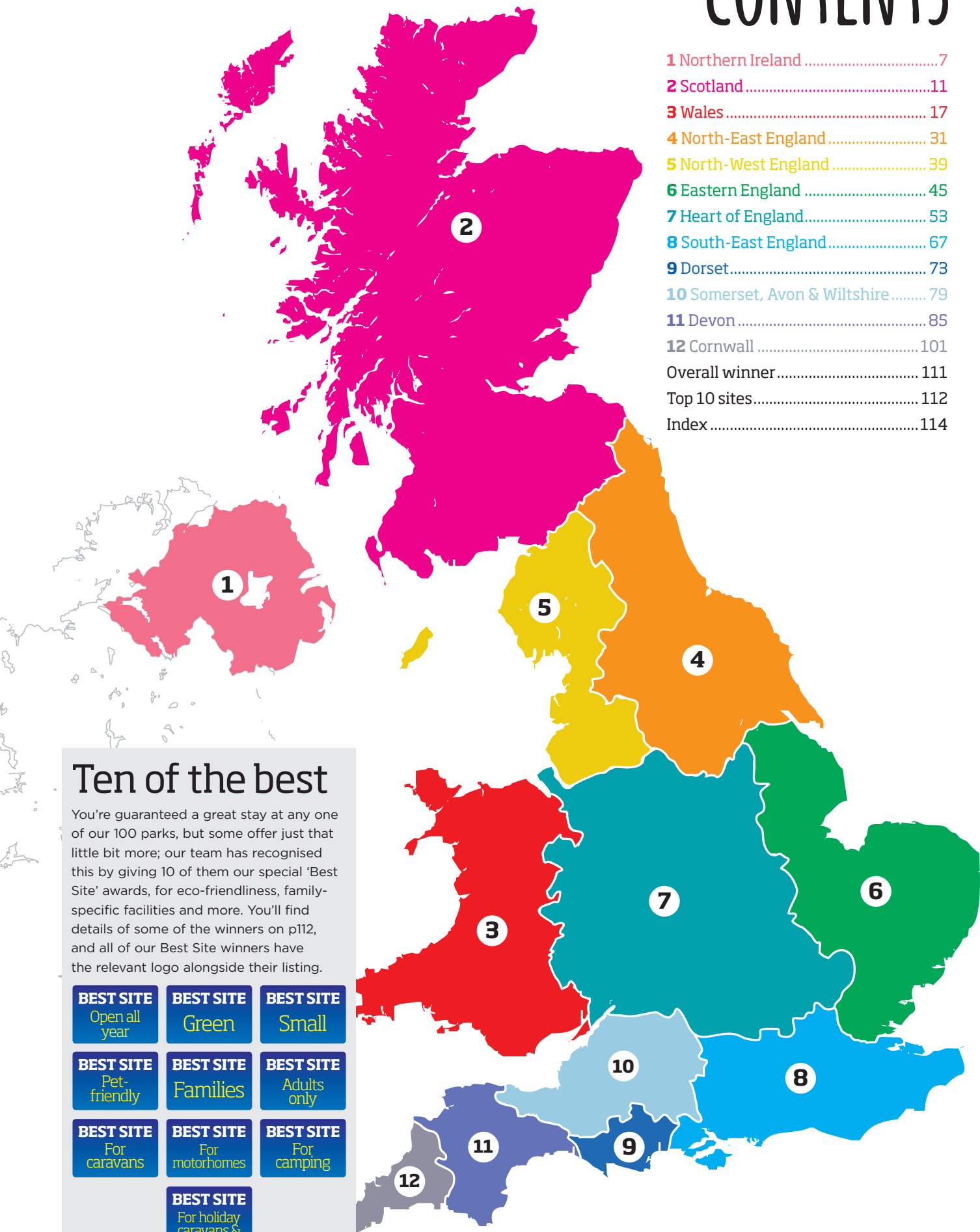


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Ten of the best

You're guaranteed a great stay at any one of our 100 parks, but some offer just that little bit more; our team has recognised this by giving 10 of them our special 'Best Site' awards, for eco-friendliness, family-specific facilities and more. You'll find details of some of the winners on p112, and all of our Best Site winners have the relevant logo alongside their listing.

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NORTHERN IRELAND MANAGES to pack so much into its relatively small area that it's hard to know where to start on a tour there. Fortunately, both of the sites in our *Top 100 Sites Guide* this year are at opposite ends of the Province – by staying at both you'll be able to take in the many attractions and towns you'll find on your travels.

The north Antrim Coast is one of the highlights, of course: its rugged and windswept shores are a must-visit. While you're there, be sure to take a walk across the famous Carrick-a-Rede bridge, and pay a visit to the world-famous Bushmills Distillery. And, of course, you mustn't miss seeing the 40,000 basalt columns of the Giant's Causeway – it's an extraordinary sight.

Elsewhere, the vibrant cities of Belfast and Derry should definitely be visited. Walkers, meanwhile, should strap on their boots and head for the atmospheric Mountains of Mourne in County Down.

BALLYNESS CARAVAN PARK



Address 40 Castlecatt Road, Bushmills, County Antrim BT57 8TN **Tel** 028 2073 2393

Web www.ballynesscaravanpark.com **Open** 16 March-1 November **Touring pitches** 50

Pitch+2+hook-up £25 **Transport info** Bus stop on site

WE SAY...

Fancy a visit to the glorious north Antrim coast? Make Ballyness Caravan Park your base and you're sure to have a holiday to remember. It's a regular in our *Top 100 Sites Guide* (taking the regional win in 2016); that's thanks in part to its excellent facilities and fantastic location. The amenities here include hardstanding touring pitches with individual electric and water connections, free Wi-Fi, indoor games room, a laundry, motorhome service point and much more.

The whole of the Causeway coast is your oyster here: the Causeway Rambler bus calls at the site from May to September, allowing you to see this beautiful region without needing to move your vehicle. Bushmills, the city of Derry/Londonderry and the Giant's Causeway are all attractions that shouldn't be missed.

YOU SAY...

"You'll find excellent grounds and facilities, a great location, fabulous dog walks; it's also a short walk into Bushmills village plus all the attractions of the Causeway Coast."

"We stayed twice this year and will definitely be returning."

"The site is exceptionally clean and tidy, and the pitches have plenty of space. The Coast Rambler bus calls at the site, the toilets are immaculate and heated, and Olive and David are perfect hosts and go out of their way to help."



RUSHIN HOUSE CARAVAN PARK



Address Holywell, Belcoo, Enniskillen BT93 5DU **Tel** 028 6638 6519
Web www.rushinhouse.com **Open** 16 March-4 November (aire facilities are available from November to February)
Touring pitches 38 **Pitch+2+hook-up** £27 **Transport info** Enniskillen/Belcoo bus can be hailed at the end of the lane

WE SAY...

Last year's Northern Ireland regional winner, Rushin House, does it again this year to take the category victory once more. This is just such an impressive site, with a vast array of facilities that offer something for everyone.

There are 38 touring pitches here, each of which is serviced with water-, waste- and electric connections; there's a separate area for tents. No matter what your accommodation, you're able to make use of those superb amenities: among them are free Wi-Fi, a barbecue and picnic area by the shores of Lough MacNea, a fantastic children's playground, spotless washrooms, an all-weather football pitch, a campers' kitchen, a laundry room and even an outdoor gym. Care for the environment is in firm focus here, so you'll find wind-generated electric, recycled-plastic outdoor furniture, eco-friendly detergents in the service block and much more.

Finally, the site is in a fantastic location – it's ideal for exploring the whole of west Fermanagh, and attractions such as Enniskillen Castle and Museums, the Marble Arch Caves European Geo Park and the Castle Archdale Country Park.

YOU SAY...

"The site facilities and upkeep are top-notch. The views are breathtaking, the fishing is good and the owners are friendly and caring. They are super-helpful without being intrusive – a perfect balance."

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38 Mortonhall gate,
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Tel: 0131 664 1533

One mile from the A720 city run road. Exit the A702 or A701 into the city following signs for Mortonhall. Set within the historic 200 acre Mortonhall estate within the city of Edinburgh. Excellent public transport into the city nearby. Open all year. Prices max: £38 min: £16. Bookings advisable.



Staffin Caravan & Camping Park

Staffin, Isle of Skye, Highland, IV51 9IX.
Tel: 01470 562213

16 miles north of Portree on A855. Turn right just before 40 mph sign on entering Staffin. Mix of hard standing and grass pitches. Set in scenic area overlooking the Western Isles. Open from April to October. Cost per night £16. Bookings advisable.



Hillhead Caravan Park

Kintore, Inverurie, AB51 0YX
Tel: 01467 632809

1 mile from the village of Kintore on the forest and on the left. 17 touring spaces located in quiet country area. Family run friendly caravan park with plenty of dog walks and pubs nearby. Cost max: £20 min: £15. Bookings accepted.



Myrus Caravan Park

Myrus Crossroads, Macduff (by Banff),
Aberdeenshire, AB45 3QP.

Tel: 01261 812845

Approx 1 mile from Banff on the A947 and a 15 minute walk from Macduff. 4 acres with touring area having 23 pitches with a choice of grass or hardstanding pitches all having electric and TV hook up, many being superpitches with water waste, wifi is available. Open dates are from 1st April to the end of October. Cost per night max: £26 to min: £23. Bookings accepted and advisable.



Mount View Caravan Park

Mount View Caravan Park
Station Road, Abington by Biggar, South
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Tel: 01864 502808

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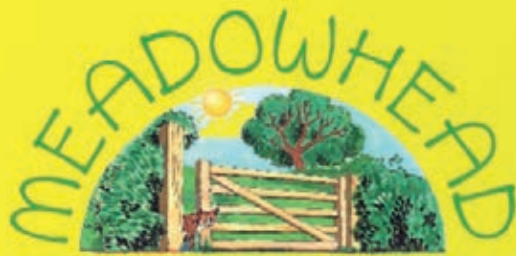


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The Highlands are within easy reach of a couple of our finalist sites, as are the glorious cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh; both of the latter offer tremendous cultural attractions and historic architecture for you to enjoy.

Other great places not to miss during your visit are the rolling hills of the Borders and the many islands that hug the west coast. Also, be sure to take a tour along the Great Glen; it begins at Ben Nevis in the south-west and weaves past Loch Ness before ending its journey at the handsome city of Inverness. Finally, if you're a spirits lover, don't miss a tour of one of the fabulous whisky distilleries!

BUNREE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB SITE



Address Bunree Club Site, Onich, Fort William, Highlands PH33 6SE **Tel** 01855 821 283

Web www.caravanclub.co.uk **Open** 16 March-5 November **Touring pitches** 99

Pitch+2+hook-up £17.55-£29 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.9 mile, ferry terminal 1.2 miles

WE SAY...

You'll find the Bunree Caravan and Motorhome Club site just 10 miles from pretty Fort William; it has 99 pitches for tourers and is open to C&MC members and non-members alike. Amenities at the site are as comprehensive as you'd expect at a Club site, with a games room and play area for the youngsters, Wi-Fi (for a charge), a dog walk, a late-arrivals area and a motorhome service point.

Cyclists should be sure to take their bikes with them: Bunree offers easy access to Sustrans route 78, the Caledonia Way, which runs from Campbeltown to Inverness. Other nearby attractions are the Glencoe Folk Museum and the Scottish Sea Life Sanctuary.

YOU SAY...

"Ever since staying there some years ago we've returned several times for a few days or simply as an overnight stay en route to the north of Scotland – the tranquillity of the Loch side and the view is so welcoming after a day's driving. It's a great start to our holiday."

"Well looked-after site in a lovely location, with peace and quiet and lovely sunsets, local walks, wildlife and good food within walking distance. What more can you ask for?"

"Fantastic scenery in the heart of the West Highlands."



MYRUS CARAVAN PARK



Address Myrus Crossroads, Macduff, Banff, Aberdeenshire AB45 3QP

Tel 01261 812 845 **Web** www.myrusholidaypark.co.uk **Open** 31 March-31 October

Touring pitches 23 **Pitch+2+hook-up** £23-£26 **Transport info** Bus stop 50 yards

WE SAY...

Situated close to the beautiful Moray Firth, Myrus Caravan Park is well located for exploring some great attractions including Duff House and Macduff Marine Aquarium. There are also two 18-hole golf courses (Duff House Royal and Royal Tarlair) only a mile away.

Back at the park, you can choose to stay in your own tourer or tent, or hire one of the static holiday caravans, which can house up to six people. Guests should note that the touring caravan and motorhome section is available only to those visiting without children.

Amenities at Myrus include a small shop stocking the basics, tidy washrooms, laundry facilities and more. The 23 touring pitches all have 16A electric hook-up and the majority have satellite TV hook-up; there are also a number of super-pitches available.

YOU SAY...

"Just back from our 10-day touring holiday and Myrus was by far the best site. The fully serviced site's facilities are second to none. The owners were helpful, pleasant and very conscientious about standards."

"A quiet and peaceful site with an adults-only section and friendly owners. There's also a field for dogs to play and exercise, immaculate grounds and the heated washrooms are spotlessly clean."



SCONE CAMPING AND CARAVANNING CLUB SITE



Address Scone Palace Caravan Park, Scone, Perthshire PH2 6BB **Tel** 01738 552 323

Web www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk **Open** 1 March-2 January 2019 **Touring pitches** 120

Pitch+2+hook-up £17.40-£26.70 **Transport info** Bus stop 2.4 miles, train station 3 miles

WE SAY...

Situated within the grounds of the vast Scone Palace estate is the Scone Camping and Caravanning Club site; it's perfect for nature lovers because it attracts a wealth of wildlife including rabbits, buzzards, ospreys and more. The site sits close to the River Tay (on which you can fish with a licence), which offers pleasant walking opportunities. Scone Palace itself hosts a variety of events for visitors to enjoy throughout the year.

Both members and non-C&CC members are welcome here, to stay in their touring caravan, motorhome or tent; the Club's Ready Camp accommodation can also be booked. Hardstanding and grass pitches are both available, as are laundry facilities, clean washrooms, a motorhome service point, a play area and a dog walk.

YOU SAY...

"It is quiet, very friendly, clean and well looked after. I found the staff very friendly – they take time to help you if you're struggling. There's a hotel just round the corner which serves really good meals and drinks, while the site itself is just 15 minutes from the city of Perth for shopping and sightseeing, and not far away from the distilleries, where you can taste some of the goods on a tour."

"Right place, great facilities, lovely team! Right next door to the race course. Just perfect for what we wanted!"



SUNNYSIDE CROFT TOURING CARAVAN PARK



Address Arisaig, Inverness-shire PH39 4NT **Tel** 01687 450 643

Web www.sunnysidetouringsite.co.uk **Open** 23 March-23 October **Touring pitches** 40

Pitch+2+hook-up £26 **Transport info** Bus stop 165 yards, train station 1.2 miles

WE SAY...

White sandy beaches wait for you close to Sunnyside Croft, along with stunning views across to the islands of Muck, Eigg, Rum, Canna and Skye. This family-run site offers 40 pitches, with optional 16A electric hook-up; the other excellent amenities here include free Wi-Fi, laundry room, local information, dishwashing area, an outside shower for washing off kit or dogs, a book swap and a motorhome service point.

Sunnyside Croft is beautifully positioned for exploring some of the most glorious countryside in Scotland, including Loch Morar, the deepest freshwater loch in Europe. There are also some fascinating historical and cultural sites to enjoy, including the Glenfinnan Monument and the West Highland Museum.

YOU SAY...

"Close to a beautiful and quiet beach, in the most scenic corner of Britain, it's run by a lovely family. The site is always spotlessly clean and run to the David Bellamy environmental gold standard. The shop sells local products and encourages guests to consider the environment."

"It is a beautiful family-run site. Nothing is too much trouble for the owners – they offer a free sample of blue loo, free dog bags, dog shower and if you need anything when the shop is closed you just phone. This place is special."



What to see in Scotland

Why not pay a visit to one of these great events while you're staying at a *Top 100* site?

June 2018

Glasgow Jazz Festival

Various locations, Glasgow

The exact dates of this popular festival hadn't been confirmed as we went to press, but it looks like one that shouldn't be missed – if the 2017 festival is anything to go by, some of the world's leading jazz performers and upcoming stars will be there.

Web www.jazzfest.co.uk

11-27 August 2018

Edinburgh International Book Festival

Charlotte Square Gardens, Edinburgh

Love reading? Don't miss the fabulous Edinburgh Book Festival, which lasts more than two weeks and encompasses a huge variety of events. All of these are held within one tented village in Charlotte Square Gardens, towards the western end of Princes Street. Tickets go on sale in June.

Web www.edbookfest.co.uk

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Isle of Skye Highland Games

The Meall, Portree

Get a true taste of Scotland at the Skye Highland Games, which have taken place just about every year since 1877 (with the exception of the war years). You can expect to see track and field events, piping competitions, dancing and even a sailing regatta during the action-packed tournament.

Web www.skye-highland-games.co.uk

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Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival

Various locations, Speyside

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GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY CARAVAN PARK



Address Granttown-on-Spey, Highland PH26 3JQ **Tel** 01479 872 474

Web www.caravanscotland.com **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 130

Pitch+2+hook-up £22-£31 **Transport info** Bus stop 15 mins, train station 14 miles

WE SAY...

Congratulations go to all at Granttown-on-Spey Caravan Park for winning this award once again: every year the site – situated in the heart of the Cairngorms – just seems to get better and better. The range and quality of the facilities here is superb, whether it's the spotless under-floor heated washrooms, the free high-speed broadband or the fact that all touring caravans are escorted to their pitch. That's not all: there's also a toddler washroom, a games room, a fabulous outdoor play area for children, a laundry room and much more. You can stay in your tourer or tent, or hire out one of the well-equipped caravan holiday homes or wigwams.

One other reason for the site's popularity is its location. Highlights include the Cairngorm Funicular Railway and the Strathspey Steam Railway, the Granttown Museum, the Landmark Forest Adventure Park and more.

YOU SAY...

"The park is well cared for and beautifully landscaped.

The facilities are up to date and clean, and the laundry, showers and WC are easily accessed. The staff are extremely helpful and took us directly to our pitch."

"The staff are so friendly and welcoming, and the showers are warm, clean and well maintained."

"This site is immaculately kept with really excellent toilet block, laundry and washing-up facilities. The layout is wonderful and the pitch sizes excellent – many are fully serviced. There are also lots of green areas that are very pleasing to the eye and the wardens are friendly, helpful and welcoming. It is the best site we've visited."



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A whopping 17 campsites made it through to our finals this year, and each and every one of them is a great place to stay. Many are located in the north of the country, but there are plenty down south, too, allowing you to see the very best of this fabulous and welcoming country.

BODNANT CARAVAN PARK



Address Nebo Road, Llanrwst, Conwy LL26 0SD **Tel** 01492 640 248

Web www.bodnant-caravan-park.co.uk **Open** 1 March-31 October **Touring pitches** 35

Pitch+2+hook-up £22-£23 **Transport links** Bus stop 0.5 mile, train station 0.5 mile

WE SAY...

Touring caravans, motorhomes and tents are all welcome at Bodnant Caravan Park, which is a family-run site that's been in operation since the 1960s; there are also a couple of static caravans available for hire.

The park is situated near to the market town of Llanrwst in the Conwy Valley; it's around a 10-minute walk in, and once there you'll find some good pubs, cafés, restaurants and shops. The famous National Trust Bodnant Garden is eight miles away.

Back on site, there are 35 tourer pitches, all of which have 16A electric and water hook-up and a TV point. There's also a chemical-disposal point, play area, dog walk and more. This is a great place to bird-watch, too.

YOU SAY...

"There are fully serviced, spacious hardstanding pitches on the level site, with extensive open space of beautiful floral displays, well-maintained grass areas and metalled roads. We love the location near the market town for provisions, and the coast and mountains for leisure."

"This is a fantastic, rural, immaculately kept site; there are huge pitches with a choice of grass or hardstanding, most fully serviced, and the WC and showers are spotless. It is a 10-minute walk into Llanrwst. We also found the owner at Bodnant to be very helpful."



BRON DERW TOURING CARAVAN PARK



Address Bron Derw Lodge, Llanrwst, Conwy LL26 0YT **Tel** 01492 640 494
Web www.bronderw-wales.co.uk **Open** 1 March-31 October **Touring pitches** 20
Pitch+2+hook-up £24-£26 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.5 mile, train station 0.5 mile

WE SAY...

You're spoilt for choice at Bron Derw Touring Caravan Park, which features a total of three sites: in addition to the open-to-all main park, there's an adults-only area, as well as a Caravan Club-certificated location. No matter which you choose, you'll welcome the high level of facilities here, which include 16A electric hook-ups, spotless washrooms, utility rooms and more. Self-catering accommodation is also available – handy if you're planning to visit with friends.

All three are brilliantly located for allowing guests to easily visit the glorious Snowdonia National Park and the picturesque North Wales coast, including the towns of Llandudno, Rhyl and Colwyn Bay.

YOU SAY...

"The site is always well maintained and the facilities are always exceptionally clean. The owners are always friendly and helpful. They take pride in what they do."

"Friendly owners, generously sized, fully serviced pitches, spotlessly clean toilets and showers, beautiful surroundings and the gardens and paths are well maintained. It's also dog-friendly, with two walks to choose from."

"Beautifully kept site, with clean toilets and showering facilities, washing machine, tumble dryer and iron. It's in an excellent location to explore the local activities."



ERWLON CARAVAN AND CAMPING PARK



Address Brecon Road, Llandovery, Carmarthenshire SA20 0RD **Tel** 01550 721 021
Web www.erwlon.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 70
Pitch+2+hook-up £16-£23 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.5 mile, train station 0.6 mile

WE SAY...

Erwlon is a new entry into our *Top 100 Sites Guide* for 2018, after a break of a few years – we're delighted to welcome it back in. The amenities here are top-notch, with fully serviced hardstanding pitches; if you opt for one of the regular pitches, you'll still be able to make use of the rest of the facilities, which include a laundry room, children's play area, fishing, fridge and freezer access, Wi-Fi (for a charge), motorhome service point, a BBQ area and fishing.

The site is within walking distance of the popular town of Llandovery, with its host of attractive restaurants, shops and pubs; it's also close to the Brecon Beacons National Park, with many opportunities for those who enjoy horse riding, cycling and walking, and even abseiling, rock climbing and star gazing!

YOU SAY...

"The site has a lovely warm friendly feel to it. It's pet-friendly and has excellent facilities."

"Very clean, pretty and welcoming. The site provides very good toilet and shower facilities, and the recent addition of glamping pods adds another dimension. There's an adults-only section for those who prefer a quiet holiday, while the site's position allows for numerous walks and activities within the Brecon Beacons National Park."



FFOREST FIELDS CARAVAN AND CAMPING PARK



Address Fforest Fields, Hundred House, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 5RT **Tel** 01982 570 406

Web www.fforestfields.co.uk/campsite **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 80

Pitch+2+hook-up £18-£24 **Transport info** Bus station 4 miles, train station 5 miles

WE SAY...

Fforest Fields has won a host of awards over the years, and even a brief visit will show you why. It's a tremendous place for a peaceful getaway, and it's family- and dog-friendly, so all members of your party will be made very welcome.

The pitches here are a mix of all-weather, hardstanding and grass; other facilities available to make your stay comfortable are family washrooms, free site-wide Wi-Fi, a small shop with local produce, a licensed café, a launderette, dishwashing room and more. There are even kayaks to borrow for free if you fancy a spell on the water. There are also plenty of walking paths available in the local area for you to enjoy if you want to go for a stroll.

YOU SAY...

"Perfect in every respect. Its location is idyllic and the owners and management team are delightful and very helpful. Facilities are one of the best we have experienced in over 30 years of caravanning, catering for every need and taste. Fantastic for families and couples alike."

"The atmosphere, the people, the careful and mindful planning – this site really has it all."

"Excellent facilities and very friendly staff, all in a really picturesque location."



GLANLLYN LAKESIDE CAMPING AND CARAVAN PARK



Address Bala, Gwynedd LL23 7SS **Tel** 01678 540 227

Web www.glanllyn.com **Open** 23 March-14 October **Touring pitches** 70

Pitch+2+hook-up £24-£28 **Transport info** Bus stop at the gate, train station 30 miles

WE SAY...

Glanllyn is a new entrant into our Top 100 for the 2018 season. It's set in a beautiful location, alongside Wales's largest natural lake, Llyn Tegid (Bala Lake), to the south of the stunning Snowdonia National Park. It's set across 16 acres of level parkland and offers tremendous views of the Arenig and Aran mountains. Coarse fishing is possible, with perch, pike and roach on offer. If you prefer walking, you'll find plenty of trails to enjoy in the nearby area.

The amenities at Glanllyn Lakeside are modern and well-maintained; they include free showers, a launderette and a campsite shop with basic supplies, gas and maps of local walks. Wi-Fi is also available.

YOU SAY...

"We've been going there with our children since they were tiny. They swim, kayak, sail, fish and have life-long friends. Good old-fashioned fun and a love of the outdoors but without unnecessary expense and distractions. We've had great times and made good friends at this campsite."

"This site is by far the best we have stayed on in the 10 years we have been touring. It's a safe site for families and you can see the Bala Lake steam railway across the lake, puffing away. The site has a security barrier and is very green, with lots of level grass and hardstanding pitches."





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www.plasuchaf.co.uk

LLANBERIS TOURING PARK



Address Glyn Rhonwy, Llanberis, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 4EL **Tel** 01286 870 700

Web www.morris-leisure.co.uk **Open** 1 March 2018-11 January 2019 **Touring pitches** 54

Pitch+2+hook-up £28.80-£31.90 **Transport info** Bus stop outside site, train station 12 miles

WE SAY...

Close to the foot of Snowdon sits Llanberis Touring Park, a popular site that's just a five-minute walk from the village of Llanberis itself. As such it's a perfect place to start a walk up the mountain; alternatively, you can make use of the village's many facilities which include good restaurants, pubs and outdoor shops.

If you'd prefer to stay onsite, the fantastic facilities include luxury showers and toilets, Wi-Fi, a shop and motorhome service point. All of the amenities are located right in the heart of the park, with the pitches spread out on either side, so you'll never be too far away from what you need.

YOU SAY...

"We were so impressed at the quality of the site, and the location is beautiful. It's handy for visiting Liverpool or Anglesey, too. The facilities are exceptional and the staff are wonderful."

"The on-site shop is well stocked and has plenty of camping/caravanning equipment. The site security is great; it makes you feel safe which is important when you have expensive belongings. I also felt extremely safe staying on my own with my daughter overnight while my husband was working. The dog walking area is ideal and is very scenic. It is also great for the children to explore safely."



LLWYNIFAN FARM (SOUTH WALES TOURING PARK)



Address Trosserch Road, Llangennech, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire SA14 8AX **Tel** 01554 820 420

Web www.southwalescaravansite.co.uk **Open** 24 February-31 October **Touring pitches** 25

Pitch+2+hook-up £14-£22 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.8 mile

WE SAY...

Llwynifan Farm is handily located just a mile from junction 48 of the M4, so it's really easy to access. This is a small, friendly, adults-only campsite with just 25 pitches, all of which are hardstanding and have a view. Other facilities for you to make use of during your stay are the heated washrooms, laundry amenities, Wi-Fi, freezer facilities and an information point. There are two car-hire companies in the area that can deliver a vehicle to you, and the park has teamed up with a local pet-sitting company – handy if you aren't able to take your dog (or cat!) to a local attraction.

YOU SAY...

"Amazing views, a very peaceful, exceptionally clean site and very friendly owners who are only too willing to offer advice on the surrounding area and amenities. Would highly recommend a visit – don't forget to take your camera to capture the outstanding beauty of the area."

"Situated just off M4 but you could be miles away because it is in a stunning rural setting. Great, friendly owners."

"Helpful owners who really go out of their way for you. It is very peaceful and the views over the valley are superb. There are numerous places in the area to visit and the information centre at the site is extremely helpful. It's a great place to chill out."





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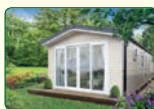
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PLASSEY HOLIDAY PARK



Address Eyton, Wrexham LL13 OSP **Tel** 01978 780 277

Web www.plassey.com **Open** 9 February-4 November **Touring pitches** 85

Pitch+2+hook-up £19.90-£33.50 **Transport info** Bus stop 1.5 miles, train station 5 miles

WE SAY...

Plassey, in North Wales, is an all-singing, all-dancing holiday park that's appeared in our *Top 100 Sites Guide* numerous times – that's testament to the tremendous range of facilities on offer. There really is something for everyone here, from the indoor heated swimming pool, the castle-themed adventure playground and licensed restaurant to the coffee shop, hair studio, golf course and more – there's plenty to keep you occupied for the duration of your stay. If that wasn't enough, you'll also find fishing ponds, a mini-market, badminton, sauna, accessories shop, Wi-Fi, cycle paths, a retail village... in other words, everything you could need for a relaxing and fun-packed holiday.

YOU SAY...

"Very friendly staff and the site and facilities are excellent and spotless. The pitches are very well kept and a very reasonable price for full service."

"Everything is brilliant – facilities, staff and the available activities."

"Great staff who are very helpful and friendly."

Very clean and tidy site, with excellent facilities."

"We'd like to thank all the staff for their hard work in keeping Plassey in first-class condition. It gets full marks from us every time we visit."



RED KITE TOURING PARK



Address Van Road, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6NG **Tel** 01686 412 122

Web www.redkitetouringpark.co.uk **Open** 1 March 2018-3 January 2019 **Touring pitches** 65

Pitch+2+hook-up £27-£29 **Transport info** Bus stop 1 mile, train station 6 miles

WE SAY...

Those touring without children will enjoy a stay at the adults-only Red Kite Touring Park, located in the Clywedog Valley, near the town of Llanidloes in mid-Wales. The site opened in 2016 and has become a very popular place for caravan and motorhome owners.

The pitches are laid out in four separate areas and all are hardstanding. The site is immaculately kept and offers a good level of facilities, including spotless washrooms, a motorhome service point and complimentary Wi-Fi on every touring pitch. You can even order a hire car to be delivered to the site, if you don't fancy taking your own unit away from the park once you've arrived.

YOU SAY...

"In nearly 20 years of caravanning, this site comes top for me in all aspects, from facilities, wardens, views... you name it, it is the best."

"We've been three times and on every visit nothing has been too much trouble for wardens. The toilet block is excellent."

"This is an immaculate and peaceful site that is set within the wonderful Welsh countryside."

"This site really is set in a fantastic location and has an excellent dog-walk (and dog wash) area. The pitches are nice and spacious, too."



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Emral Gardens Caravan Park

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Tel: 01948 770401

www.emralgardens.co.uk

Email: info@emralgardens.co.uk

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Glyncorrwg Pond Campsite

Glyncorrwg Ponds visitor centre, Ynyscorrwg Park, Glyncorrwg, Port Talbot, SA13 3EA.
 Tel: 01639 851900
 From M4 take J40 signposted for Cwmaman. Once you reach Cymmer turn left for Glyncorrwg. Campsite is 2 and a half miles on your left. Set amongst the mountain scenery of the Afan forest park. The site can cater for 20 caravans with hookups for 6 caravans, toilets, shower, cafe and bike shop. Dates open from 1st April to 31st October. Cost £14.00 per night. Bookings advisable.
 01639 851900

Riverside Caravan Park - Morris Leisure

Riverside Touring Park, Old Church Road, Betws-y-coed, Conwy, North Wales, LL24 0AL.
 Tel: 01690 710310
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 Open from 17/02/18- 03/01/19. Cost per night max: £31.90 to min: £26.10. Bookings advisable.
 01690 710310

Tyddyn Du

Conwy Old Road, Penmaenmawr, Conwy, LL34 6RE
 Tel: 01492 622300
 Email: stay@tyddyndutouringpark.co.uk

Take A55 Westbound to Junction 16. Take left at roundabout and immediately left again. Site entrance on right 50 yards after Gladstone Pub. 5 acre terraced and landscaped adults only park with superb views across Conwy Bay. Open 22nd March to 31st October. Rates per night - min £26, max £29
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Kingsbridge Caravan Park

Camp Road, Llanfaes, Beaumaris, Isle of Anglesey, LL58 8LR.
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 Bookings advisable.
 01248 490636

Bron Derw Touring caravan Site

Bron Derw Touring Caravan Park
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 Brief directions to site: From the North West along the M56 and A55 to Bangor and then the A4244. From the Midlands and the South of England, the A5 from Shrewsbury to Capel Curig then the A4086 is a scenic route. Llanberis Touring Park is located on the fringe of pretty Llanberis village, which nestles on the southern bank of Llyn Padarn and at the foot of Snowdon. The park provides high quality facilities, 35 hardstanding pitches and 19 super pitches. 2017 open dates 01/03/18- 11/01/19 2017 costs per night (max and min) £26.10-£31.90 Booking advisable
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Address Old Church Road, Betws-y-coed, Conwy, North Wales LL24 0AL **Tel** 01690 710 310
Web www.morris-leisure.co.uk **Open** 1 March-3 January 2019 **Touring pitches** 60
Pitch+2+hook-up £28.80-£31.90 **Transport info** Bus stop 300 metres, train station 150 metres

WE SAY...

A short walk from the popular village of Betws-y-Coed is Riverside Touring Park; it's part of the Morris Leisure group of sites, and is a regular finalist in our *Top 100 Sites Guide*. Every year it continues to impress thanks to its combination of excellent facilities – luxury showers and toilets, Wi-Fi, a shop and a motorhome service point are among them – and tremendous location, which is ideal for exploring the Snowdonia National Park. The pitches are set in terraces, so you never feel hemmed in by other units on the site.

Local attractions include Caernarfon Castle, Bodnant Gardens, the Snowdon Mountain Railway and the Llechwedd Slate Caverns.

YOU SAY...

"It's always lovely, clean and tidy, and has great dog walks. You really don't need to use the car once you are there – you can take a stroll into the village, enjoy a coffee and a mooch round the shops or walk back to the site with tasty fish and chips. I feel safe here; I can go off either with the dog or by myself and leave the husband to enjoy the peace and quiet."
"This was our second visit. We returned because we were so impressed the first time a couple of years ago. It was good to see the same staff still there. Felt very relaxed and agree with all the rules in place."



SMITHY COUNTRY HOLIDAY PARK



Address Abermule, Montgomery, Powys SY15 6ND **Tel** 01686 630 657
Web www.smithypark.co.uk **Open** 1 March-31 October **Touring pitches** 26
Pitch+2+hook-up £26-£28 **Transport info** Bus stop 100 metres

WE SAY...

Enjoy fishing? You'll feel right at home at Smithy Country Holiday Park, located in the heart of beautiful mid-Wales. It's free to fish within the park; alternatively, you can purchase a permit from reception and head upriver to try your chances there.

Elsewhere on site, you'll find quality amenities including spotless washrooms, a children's play area, a laundry and more. The whole park is beautifully maintained and landscaped.

Smithy Country Holiday Park is located just a short distance from the pubs and shops of the village of Abermule; alternatively, the market town of Newtown is just a five-minute drive away, or you can catch a bus from outside the park gates.

YOU SAY...

"It is extremely well kept and the staff are very friendly. It is in a great location and the information room is well stocked with things to do in the local area."
"The staff are very helpful and friendly, cannot do enough for you. The site is probably the best looked after we have been on, and we have been touring for a number of years."
"All the facilities are always very clean, the area is nice and peaceful, with lovely walks beside the river and the staff are always friendly and helpful."



TROTTHING MARE CARAVAN PARK



Address Grange Road, Overton, Wrexham LL13 0LE **Tel** 01978 711 963

Web www.thetrottingmare.co.uk/caravan.htm **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 54

Pitch+2+hook-up £25-£33 **Transport info** Bus stop 2 miles, train station 6 miles

WE SAY...

The adults-only Trotting Mare Caravan Park is a regular in our *Top 100 Sites Guide* and it continues to impress visitors with its high level of facilities. It's located in glorious countryside right on the border between Wales and England, so is ideally placed for exploring the attractions of both countries.

Regular hardstanding and deluxe pitches are available, with 16A electric hook-up and free Wi-Fi, and you can also fish in the on-site lake: you'll be able to drop a line and catch carp, perch, ide and roach. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead. Finally, be sure to visit the Trotting Mare pub, right next to the site – it offers a good range of drinks and tasty food.

YOU SAY...

"This is a tranquil site for adults and is beautifully maintained. The shower and toilet facilities are amazing and kept spotlessly clean. Gary, the owner, is so friendly and helpful – nothing is too much trouble."

"The whole site is immaculate. The static caravan was so modern and comfortable. I could easily live in it!"

"It's very quiet, which is just what we like. There are lovely modern showers in the toilet block and there are beautiful trees and flowers and lovely landscaping – in fact it is the perfect campsite!"



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TYDDYN DU TOURING PARK



Address Conway Old Road, Penmaenmawr, Conwy LL34 6RE **Tel** 01492 622 300

Web www.tyddyndutouringpark.co.uk **Open** 22 March-31 October **Touring pitches** 100

Pitch+2+hook-up £26-£29 **Transport info** Bus stop 5 mins, train station 1 mile

WE SAY...

Tyddyn Du is another adults-only park that makes regular appearances in our *Top 100 Sites Guide*, thanks to its excellent facilities and fabulous location. Owner Pam Watson-Jones has worked hard to give guests a comfortable stay; while on site, they can make use of the 16A electric hook-up, the well-equipped utility room, dog-walking area, clean and tidy washrooms and Wi-Fi. There's also a static holiday caravan for hire if you're travelling with friends who don't have their own unit.

The site is on the north coast of Wales, and offers easy access to Llandudno and Colwyn Bay; the Snowdonia National Park and the Isle of Anglesey are also nearby.

YOU SAY...

"Nothing is too much trouble for the staff; the site has very easy access from the main road but if you have never been before you will be escorted to your pitch where two members of staff will unhitch and locate your caravan onto your pitch. There is plenty of security around the site and two barriers on the entrance/exit road. There are stunning views from the site across the bay between the Great Orme and Anglesey. If the sun decides to pay a visit, you are given marvellous sunsets each evening."

"There's plenty of information on site and toilets are kept very clean. It also felt safe on site thanks to good security."



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TYDDYN LLWYN CAMPING, CARAVAN AND TOURING PARK



Address Morfa Bychan Road, Porthmadog, Gwynedd LL49 9UR **Tel** 01766 512 205

Web www.tyddynllwyn.com **Open** 1 March-31 October **Touring pitches** 153

Pitch+2+hook-up £21-£32 **Transport info** Bus stop outside site, train station 1.5 miles

WE SAY...

Relax and enjoy the fabulous facilities at Tyddyn Llwyn, which has made multiple appearances here since 2012. There's good reason for that: it continues to impress those in tourers and tents thanks to its warm welcome and beautiful location; it's set near the vibrant harbour town of Porthmadog.

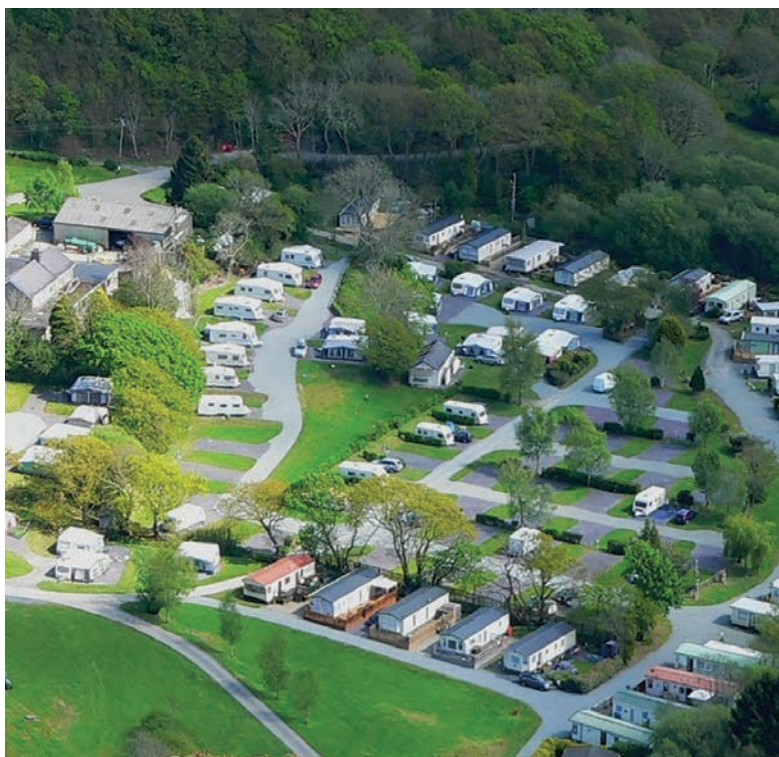
Guests have a choice of pitches, from Camping to Premium, a licensed bar and restaurant, games room (with pool table), secondhand-book exchange, information point and more. Keen walkers will love the fact that the park is situated within easy reach of numerous paths, allowing them to explore the local area with ease.

YOU SAY...

"The facilities are excellent and as a disabled person I find the disabled wet room is as good as it gets. The park for the children, and the wildlife with the incredible backdrop of Moel y Gest make this my number one UK campsite."

"The site is well run and the staff are friendly and helpful."

Facilities are good, with an award-winning toilet and shower block. It is in a prime location to visit the beautiful Llyn peninsula, Snowdonia National Park, and is within walking distance of the nearest beach, Borth y Gest, and Porthmadog town centre."



WOODLANDS DEVIL'S BRIDGE



Address Devil's Bridge, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion SY23 3JW **Tel** 01970 890 233

Web www.woodlandsdevilsbridge.co.uk **Open** 2 March-4 November **Touring pitches** 78

Pitch+2+hook-up £19-£23 **Transport info** Bus stop on site

WE SAY...

The popular Woodlands Devil's Bridge site is 12 miles from the university town of Aberystwyth. As well as clean and tidy washrooms, a children's play area and laundry, you'll also find a shop selling souvenirs, a selection of groceries and camping accessories. If you can't find the motivation to cook, be sure to visit the Woodlands tearoom: you can enjoy a takeaway from there at the weekend during high season.

If you're a keen walker, ask at reception for a map of the local area to allow you to get out and explore. It's also possible to take a cycle ride to Aberystwyth – it's a ride of around 15 miles.

YOU SAY...

"Staff are extremely helpful. The campsite is immaculate and in a beautiful setting, and when we visited, other guests were quiet and respectful of their neighbours. It's a fine location for sightseeing, walking and beach days – just a wonderful place and area."

"Great views, with the best toilet and shower block and spacious pitches. It's also well located, being next to Devil's Bridge Waterfalls and the Vale of Rheidol Railway."

"A great family site. We have enjoyed many years of great family holidays here; the staff are friendly, facilities are great and it's nice and quiet."



TYDDYN ISAF CAMPING AND CARAVAN PARK



Address Lligwy Bay, Dulas, Anglesey LL70 9PQ **Tel** 01248 410 203

Web www.tyddynisaf.co.uk **Open** 29 March-30 October **Touring pitches** 80

Pitch+2+hook-up £24-£35.50 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.5 mile, train station 9 miles

WE SAY...

Tyddyn Isaf, on the beautiful isle of Anglesey, wins award after award and, once you've visited, you'll know why: it offers a brilliant combination of quality facilities, attention to detail and a great location. It's perfectly placed for

exploring Anglesey, which really has something for everyone: from cycling routes and horse riding to beautiful beaches and historic monuments.

For inspiration on what to do during your stay, you can visit the site's handy information room. That's assuming you'll want to leave the park's confines: from the bar and restaurant (which is open only to site guests) and coffee shop, to the free Wi-Fi in the main building, shop, pool table and more, there's so much to keep you entertained. The site's other, more practical amenities are just as impressive: they include spotless washrooms, an ice-block freezer, a laundry and more.

YOU SAY...

"Tyddyn Isaf is peaceful, close to the sea and coastal walks, and has great amenities. The hosts are perfect."

"Have stayed here at least once every year for the past 54 years. It's amazingly family friendly and is very well kept. The pitches are very open and spacious, and there are lots of open areas for children to play. Fantastic views."

"The stunning beach is a five-minute walk through a private, key-fobbed gate. The family-run restaurant is great – I can recommend the homemade pizzas made by the owner. The site also has hot, clean and powerful showers, with three blocks spread across the site. We loved it so much after staying for five days that we came back again two weeks later for another five days!"

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No matter where you choose to stay, you won't be stuck for something to do here; there's a great range of attractions for you to visit during your time in the area. The national parks of Northumberland and Yorkshire are ideal for those who enjoy getting out and about in the great outdoors, while the cities of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, York and Durham offer fabulous restaurants, pubs and shopping opportunities.

If you like exploring history, the amazing Hadrian's Wall should definitely be on your list of must-visit locations. The attractive stretches of coastline you'll find here are also well worth a visit.

BLUE ROSE CARAVAN COUNTRY PARK



Address Brandesburton, East Yorkshire YO25 8RU **Tel** 07504 026 899

Web www.bluerosepark.com **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 59

Pitch+2+hook-up £20-£25 **Transport info** Bus stop outside site, train station 7.7 miles

WE SAY...

Open all year and set within 12 acres of countryside, the adults-only Blue Rose Country Park has large and attractively spaced pitches. All of them are hardstanding and feature electric hook-up and water connections, as well as an additional parking space. The touring area is set in one half of the park, with owned holiday homes on the other half. A bar/function room is available on-site, as are a picnic area, heated washrooms, a café and a space for walking dogs.

The villages of Brandesburton and Leven are within walking distance, where you can get takeaway food or visit the delicatessen and excellent pubs. If you fancy a visit to the seaside, it's only a 20-minute drive to the town of Bridlington.

YOU SAY...

"A wonderful, peaceful site in a great location. It's immaculately kept, with pristine grass and floral displays. Even the dogs get an immaculate pooch park to enjoy a run off the lead, with seats, benches and tables for owners to relax. That's the real strength of this site: peace and quiet."

"This site beats all we've been to. We were so taken with it on the day we viewed and didn't hesitate to sign up for a seasonal pitch. We haven't been disappointed. It's everything we hoped it would be and more."



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CROWS NEST CARAVAN PARK



Address Stonepit Lane, Gristhorpe, Filey, North Yorkshire YO14 9PS **Tel** 01723 582 206
Web www.crowsnestcaravanpark.com **Open** 1 March-4 November **Touring pitches** 50
Pitch+2+hook-up £30-£40 **Transport info** Bus stop at gate, train station 2 miles

WE SAY...

The Palmers are your hosts at Crows Nest Caravan Park, sister site to Robin Hood Caravan Park (p35). It's been owned by the family since 1947 and caravans have been welcome since 1956. Guests get tremendous views out over Gristhorpe Bay and can enjoy an onsite bar and live entertainment, an indoor swimming pool (for an additional charge) with slides, a takeaway, children's play area and dog-walk area.

From April to October you can catch a bus from just outside the site, which will take you to the popular seaside towns of Filey, Scarborough and Bridlington. Playdale Farm Park, Flamingo Land and the Sea Life Centre are also within easy reach, as is the historic city of York, with its many attractions.

YOU SAY...

"We have been going to Crows Nest for a few years. It is so peaceful, with gorgeous scenery and the staff are fantastic. The toilet blocks are well maintained, too."

"Excellent park for the kids, lovely cliff-top walk, excellent shop and very nice fish and chips from the on-site fish shop. I could keep going but I'll let you visit the site; it's absolutely superb – we cannot fault it at all."

"We have been many times and are going next week for a fortnight. Can't wait!"



FALLOWFIELD DENE



Address Acomb, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 4RP **Tel** 01434 603 553
Web www.fallowfielddene.co.uk **Open** 9 March-28 October **Touring pitches** 23
Pitch+2+hook-up £18.50-£19.50 **Transport info** Bus stop 1.3 miles, train station 4 miles

WE SAY...

The stunning Northumberland National Park is the location for Fallowfield Dene Caravan & Camping; this site is a haven for wildlife, so be sure to bring your binoculars to spot woodpeckers, red squirrels or kestrels. The pitches, all of which have 16A electric hook-up, are beautifully landscaped and set within secluded areas (each with a Roman name) to allow for maximum privacy. Amenities include clean and tidy washrooms, a shop, a dog-walk area and a café serving light meals and snacks.

Walkers will be in their element at this park – it's only a mile from Hadrian's Wall – and there are lots of cycling trails to enjoy. Kielder Water is also close by, where you can enjoy a variety of water sports.

YOU SAY...

"Lovely location with plenty of trees and handy for Hexham. Scrupulously clean toilet blocks and friendly café on site. Staff are always pleased to see us."

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Web www.robinhoodcaravanpark.co.uk **Open** 1 March-4 November **Touring pitches** 30

Pitch+2+hook-up £22-£28 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.1 mile, train station 6 miles

WE SAY...

The sister site to Crows Nest Caravan Park (p33), Robin Hood Caravan Park is located close to the market towns of Helmsley, Malton and Pickering, and right by the Howardian Hills AONB. The North York Moors National Park is also within driving distance, as are the popular seaside towns of Filey and Scarborough.

Youngsters will feel right at home at this site, thanks to the dedicated children's play area and treasure trail. Adults, meanwhile, will appreciate the small onsite shop, as well as the centrally heated washrooms, the Wi-Fi (available for a charge) and the laundry facilities. Holiday caravans are also available for hire which, depending on the unit chosen, can sleep up to eight.

YOU SAY...

"It's a nice, quiet site and my son loves having plenty of space to play. The staff are friendly and helpful, and the facilities are clean."

"A very well-maintained site. The staff always make you feel welcome and are very polite and helpful. The facilities are more than adequate for what we need."

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Web www.getnorth2018.com

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Web www.greatyorkshireshow.co.uk

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Celebrate Christmas in style at this award-winning event, which takes place in and around Durham Cathedral and Castle, and around the city centre. There will be lots of festive stalls to browse, great entertainment and more.

Web www.durhamchristmasfestival.com

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Medieval York: Capital of the North Yorkshire Museum, York

No visit to the Yorkshire Museum (pictured) would be complete without seeing this brand-new exhibition, which showcases the very best of York's history. It tells of how it became England's second city, and details its fortunes over the years through a series of stunning exhibits. The museum is open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. You'll also find details of other York venues on the website below.

Web www.yorkshiremuseum.org.uk



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Web www.maguirescountryparks.co.uk/ord-house-country-park **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 32
Pitch+2+hook-up £22-£32.50 **Transport info** Bus stop outside site, train station 1.9 miles

WE SAY...

Ord House Country Park is an open-all-year site that's loved by those in caravans, motorhomes and tents alike; there are also wooden lodges and glamping pods for you to rent out, if you don't have your own unit. No matter which you choose to stay in, you can make use of the tremendous facilities: they're partly located in the main building (where you'll also find the reception) close to the site entrance, and include the Maguires Bar and Grill (where you can enjoy lunches, evening meals and drinks at the licensed bar) and a shop. Elsewhere you'll find a launderette, a food-prep area, dishwashing facilities and warm washrooms that even have baths. Little ones, meanwhile, will be kept happy by the children's playground and activity area, table tennis, games field, crazy golf... the list goes on.

If you can bear to tear yourself away from the site, Bamburgh, Seahouses, Lindisfarne and Alnwick are half an hour's drive away; keen shoppers will love a visit to Berwick-upon-Tweed and Kelso. The Northumberland coast is also perfect for spotting wildlife, including otters, polecats and more.

YOU SAY...

"This is a lovely, peaceful site, with big pitches, fantastic toilets and showers refurbished last year, and a nice bar and restaurant selling good pub food at reasonable prices."
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Don't forget to pay a visit to some of the fascinating cities and towns that you'll find in this area, too. Liverpool and Manchester both offer culture, great restaurants and good shopping, while the lights of Blackpool continue to attract tourists as they have done for decades. Lancaster, meanwhile, is a real history-lover's delight, with some handsome buildings and interesting museums; Morecambe, on the other hand, is a great place to visit if you fancy a traditional trip to the seaside.

BURRS COUNTRY PARK CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB SITE



Address Woodhill Road, Bury, Lancashire BL8 1DA **Tel** 0161 761 0489

Web www.caravanclub.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 119

Pitch+2+hook-up £16.80-£28.40 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.7 mile, train station 1.6 miles

WE SAY...

Burrs Country Park is located just north of Bury, and is within easy reach of the city of Manchester – you just need to hop onto a tram, which you can catch after taking a short bus ride from the site. There's an activity centre at the country park, too, where you can enjoy white-water rafting and canoeing. Take a walk to the new East Lancashire Railway station nearby, meanwhile, and you can take a trip to remember.

The site itself is open to members and non-members alike, and features a range of facilities at the quality you'd expect from the Caravan and Motorhome Club. They include a host of well-maintained pitches, clean and tidy washrooms, laundry facilities, a dishwashing area, a motorhome service point and a dog walk.

YOU SAY...

"Burrs Country Park is a picturesque, peaceful site. Wardens are always friendly, the site is meticulously tidy and having the Brown Cow pub outside the site is a dream; the landlord and his wife always make us welcome."

"Beautiful surroundings, with the East Lancashire Railway running alongside. We always have a fabulous weekend whenever we visit and don't want to leave. The local people of Bury always make us welcome; the town centre has fantastic entertainment and shopping centres."



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WE SAY...

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The town centre of Keswick is only one-and-a-half miles away, and the shores of Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite Lake are both very close.

YOU SAY...

"Perfectly located for Keswick, with amazing views. Excellent facilities, with a fully stocked camp shop and a superb bistro café/restaurant. Staff are very helpful and security is excellent. We've visited several times."

"The staff are very accommodating and the caravan park is beautiful. With great views of the hills and Derwentwater. What more could a caravanner want?"

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MEADOW FALLS



Address Holme Head Farm Road, Ingleton, Carnforth, Lancashire LA6 3PD **Tel** 07894 596 523

Web www.meadowfalls.co.uk **Open** 1 March-1 October **Touring pitches** 5

Pitch+2+hook-up £20-£25 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.8 mile, train station 4.6 miles

WE SAY...

Meadow Falls is a welcome new entrant to our *Top 100 Sites Guide*. It's a small site, with just five hardstanding pitches for tourers (each of which features electric hook-up, plus water and drainage connections) and 28 grass pitches. There are also seven glamping pods, two of which can sleep up to seven occupants.

The site might be small, but the attention to detail here is excellent: the washrooms are spotlessly clean, there's a dog walk and dog shower, a laundry and play area, and children can visit the 'fairy dell'.

The site is close to the village of Ingleton and its attractive waterfalls; it also makes a good base for exploring the Lake District, around 20 miles away.

YOU SAY...

"The owners are so nice and welcoming, the grounds are very well kept and the facilities are clean. It's easy to find and a very quiet site and is also great for kids, with a big adventure tunnel and tyres in the middle of a field, so parents can keep their eyes on them at all times. There's also a family room in case of bad weather. We can't fault it at all, and will go back soon."

"The site is clean, intimate and within easy reach of Ingleton on foot. We found the owners extremely polite, helpful and keen to please."



PARK CLIFFE CAMPING & CARAVAN ESTATE



Address Birks Road, Windermere, Cumbria LA23 3PG **Tel** 01539 531 344

Web www.parkcliffe.co.uk **Open** 1 March-11 November **Touring pitches** 60

Pitch+2+hook-up £21-£36 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.25 mile, train station 5 miles

WE SAY...

'Stay, rest, return' is the slogan on Park Cliffe's website, and we're sure you'll want to do the latter once you've visited this popular site. It's won a host of awards over the years – including taking our north-west regional category for the past two years – and it continues to offer everyone who visits a comfortable, relaxing break. That's thanks in part to the excellent facilities, which include a bar and restaurant, licensed shop, children's play equipment and spotless washrooms, but there are also various accommodation options for you to choose from: if you don't have your own tourer or tent, you can stay in one of the heated glamping pods or caravans.

Nearby must-see attractions are the Keswick Pencil Museum, the Laurel & Hardy Museum and the Lakeland Climbing Centre.

YOU SAY...

"The site is the best we have ever stayed at, with great views from the hill overlooking the park. The facilities are brilliant and the staff are lovely people."

"All the facilities are spotless and the staff work late to keep the site safe and secure, ensuring all visitors have a relaxing holiday. On one of our nights there, our little girl took ill after 11pm and they opened up the shop so we could buy a new sleeping bag. Nothing seemed too much trouble."



QUIET SITE



Address Ullswater, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0LS **Tel** 07768 727 016

Web www.thequietsite.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 70

Pitch+2+hook-up £20-£44 **Transport info** Bus stop 1.5 miles, train station 8 miles

WE SAY...

As we went to press, a whole raft of changes and updates were being planned for 2018 at The Quiet Site, among them the addition of five new glamping 'Hobbit Holes', changes to the bar area and a new family shower room. That will improve the already excellent facilities, which include solar-powered washrooms, a dog walk, a drying room, a children's play area, a motorhome service point, a book library and a laundry room.

Thanks to its location in the Lake District, there are lots of walking trails in the area to enjoy. If you fancy getting out and about on Ullswater, you can take a trip on one of the steamers; the Aira Force Waterfalls are also within easy reach.

YOU SAY...

"Love how remote the site feels while being only 10 minutes away from so many things to do. The on-site bar has got to be one of the most beautiful I have been in."

"It's perfect. There's loads to do nearby and a bar waiting for us when we're done for the day."

"Fantastic location for beautiful scenery. Wonderful site in any season and a brilliant base for visiting the area."

"We love the location, the staff are great, the bar and children's play area are great, the facilities are superb and we love the environmental focus."



HILLCROFT PARK



Address Hillcroft Park, Pooley Bridge, Ullswater, Cumbria CA10 2LT **Tel** 01768 486 363
Web www.hillcroftpark.co.uk **Open** 1 March-15 November **Touring pitches** 36
Pitch+2+hook-up £20-£36 **Transport info** Bus stop 5 mins, train station 5 miles

WE SAY...

A whole host of updates took place at Hillcroft Park for the 2017 season, so it's fantastic to see that they've been warmly received by visitors – it's our new category winner for 2018.

This is a hugely attractive park for those with a tourer or tent; additionally, there are comfortable lodges and camping pods for hire. The amenities at the site really are top-notch, from the newly refurbished washrooms to the spotlessly clean washing-up and laundry areas. This is a really family-friendly site, too, with plenty for little ones to do, including a play area and playing fields. The small park shop can also provide you with any basics you forgot to pack.

Hillcroft Park is just six miles from junction 40 of the M6, so it's easy to access, however you arrive. It's also a very short distance from some of the most beautiful parts of the Lake District: it's in the village of Pooley Bridge, which overlooks Ullswater.

YOU SAY...

"The site is beautiful and well kept, and is located just a few minutes away from the Lake District. It is easy to get to and well situated. Overall we had a great experience and wholeheartedly recommend it."

"The staff are very friendly, the accommodation is top quality, warm and clean, and I saw my first ever red squirrel. The site was well set out and although it is a large complex it was a pleasure to stay there."

"I had my first camping experience here. I wasn't too sure at first but my partner booked us into a pod. I loved it and have returned yearly with friends and family and have recommended it to others."





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There are some welcoming and historic cities to explore while you're staying in the area, too. For starters there's fabulous Cambridge, complete with its handsome architecture, and Norwich, which has a long and fascinating history. The town of Colchester – which claims to be Britain's oldest – also represents an interesting place to visit. Finally, the market town of King's Lynn has a vibrant centre for you to visit and enjoy.

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Tel 01724 721 369 **Web** www.brooksidecountrypark.com **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 35

Pitch+2+hook-up £20-£25 **Transport info** Bus stop 330 yards, train station 6 miles

WE SAY...

This open-all-year park is exclusively for adults touring in a caravan or motorhome. The facilities here are excellent: there are spotless, centrally heated washrooms, a four-acre dog walk, free Wi-Fi, a late-arrivals area, a motorhome service point and a DVD/book library for guests to make use of. Most of the 35 hardstanding touring pitches are separated by hedging, to offer privacy.

The village of Alkborough is a 2.5-mile walk away, where you can enjoy tremendous views over the River Trent. Normanby Hall Country Park is also a short distance away; there you will be able to enjoy the grounds of the stately home, as well as the various events and activities that take place during the year.

YOU SAY...

"The site was spotless. The shower block was sparkling, the manager and wardens were very friendly and helpful, and nothing was too much trouble. We went for peace and quiet and that was exactly what we got – having great weather was a bonus."

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Web www.cherrytreesite.co.uk **Open** 1 March-31 October **Touring pitches** 60

Pitch+2+hook-up £20-£27.50 **Transport info** Bus stop 110 yards, train station 7 miles

WE SAY...

Just south of Sutton-on-Sea, on the glorious Lincolnshire coast, is the adults-only Cherry Tree Touring Park, which caters for caravans, motorhomes and trailer tents. There are a couple of different types of pitch to choose from, all of which have electric hook-up. Additional amenities for guests to make use of are the clean washrooms, the motorhome service point, a laundry room, a daily newspaper ordering service, a tourist information area with leaflet and local information, and Wi-Fi.

The seaside is one of the main attractions here, of course – it can be reached in 20 minutes by foot – but you can also easily visit the city of Lincoln, the Battle of Britain display at RAF Coningsby (www.raf.mod.uk/rafconingsby) and Snipesdales Country Park.

YOU SAY...

“Very welcoming owners, immaculate toilets and showers, and beautifully maintained gardens. Overall a fantastic adults-only site with easy access to the beach.”

“The owners are very friendly and the site is very clean and tidy. You can walk to the promenade from the site and you may find you don’t need to use your car at all. Even the local shops are within walking distance, or you can catch a bus that will drop you off right outside the site entrance if you ask the driver when you get on.”



EASTVIEW CARAVAN PARK



Address Trunch Lane, Chapel St Leonards, Skegness, Lincolnshire PE24 5UA **Tel** 01754 875 324

Web www.eastviewcaravans.co.uk **Open** 1 March-30 October **Touring pitches** 72

Pitch+2+hook-up £20-£26 **Transport info** Bus stop outside park, train station 6 miles

WE SAY...

Looking for a traditional family holiday near the sea? Eastview Caravan Park can help you do just that – it’s located in Chapel St Leonards, on Lincolnshire’s east coast. It’s only a 10-minute walk to the beach, and a bus ride to the lights of Skegness, where there’s something for those of all ages to enjoy.

The pitches at Eastview are set in attractive rows, with the washrooms nicely spread out, so you won’t need to walk too far if you don’t want to use your tourer’s on-board facilities. The site’s small shop sells the basics and a few camping accessories, while guests can also make use of a snack vending machine, the site Wi-Fi, clean and tidy showers and toilets, and more.

YOU SAY...

“We’ve been going to Eastview for years, starting with a tent then with our caravan and finally deciding to have a seasonal pitch. The staff are lovely, the shower blocks are well looked after, so overall it’s a brilliant site to stay at – and isn’t far from anything.”

“Quiet site close to attractions in Skegness and a great base for days out. The staff are friendly and the toilet and shower blocks have underfloor heating and are cleaned three times a day. There’s also a small play park that’s safe for children to enjoy.”



HIGHFIELD FARM TOURING PARK



Address Long Road, Comberton, Cambridge CB23 7DG **Tel** 01223 262 308

Web www.highfieldfarmtouringpark.co.uk **Open** 23 March-28 October **Touring pitches** 120

Pitch+2+hook-up £16-£21.50 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.5 mile, train station 6.2 miles

WE SAY...

Fancy exploring the city of Cambridge? Highfield Farm is a great base from which to do so: those with a car can drive to the nearby Madingley Park and Ride Service, while those in a motorhome can use Trumpington Park and Ride. The nearby village of Comberton has shops, a post office, a pub, a recreation ground and more.

Back at the site, the facilities include 10A electric hook-up, a trio of chemical-disposal points, four shower/toilet blocks, a small shop in the reception area, a dog-exercise area, a motorhome service point, an information centre, a laundry and a trio of washing-up areas. The site also takes pride in its floral displays, which look glorious in the summer months.

YOU SAY...

"From the moment we arrived, we were made to feel very welcome. The whole site was impeccably clean and tidy. Even the toilet and shower block was spotless and heated. No coinage system on the showers and only 20p to use a turbo hairdryer – fantastic! We also liked the lending library, which was stacked with books and magazines."

"This is a good, old-fashioned site with great facilities and is very well maintained. Above all it is a site where you are made to feel really welcome and whose proprietors really set out to put the customer first."



LONG ACRES TOURING PARK



Address Station Road, Old Leake, Boston, Lincolnshire PE22 9RF **Tel** 01205 871 555

Web www.long-acres.co.uk **Open** 1 March-8 January 2019 **Touring pitches** 40

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WE SAY...

There are just 40 adults-only pitches at Long Acres Touring Park, so you're guaranteed a quiet, peaceful stay in the south Lincolnshire countryside. Lots of wildlife can be spotted here, too, attracted by the greenery that surrounds the park: among the visitors you might spot on site are owls, woodpeckers and cuckoos. Bird lovers will also enjoy visiting the RSPB reserves nearby, while keen walkers and cyclists should head for the Lincolnshire Fens, where they will find lots of trails.

All pitches get 10A electric hook-up; a motorhome service point, a laundry and indoor dishwashing facilities are also available. There's also tourist information and the nearest pub is around one mile away.

YOU SAY...

"The owners are friendly and helpful, and it's lovely and quiet – the only sounds are the birds, the neighbouring livestock and the odd train passing on its journey to the coast. Nothing is too much trouble for the owners. They're always ready with advice, help or directions to the interesting places nearby; Long Acres is well worth a visit."

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Tel: 01526 353710

Email: info@woodhallcountrypark.co.uk

Web: www.woodhallcountrypark.co.uk

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Tel: 01485 518 671

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North Somercotes, Nr Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 7RB

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Address Alderton Road, Hollesley, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 3RQ **Tel** 01394 411 309

Web www.runcottage.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 45

Pitch+2+hook-up £22 **Transport info** Dial-a-ride bus from site, train station 6 miles

WE SAY...

‘Probably the friendliest caravan site in Suffolk,’ says Run Cottage Touring Park’s website, and a lot of you would probably agree with that – many who nominated the site mentioned how warm they found the welcome here to be. This is a small site; it has just 45 pitches (including 14 with hardstanding) and two glamping pods, but they’re set across 4.5 acres of parkland, so there’s plenty of space to enjoy. It’s an adults-only site for 2018, so couples touring without children will find even more peace and quiet. A tourist information area, clean toilets and a washing-up area are among the amenities to be found here.

There are many attractions to enjoy locally, including Sutton Hoo and the castles of Framlingham and Orford, plus the towns of Woodbridge and Aldeburgh.

YOU SAY...

“Very quiet with a lovely, relaxed atmosphere. Nothing is too much trouble for the owners and they are always available. Access to the site is very easy from the road and the pitches are large and well looked after. TV coverage is not good in this area but the owners solved this by putting satellite dishes around the site for campers to use.”

“This is a beautifully maintained site, with plenty of space for each unit. The very helpful owners are always available.”



SANDRINGHAM CAMPING AND CARAVANNING CLUB SITE



Address 2 Double Lodges, Sandringham, Norfolk PE35 6EA **Tel** 01485 542 555

Web www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk **Open** 15 February-7 January 2019 **Touring pitches** 275

Pitch+2+hook-up £20.40-£27.90 **Transport info** Bus stop 10 mins, train station 8 miles

WE SAY...

Members and non-members alike are welcome at the Camping and Caravanning Club’s Sandringham site, located in a quiet spot within the grounds of the royal estate in Norfolk. There’s a visitors’ centre, a museum and a restaurant for you to enjoy while you’re there – along with more than 60 acres of gardens and 600 acres of woodland and heath (more than a quarter of which make up the country park). Or you can travel a little farther afield to see the north Norfolk coast.

The pitches at this site are set among the trees, so you’re guaranteed to retain a feeling of privacy; if you’re not in a tourer or tent, you can choose one of the Club’s Ready Camp units. Other amenities for guests are spotless washrooms, a motorhome service point, a children’s play area and an ice pack-freezing facility. The Sandringham Visitor Centre sells produce from the Royal Estate, including apple juice, pies and preserves.

YOU SAY...

“This is a large, flat and friendly site featuring a pair of good play areas and an excellent area for walking dogs.”

“This was our second visit to the Sandringham Camping and Caravanning Club site, and we will definitely be back again. It is a lovely place and the friendly staff made us feel very welcome during our visit.”



OLD BRICK KILNS CARAVAN PARK



Address Little Barney Lane, Barney, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 0NL **Tel** 01328 878 305
Web www.old-brick-kilns.co.uk **Open** 15 March-2 January 2019 **Touring pitches** 65
Pitch+2+hook-up £18-£24 **Transport links** Bus stop 0.75 mile

WE SAY...

Old Brick Kilns Caravan and Camping Park is set in 13 acres of beautiful Norfolk countryside, near the town of Fakenham. The site won this category award last year, too, and continues to attract a large number of votes and praise from those who stayed there.

The park is set across three levels, with 60 all-weather pitches forming most of the touring area; an additional five spaces make up the Heydon's Meadow section, which is a Caravan and Motorhome Club-certificated location. The amenities here are top-notch, among them underfloor-heated washrooms, a licensed shop, an information room, games room, television room, giant chess set, a small fishing lake, a token-operated laundry, Wi-Fi and so much more. Barney's restaurant and bar is set to open three or four nights a week from Easter.

That's probably enough to keep you onsite, but if you fancy venturing farther afield, attractions are Sandringham House, the north Norfolk coast, the city of Norwich and much more.

YOU SAY...

"This beautifully landscaped and maintained site has a feeling of space to it, with each pitch being a good distance from the next, and each toilet block is immaculate. Old Brick Kilns is always such a pleasure to visit."
"Our premier pitch had plenty of room for us and our tow car, and the toilet block was like being in a five-star hotel. The restaurant's service and menu was top class."
"Our dogs love it and so does our three-year-old grandson. We like that there is a bar on site so we can go along and relax with a drink and meet other campers."





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Open:- from :- 1st March to 31st October

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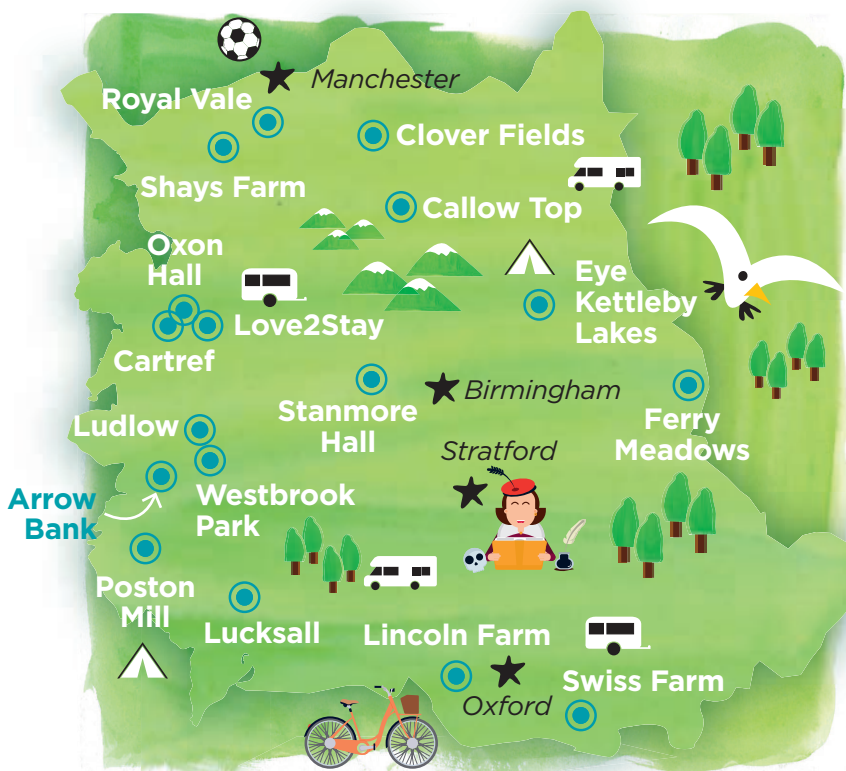
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THIS REGION IS one of the largest in our guide, and it includes such a vast array of landscape and attractions that it's hard to know where to begin listing the highlights! Fortunately there are many great places to stay in this year's guide, giving you lots of choice on where to base yourself.

On your must-see list should surely be the glorious Peak District National Park, though: it's perfect for anyone who enjoys getting out and about in the great outdoors and exploring, whether on foot or on a bicycle. Birmingham is a favourite for the regular caravan and motorhome shows that are held there, of course, but the city itself has some fabulous restaurants for you to visit; further south, Oxford is another popular place to tour.

History-lovers will be in their element at Chatsworth House, and should definitely make plans to see the fascinating museums at Ironbridge Gorge. Stratford-upon-Avon, meanwhile, is the place to visit for all things Shakespeare-related.

ARROW BANK HOLIDAY PARK



Address Arrow Bank, Eardisland, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9BG **Tel** 01544 388 312

Web www.arrowbank.co.uk **Open** 1 March-2 January **Touring pitches** 39

Pitch+2+hook-up £19-£26 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.6 mile, train station 6 miles

WE SAY...

This popular campsite – which offers touring and tent pitches, as well as self-catering accommodation options – is set alongside the River Arrow near the pretty village of Eardisland, in gorgeous Herefordshire countryside. Glenn and Hannah Jones are your hosts here, and they offer a warm welcome to visitors. The park features 31 all-weather premier pitches, plus additional touring and camping pitches, as well as a heated amenities building, laundry and dishwashing amenities, free fishing in the river and more. Comfortable lodges for up to four occupants can also be booked.

It's just a short walk into Eardisland, where you'll find a good pub that serves food and drink, a shop and an ancient church. Farther afield, there's Hereford Cathedral, with the Mappa Mundi, Leominster, with its market place, and numerous other small villages.

YOU SAY...

"Arrow Bank is truly peaceful and very close to a wonderful village. All the staff are not only friendly, they are clearly enjoying their work."

"We loved so many things about this site: the peace and quiet, the pristine cleanliness and the dog-friendly facilities."

"We loved Arrow Bank's tranquillity, friendliness, cleanliness and its excellent location."



CALLOW TOP HOLIDAY PARK



Address Buxton Road, Sandybrook, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 2AQ **Tel** 01335 344 020

Web www.callowtop.co.uk **Open** 16 March-11 November **Touring pitches** 100

Pitch+2+hook-up £18.50-£26.75 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.5 mile, train station 15 miles

WE SAY...

Callow Top Holiday Park was our Heart of England Region winner in 2015 and 2016, and features again in our *Top 100 Sites Guide* for 2018. It's a site that simply continues to improve, and it's fantastically placed for enjoying a family holiday: it's surrounded by glorious Peak District countryside, which is perfect for walking and outdoor activities, and it's only 20 minutes from the hugely popular Alton Towers theme park.

There's plenty to do back on site, though, including a heated outdoor swimming pool (open May-September), a supermarket-style shop, a pub/restaurant and café/bar, a games field, amusement arcade and more. Self-catering cottages are also available for hire.

YOU SAY...

"It's a very friendly and clean site with lots to do. The food and drinks are very reasonably priced and the outdoor pool is fab. Callow Top is also very relaxing."

"We use this site several weekends throughout the year – it's set in the Peaks with easy walks on the Tissington trail down to Ashbourne or into the Peaks and Dovedale itself. The staff are really friendly and the pub is excellent."

"We make a visit every year with two other families. It has fantastic facilities, beautiful views and great customer service. What more could you ask for?"



CARTREF CARAVAN AND CAMPING



Address Ford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY5 9GD **Tel** 01743 821 688

Web www.cartrefcaravansite.co.uk **Open** 3 March-29 October **Touring pitches** 46

Pitch+2+hook-up £21-£23 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.75 mile, Shrewsbury park and ride 3 miles

WE SAY...

There are 46 touring pitches at Cartref Caravan and Camping, all of which are well maintained and feature hedging for privacy. If you're touring as a couple, you can choose to stay in the adults-only area, which features serviced pitches for extra comfort. Amenities elsewhere at the park include Platinum Loo of the Year Award-winning washrooms (heated during the low season), a small shop with eggs from the site's hens, an evening bar, a dog walk and a small children's play area.

Five miles from the park lies the historic town of Shrewsbury, with its many attractions including medieval buildings, and independent and quirky shops. Ironbridge Gorge is also within easy reach.

YOU SAY...

"The pitches are large and flat, the grounds/gardens are beautifully set out and there's an area for families, with a separate play park/area. The adults-only zone has a picturesque carp pool at the centre, with benches to sit and relax while you watch the fish. The lovely little shop and small bar are open just long enough for campers to have a couple of drinks and meet fellow campers."

"Shrewsbury is approximately five miles away and there are many outstanding areas to visit within a short distance. Visit Cartref and you won't be disappointed."



CLOVER FIELDS TOURING PARK



Address 1 Heath View, Harpur Hill, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 9PU **Tel** 01298 212 474

Web www.cloverfieldstouringpark.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 36

Pitch+2+hook-up £25.50-£28.50 **Transport info** Bus stop 5 mins, train station 3 miles

WE SAY...

Adults touring without children can enjoy a peaceful and relaxing break at Clover Fields Touring Park, located on the edge of Buxton in Derbyshire. It's perfectly located for exploring the Peak District National Park and its many highlights; you can also catch a bus from outside the site to Ashbourne, or take the short walk to the stop for Buxton itself.

Both standard and large, fully serviced pitches are available for those in a touring caravan or motorhome; all have 16A electric hook-up for you to make use of. A fishing pond (£3 per day) and a motorhome service point can also be found onsite, along with laundry facilities and a dog-walking area, while the Teapots café and accompanying shop are also enjoyable to visit.

YOU SAY...

"As a family-owned site, the customer focus is second to none and meets every criteria for the discerning caravanner. A return visit here is like visiting one's family and you're made to feel a valued customer."

"The people who run this site are wonderful – nothing is too much trouble. The facilities are second to none. Such a lovely quiet place, and adults only, which suits us fine."

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Web www.caravanclub.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 244

Pitch+2+hook-up £16.20-£30 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.5 mile, train station 3.5 miles

WE SAY...

Children will be in their element at Ferry Meadows Caravan and Motorhome Club site – it has a fantastic modern playground that's ideal for kids of all ages. The site is open to members and non-members alike, and has a good level of facilities for everyone to enjoy; as well as that play area, the country park's amenities include the Nene watersports and outdoor activity centre, cycle paths and the Ferry Meadows miniature railway, which allows you to explore the park's facilities with ease.

The city of Peterborough is only three miles away from the site, with its magnificent Norman cathedral, good eating and drinking opportunities, indoor bowling, a cinema and a theatre. Those who love to shop won't want to miss the six-acre shopping complex, located conveniently nearby.

YOU SAY...

"This is a well organised site that's close to the lovely Nene Valley Park and the Nene Valley Railway, both of which are worth a visit. It's also possible to walk or take a train or bus into Peterborough."

"We tour in a motorhome and are keen cyclists, so we loved the fact that this site is ideal for cycling."

"This is a great site with easy access to excellent cycle paths. The proximity to the Nene Valley was another bonus."



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all year

LINCOLN FARM PARK



Address High Street, Standlake, Oxon OX29 7RH **Tel** 01865 300 239

Web www.lincolnfarmpark.co.uk **Open** 2 February-4 November **Touring pitches** 90

Pitch+2+hook-up £22-£32 **Transport info** Bus stop outside site, train station 12 miles

WE SAY...

There aren't many campsites that can offer guests use of a leisure centre, but that's exactly what you'll get at Lincoln Farm Park – it features a couple of swimming pools, spas, a fitness suite and more, all of which can be enjoyed (for a charge). Elsewhere at the popular Oxfordshire site there are spotless washrooms, a games room, a children's play area, a shop, a tourist information centre, a small dog walk, a launderette and washing-up facilities.

If you'd like to enjoy meal a mile off-site, you can visit the Black Horse pub, which is within walking distance and serves tasty food and drink. Attractions a little farther afield are Highclere Castle (the setting for TV's *Downton Abbey*), Blenheim Palace and the many pretty villages of the Cotswolds.

YOU SAY...

"It has a swimming pool with a sauna, steam room and hot tub that we could hire out privately. A steak-frites van visits on the Saturday evening, which is superb. The staff are all very friendly, helpful and welcoming."

"Peacefully quiet, very clean and well looked after with an excellent team always available and willing to help."

"This was the perfect site for us! It's well laid out, with nice staff, and it's very clean."



LOVE2STAY



Address Emstrey Bank, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY5 6QS **Tel** 01743 583 124

Web www.love2stay.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 124

Pitch+2+hook-up £24-£44 **Transport info** Bus stop 220 yards, train station 2.5 miles

WE SAY...

The Love2Stay site in Shropshire – it's just a short bus ride from Shrewsbury – only opened last May, but it has become hugely popular and makes it into our *Top 100 Sites Guide* for 2018 – an incredible achievement. It's not surprising when you look at the fabulous list of facilities: a fitness suite and thermal bath, a spa, free superfast Wi-Fi, a cinedrome for movie nights, a woodland hideout for children, an assault course, secure bike storage, a natural swimming pool, a recreational fishing lake, a barefoot sensory walk, a dog shower room, a concierge service... the list goes on. You can stay in your own tourer or tent, or choose a glamping unit – the choice is yours.

There's masses to do in the local area. Take a look at the impressive website for inspiration.

YOU SAY...

"Everything about this site is perfect. They have covered all the bases. The staff are amazing and the activities for kids are fantastic. We don't want to holiday anywhere else!"

"We love this site. Being relatively new to touring caravans, we were slightly cautious that it wouldn't be as good as it said on the tin! We needn't have worried. Facilities are amazing, and especially great for children. Always a plus when a site can embrace change based on what customers would like. Thank you and well done."



LUCKSALL CARAVAN & CAMPING PARK



Address Mordiford, Hereford HR1 4LP **Tel** 01432 870 213

Web www.lucksallpark.co.uk **Open** 1 March-30 October **Touring pitches** 120

Pitch+2+hook-up £23-£29 **Transport info** Bus stop outside gate, train station 4 miles

WE SAY...

Lucksall Caravan & Camping Park is set in 21 acres of beautiful countryside, bordered on one side by the River Wye and a park-owned 86-acre woodland reserve on the other – the latter is perfect for stretching your legs or walking your dogs. You can enjoy views of the river from the on-site bar and eatery; a takeaway-food option is also available. Other onsite facilities include a well-stocked shop, a children's play area, heated washrooms and a laundry room. Glamping pods can be rented out if you don't have a touring unit or tent.

The city of Hereford is close by and a bus stops right outside the site entrance if you'd prefer to take public transport. Goodrich Castle and the Forest of Dean are also well worth visiting.

YOU SAY...

"This site is perfectly located close to the Midlands and Welsh border. The site is kept immaculate and the staff are most helpful. The facilities for children and adults are excellent, and the river rafting operates from the site, offering canoeing along the river Wye. This is by far the best site we have stayed at, which is why we continue to return."

"Riverside location, peaceful and very well managed by a helpful team. Excellent walks on and off site. Good restaurant facilities and a great shop."



LUDLOW TOURING PARK



Address Overton Road, Ludford, Shropshire SY8 4AD **Tel** 01584 878 788

Web www.morris-leisure.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 115

Pitch+2+hook-up £28.80-£31.90 **Transport info** Bus stop at the site, train station 2.5 miles

WE SAY...

Ludlow Touring Park is one of a number of Morris Leisure sites in our *Top 100 Sites Guide* this year; all of them offer a high level of facilities. Ludlow Touring Park features 115 pitches, 49 of which are all-weather and have 16A electric hook-up; special 30' x 40' pitches for American-style RVs are also available, and you can opt to stay in the adults-only section. Elsewhere here is a fully equipped laundry, a reception and shop, an information room and a motorhome service point.

From the site entrance you can catch a bus directly to the centre of Ludlow, famous for its historic castle and various food festivals. Stokesay Court and the museums at Ironbridge Gorge are also close by.

YOU SAY...

"The staff are excellent, facilities are clean and tidy, the shop is well stocked and the site is very close to the town of Ludlow and a number of National Trust properties."

"The wardens are friendly and helpful, the site is immaculately clean and the pitches are a good size. The shop is well stocked and the site is dog friendly."

"Exceptionally large pitches, easily accessible motorhome service point and multiple refuse, water and chemical emptying points. The toilets and showers are excellent and the reception is well laid out."







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Pitch+2+hook-up £28.80-£31.90 **Transport info** Park and ride 0.25 mile, train station 3 miles

WE SAY...

Getting into nearby Shrewsbury is really easy if you're staying at Oxon Hall Touring Park, which is part of the larger Morris Leisure Group of sites – there's a park-and-ride facility right next door. That means you can leave your car or motorhome at the site; you'll be into the medieval town before you know it.

If you'd prefer to stay at the park, you can make use of the numerous and high-quality facilities. They range from a good selection of pitches (including some for large American-style RVs or fifth-wheelers) to a shop that sells a wide range of food and accessories, a children's play area and a motorhome service point. There's also a section of the park dedicated to adults only, if that's what you'd prefer.

YOU SAY...

"Fabulous location, fabulous facilities and wonderfully helpful staff. I love this site."

"A lovely quiet site, with good-sized pitches – we went for a fully serviced one. The facilities are a good size and Oxon Hall's location is excellent, being close to a park-and-ride which got us into Shrewsbury in less than 15 minutes. There's also a great Co-op on the doorstep."

"Everything is so clean and tidy. It's a peaceful site, staff are helpful and the camping goods shop is well stocked."



POSTON MILL PARK



Address Poston Mill, Peterchurch, Golden Valley, Herefordshire HR2 0SF **Tel** 01981 550 225

Web www.postonmill.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 35

Pitch+2+hook-up £21-£29 **Transport** Bus stop on site, train station 12.4 miles

WE SAY...

Touring units and tents are both welcome at Poston Mill Park; alternatively, you can choose to stay in the comfortable self-catering cottage, bungalow or caravan holiday home, which are sure to offer a pleasant stay. Those with a motorhome or caravan will appreciate the premier and standard pitches, all of which are hardstanding, have 16A electric hook-up and are open all year; the grass tent pitches are generally available from Easter until October.

If you want to get out and about in the great outdoors, you'll enjoy making use of the numerous walking trails in the area; there's plenty of opportunity for keen cyclists, too. Poston Mill is close to the Welsh border, which makes it a good place to base yourself when exploring the countryside of both countries.

YOU SAY...

"So peaceful and relaxing. The site is inviting, organised and clean, especially the toilet blocks. All the staff are friendly and welcoming. It was our first trip out in our new caravan and we thoroughly enjoyed our time at Poston Mill."

"The excellent toilet block is kept in good order, the staff are very helpful, there's a superb fenced dog exercise field and the site is well maintained, with a good shop, restaurant and bar facilities."



ROYAL VALE CARAVAN PARK



Address London Road, Allstock, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 9JD **Tel** 01565 722 355

Web www.royalvale.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 52

Pitch+2+hook-up £28 **Transport info** Train station 1 mile

WE SAY...

Royal Vale is a caravan park where adults touring without children can escape for a quiet and relaxing break, whether they're in a caravan or motorhome, or opt to stay in one of the comfortable luxury lodges. The park is located within easy reach of the historic town of Knutsford and is also a short, convenient drive from the M6 motorway.

The facilities at Royal Vale are of a high quality and are well maintained; they include 16A electric hook-up, water and waste connections to all touring pitches, immaculately clean washrooms, tourist information and more. Care for the environment is very much the focus here, too; recycling is encouraged, as is the conservation of energy where possible.

YOU SAY...

"Good for exploring Tatton Park and other local attractions near Manchester and Chester."

"Convenient to the M6 motorway for an overnight stop on our journey to Scotland. The amenity block is first class."

"The site is near Knutsford, which is a beautiful town with a lot to see and do. The site is immaculate."

"Clean toilets and showers, well kept grassed areas and friendly, helpful staff. Great location for visiting Cheshire and the North West."



SHAYS FARM CARAVAN AND CAMPING



Address Shay's Lane, Tarporley, Cheshire CW6 9EU **Tel** 01829 760 233

Web www.shaysfarm.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 42

Pitch+2+hook-up £18.50-£24 **Transport info** Bus stop 2.7 miles, train station 3.4 miles

WE SAY...

Shays Farm is a new entrant into our *Top 100 Sites Guide*; it started as a campsite in 2007 but has grown to become a popular place to pitch up in the beautiful Cheshire countryside. This is a great place to stay for a quiet, relaxing break: the facilities here aren't extensive – they include hardstanding pitches, washrooms with underfloor heating and a dog-walking area – but they are well kept, and you're sure to enjoy peace and quiet. A fishing pool with carp, tench and perch is free to use for guests who have a permit.

From the site you can drive to Delamere Forest, the historic city of Chester, Beeston Castle and the race circuit of Oulton Park.

YOU SAY...

"It is situated in a lovely part of Cheshire. The amenities are second to none. The owner and family are lovely people and the other site users are very pleasant."

"We love Shays Farm because it's peaceful. The staff are wonderful and always on hand if you need anything, and keep the site lovely and clean. The shower facilities include excellent, large cubicles for families."

"It's a beautifully kept site, and the staff cannot do enough for you. There's lots of lovely walking around the area, too, and good pubs."



STANMORE HALL TOURING PARK



Address Stourbridge Road, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV15 6DT **Tel** 01746 761 761

Web www.morris-leisure.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 135

Pitch+2+hook-up £28.80-£31.90 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.6 mile, train station 3 miles

WE SAY...

As suggested by its name, Stanmore Hall Touring Park is situated in the glorious grounds of the Grade II-listed stately home of the same name, around an hour from Birmingham and close to the Black Country. There's something for everyone to do in this region, including visiting the museums of Ironbridge Gorge, the West Midlands Safari Park, Cadbury World and the Severn Valley Railway.

Thirty-eight all-weather pitches are set in tidy rows at Stanmore Hall; you can also opt for a Super or grass pitch if that's what you'd prefer. An adults-only section is available for couples touring without children and a small shop stocks the basics, while a motorhome service point, children's play area and laundry are among the other amenities for guests to use.

YOU SAY...

"A well laid-out park, with attractive areas including a pond, peacocks and ducks. We especially liked the very quiet adults area, where we stayed. Very friendly staff."

"The mature trees complement the finely manicured greenery and lawn areas that make this park the perfect setting for a holiday or short break."

"Very well administered site – we were allocated a quiet spot very handy for the dog walk. First class."



What to see in the Heart of England

Why not pay a visit to one of these great events while you're staying at a *Top 100* site?

23-24 June 2018

Shrewsbury Food Festival

Quarry Park and around Shrewsbury

Experience some of the finest produce, both local and national, at the Shrewsbury Food Festival, which returns to the town this June. Cookery demonstrations, tastings, live entertainment, bars, retail stalls, a craft area and kids' zone are all likely to be at the festival, making it a great place for food-lovers to visit.

Web www.shrewsburyfoodfestival.co.uk

13-15 July 2018

Cornbury Music Festival

The Great Tew Park, Oxfordshire

The Cornbury Music Festival is described by organisers as an 'eclectic and eccentric musical carnival'. It features four stages and you'll be able to enjoy top musical acts, Morris dancers, entertainers, a fairground, a farmer's market, a disco shed and plenty more. Camping is available.

Web www.cornburyfestival.com

31 August-2 September 2018

Chatsworth Country Fair

Chatsworth House, Derbyshire

Held in the grounds of the stately home, the Chatsworth Country Fair is a true celebration of the English countryside. As well as agricultural activities and entertainment, top chefs will perform demonstrations, while you're sure to love the bands.

Web www.chatsworth.org/events/chatsworth-country-fair

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Web www.mcshow.co.uk



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Ludlow Touring Park, Overton Road, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 4AD
Telephone: 01584 878788
Brief directions to site:
Situating just off the A49. Take turning onto B4361, following signs for Ludlow Touring Park. From Birmingham head west on the A456 through Kidderminster. From the M5 leave at junction 3, from the north, and continue on the A456, or junction 6 from the south and follow the A449 and A456. The landscaped park sits on the banks of the River Teme, overlooking the rolling hills of the idyllic Shropshire countryside. It is conveniently located just 2 miles out of Ludlow Town centre. High quality facilities and 115 pitches including Adult-only pitches and Supersized pitches for larger RVs.
2018 open dates Open all year 2018 costs per night (max and min) £26.10-£31.90
Bookings advisable.

Oxen Hall Touring Park - Morris Leisure
Oxen Hall Touring Park, Welshpool Road Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 5FB
Telephone: 01743 340 868
Brief directions to site:
Located off the A458 Welshpool Road on the North-Western side of Shrewsbury- follow signs for Oxen Touring Park from Welshpool Island on the A5 Shrewsbury bypass. An attractive parkland setting yet only a short bus ride from Shrewsbury Town Centre. High quality facilities and 100 pitches including Adult-only pitches and Supersized pitches for larger RVs.
2018 open dates Open all year 2018 costs per night (max and min) £26.10-£31.90
Booking advisable.

Tall Trees Touring Park
Old Mill Lane, Forest Town, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire NG19 0JP
Tel: 01623 626503
Email: info@talltreestouringpark.co.uk
1 mile north of Mansfield town centre on A60, turn right at crossroad into Old Mill lane, continue past Maun Valley park, Tall Trees is on your left. 37 pitches with 16 amp hook ups, showers, toilets with disabled access, laundrette, childrens play area, carp fishing on site, seasonal pitches available. Open from 1st of January to 31st of December. Prices: £15 to £26 for 2 adults. Bookings necessary.

Lickpenny Park
Bickpenny Lane, Tansley, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5GF
Tel: 01629 583040
Email: enquiries@lickpennycaravanpark.co.uk
From M1 junction 28 turn onto A38 (signposted Matlock) to Alfreton, turn left onto A615 (8 miles). Turn right onto Lickpenny Lane. Set in the Derbyshire dales, Lickpenny is a 16 acre site, all pitches are hardstanding and generous in size. There are 2 utility blocks on this 4 star rated park with shower rooms, disabled facilities, laundry rooms, veg prep rooms, children's play area and dog walking area. Open all year. Cost per night: £19 - £31. Bookings are advisable.

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Stanmore Hall Touring Park - Morris Leisure
Stourbridge Road, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 6DT.
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Golden Valley Caravan Park
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Bookings Accepted, Advisable and Necessary

SWISS FARM TOURING AND CAMPING



Address Marlow Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 2HY **Tel** 01491 573 419
Web www.swissfarmcamping.co.uk **Open** 1 March-30 November **Touring pitches** 142
Pitch+2+hook-up £21-£29.50 **Transport info** Bus stop at gate, train station 15 mins

WE SAY...

You'll find Swiss Farm Touring and Camping just a short walk from the beautiful town of Henley-on-Thames; it's a popular site that's appeared in many of our *Top 100 Sites Guides* over the years. That's because it offers a fantastic range of facilities in a great location. There are spacious, well-maintained pitches, a motorhome service point, a new automated chemical-waste disposal and cleaning machine, an outdoor heated swimming pool open during the high season, coarse-fishing (free for guests), a shop, glamping cabins and caravan holiday homes. A dog wash is planned for 2018, too.

Cyclists will enjoy taking to the paths and roads of the Chiltern Hills, while Windsor and Oxford both make for a good day out – as, of course, does a visit to London.

YOU SAY...

"Even when you think no more can be done, this site gets better and better every year. Extremely friendly staff from arrival to departure and all facilities have impressive cleanliness. Highly recommended."

"Very friendly staff, a clean site, great pool, great facilities and a short walk into Henley town centre. The on-site restaurant is also great."

"Excellent facilities, clean and very well maintained, and superb staff. Very impressive."



WESTBROOK COUNTRY HOLIDAY PARK



Address Lynch Lane, Little Hereford, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 4AU **Tel** 01584 711 280
Web www.westbrookpark.co.uk **Open** 1 March-30 November **Touring pitches** 65
Pitch+2+hook-up £21-£28 **Transport info** Bus stop 2 miles, train station 7 miles

WE SAY...

If you fancy some food, a pint and a stroll while you're staying at Westbrook Country Holiday Park, you can take a short walk up the River Teme and visit the Temeside Inn, where you're assured of a warm welcome. Other attractions in the area include the historic towns of Ludlow and Tenbury Wells; you can also fish on the river.

A host of full-service tourist pitches are available at Westbrook, and there are also grass all-service pitches for you to stay on in a tent. Everything at the site is designed to make your stay there that bit more comfortable; the washrooms are heated, there's a dog-walk and exercise area, a space for children to play in, and laundry facilities.

YOU SAY...

"The site is so peaceful – we feel we can really chill out and relax. Being on the river, we love to fish or just sit and watch the wildlife. The pub is handy because it's just across the bridge. It is close to Ludlow and Tenbury Wells for a spot of shopping if required."

"We've been coming here for several years. The owners are very welcoming and helpful, the pitches are very spacious and well kept, and the toilet and shower block are modern and clean. All in all, I would recommend staying here; it's a quiet site you can relax on and feel perfectly safe."



EYE KETTLEBY LAKES



Address Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE14 2TN **Tel** 01664 565 900

Web www.eyekettlebylakes.com **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 61 (due to increase in April)

Pitch+2+hook-up £20.50-£30.50 **Transport info** Bus stop and train station 3.3 miles

WE SAY...

If you love fishing, you'll be in your element at Eye Kettleby Lakes. As its name suggests, it features nine fantastic fishing lakes for guests to make use of during their stay (a small daily charge applies for most of the year).

If you're not into angling, though, you'll still love your stay, thanks to the tremendous facilities, which include modern and clean washrooms, a tearoom that serves breakfasts and Sunday lunches, a seasonal bar with entertainment, and so much more.

The amenities are set to improve even further in 2018: a second section of the park is due to open in April, featuring a further 69 pitches and additional washrooms. There are 12 luxury log cabins (each with a hot tub) and glamping pods for hire; ideal if you're travelling with friends who don't have their own tourer or tent. Note that the touring area is for adults only.

The site is close to the attractive and historic town of Melton Mowbray, Barnsdale Gardens and the castles of Belvoir and Rockingham.

YOU SAY...

"My other half is a fisherman. He always has an enjoyable and successful day's fishing at Eye Kettleby. It is so peaceful and relaxing here. Absolutely love it."

"The pitches are so spacious and private, and the shower blocks are out of this world. All the staff are brilliant – they can't do enough for you. It's a little piece of heaven."

"It's so peaceful, quiet and relaxing and there are so many places to walk our dogs. The site is extremely high quality but also easy going and laid back. The pitches are all perfect and private. The cakes in the club house are delicious, too."



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Old Barn Touring Park - Caravan Club

Old Barn Touring Park, Cheverton Farm,
Newport Road, Sandown, PO36 9PJ.

Tel: 01983 866414

A3056 to Sandown, park is on the left hand side 1/2 mile after Apse Heath roundabout. Look for thatched barn as you come down hill. Small park with 60 pitches. Games room with table tennis and pool. 2 miles to Shanklin or Sandown beaches. We can book the ferry for you. Open from 28/4/18 to 24/9/18. Cost max: £27 min: £17. Bookings accepted.

Stubcroft Farm Caravan Park
Stubcroft Lane, East Wittering, Chichester,
West Sussex PO20 8PJ Tel: 01243 671469.

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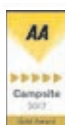


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SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND

There's so much more to see here than the UK's capital



MANY PEOPLE PASS straight through South-East England in a rush, on their way to catch a ferry, but if you linger a while you'll find that it's absolutely worth a visit in its own right. London is perhaps the biggest attraction, of course, but that's certainly not the only reason to visit.

The New Forest and the Isle of Wight are both highlights here, and – thanks to the fact that four of our Top 100 finalists this year are close by – they're easy to reach, too. The south coast in particular is stunning in this area; if you fancy a traditional seaside holiday, head for Brighton and Hastings, both of which offer a pretty beach, lively entertainment and some great shopping and eating opportunities.

There are many other fascinating towns and cities to explore in the South-East, too. Don't miss Portsmouth and Southampton; Sandwich and Chichester are also fun places to visit. Winchester, meanwhile, has a wealth of history to enjoy.

BROADHEMBURY HOLIDAY PARK



Address Steeds Lane, Kingsnorth, Ashford TN26 1NQ **Tel** 01233 620 859

Web www.broadhembury.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 120

Pitch+2+hook-up £29-£40 **Transport info** Bus stop 1 mile, train station 3 miles

WE SAY...

Broadhembury Holiday Park has been run by the Taylor family for almost 50 years, and over that time the site has grown to become the hugely popular location it is today. There are two touring sections. The first is ideal for families, with a playground, a sports field and a games room, while the other is adults-only, where those touring without children can enjoy real peace and quiet. All guests will be able to make use of the excellent shower rooms, the campers' kitchen (which features a herb garden), the laundry room and more.

If you don't have your own touring unit or tent, you can choose to stay in one of the holiday homes or the Lotus Belle glamping tents.

YOU SAY...

"Broadhembury is ideal for families. There is a great games room for a rainy afternoon, with table tennis, air hockey and a nine-pin bowling alley. The toilet block is clean and spacious and there are private sinks. We love Broadhembury because it was where our son went camping for the first time and we have also stayed here with friends. It is a quiet location but also very convenient for major transport routes."

"It's clean, safe, not overcrowded and the staff are helpful."

"A relaxed site that is well maintained and peaceful."



CONCIERGE CAMPING



Address Ratham Lane, Chichester PO18 8DL **Tel** 01243 573 118

Web www.conciergecamping.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 27

Pitch+2+hook-up £30-£59 **Transport info** Bus stop and train station 1 mile

WE SAY...

Concierge Camping opened in 2015 but is already hugely popular, winning a host of awards. It's a really luxurious place to stay, with 15 hardstanding pitches that each have their own grass recreation area, as well as satellite connection, broadband and electric hook-up at either 16A or a whopping 32A. The washrooms are modern and spotless, and feature complimentary toiletries, and there's an onsite shop that sells locally sourced produce.

If you fancy getting out and about by bike, you'll find a hire facility here, too: there are lots of paths to enjoy in the area once you're in the saddle. Those without a tourer or tent can stay in one of the fabulously well equipped safari lodges.

YOU SAY...

"I have stayed here both in a motorhome and in one of their deluxe safari lodges. Everything about this site is first-rate. Even the shower and toilet facilities are of a higher standard than many hotels I have stayed in."

"An immaculate site with all amenities for a super pitch, but the shower block is so good I preferred it to the van's. The well-constructed pitches mean you won't be treading mud into awning in poor weather. Staff are friendly and helpful, and the small shop provides first-class provisions."

"It provides a level of service that no other site does."



HILL COTTAGE FARM



Address Sandleheath Road, Alderholt, Fordingbridge SP6 3EG **Tel** 01425 650 513

Web www.hillcottagefarmcampingandcaravanpark.co.uk **Open** 1 March-2 December **Touring pitches** 32

Pitch+2+hook-up £24-£33 **Transport info** Bus station 2.3 miles, train station 13.5 miles

WE SAY...

Hill Cottage Farm is located close to the New Forest, in 40 acres of beautiful countryside. As such it represents a fantastic place to really get away from it all and enjoy some peace and quiet. The hardstanding touring pitches are set in attractive landscaping, and each pitch is bordered by hedging to provide privacy. Other amenities here for guests to enjoy are coarse fishing, walking on the numerous paths in surrounding woodland, a children's play area and a games room. Hill Cottage also provides caravan storage and offers seasonal pitches for those who want to come and go as much as they like.

The Pitch 25 café is due to open in March; it'll serve great food made from local produce, and you'll be able to eat it at the café or back on your pitch.

YOU SAY...

"A beautifully maintained site with large, fully serviced pitches separated by tall hedges to give total privacy. The lady in the shop is very helpful and you can order fresh breads/croissants for breakfast along with the papers."

"Clean and tidy, well organised and value for money. The staff are very helpful and the fully serviced pitches are private, hedged and hardstanding. The dog walk is the best we've come across on a campsite and there are some lovely walks around the local area."



ORCHARDS HOLIDAY PARK



Address Main Road, Newbridge, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight PO41 0TS **Tel** 01983 531 331

Web www.orchards-holiday-park.co.uk **Open** 23 March-28 October **Touring pitches** 164

Pitch+2+hook-up £18-£36.50 **Transport info** Bus stop on site, East Cowes ferry port 12.6 miles

WE SAY...

Our *Top 100 Sites Guide 2016* overall winner, and Best Site for Families 2017, makes yet another appearance in 2018, such is the consistent quality of the facilities and the warmth of the welcome that you'll receive here at Orchards Holiday Park on the Isle of Wight. There's just so much for those of all ages to do here, from the indoor and outdoor heated pools, recreation area, large shop, dog walk, takeaway food bar and Wi-Fi (the latter incurs a small charge).

If you fancy getting out and about and exploring the island, you can hop on the number 7 bus from outside the site – from there you can easily access Freshwater, Yarmouth and Newport, from where you can take public transport to other destinations.

YOU SAY...

"The staff are really enthusiastic, friendly and helpful, and facilities are very good. The site is kept clean at all times and its location is great – it's easy to reach all parts of the island. The staff arranged both ferry crossings and also amended them very swiftly and professionally."

"It's in a beautiful spot in the countryside with lovely views. Everything is well thought out to make your holiday enjoyable and easy. The takeaway bar is brilliant, offering great food at affordable prices."



SETTHORNS CAMPING IN THE FOREST SITE



Address Wooton, New Milton, Hampshire BH25 5WA **Tel** 01590 681 020

Web www.campingintheforest.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 237

Pitch+2+hook-up £16-£27 **Transport info** Bus stop and train station 1.7 miles

WE SAY...

The pretty Setthorns site – part of the Camping in the Forest network – is located in the heart of the New Forest; it's a great place to get away for a quiet and peaceful break. There are no toilets or showers here, so you'll need to have your own facilities, but electric hook-up is available, either on hardstanding or grass pitches. This is a large site, with 237 pitches, but it never feels too big, thanks to the fact that units are spread out among the trees.

The real beauty of this site is its proximity to the heathland and wilds of the forest: there's a disused railway line that runs right through its heart, which is great for walkers or cyclists.

YOU SAY...

"Even in high season the site is quiet, with long walks in the forest. The area has a wealth of wildlife and the local villages are reachable via a bike on forest tracks. Good local food is available in nearby Brockenhurst."

"This is a lovely site with hardstanding pitches in the woods, with plenty of ferns in season. There are many walking options in the area which start right in the campsite."

"There is plenty of wildlife to watch around this back-to-nature site. There are also lovely walks through the forest, and friendly staff."



WHITEFIELD FOREST TOURING PARK



Address Brading Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 1QJ **Tel** 01983 617 069
Web www.whitefieldforest.co.uk **Open** 23 March-1 October **Touring pitches** 90
Pitch+2+hook-up £18.50-£27.50 **Transport info** Bus stop 2 mins, East Cowes ferry port 9.7 miles

WE SAY...

The hugely impressive Whitefield Forest Touring Park makes it two years in a row at the top of our category, continuing to impress both you and us over the past year.

It's the attention to detail that's key here, from the pitches (there's a choice of grass or hardstanding) that blend nicely into the woodland surrounding them, to the heated washrooms that are diligently cleaned. The natural environment is catered for, too; with a bit of luck, you'll spot one of the red squirrels that calls this area home, while bluebells flourish in the spring. Children, meanwhile, will love the fabulous play and bush-craft area in the trees. A laundry room and washing-up facilities are also to be found at the park.

There's a huge amount to do in this beautiful corner of the Isle of Wight: the park is handily located for exploring the beaches of both Ryde and Sandown, for example. Bembridge and Shanklin are also popular places to visit.

YOU SAY...

- "Whitefield is an immaculate campsite and the best we have stayed in by far. It is extremely well run. The cleanliness of all facilities is outstanding."
- "A beautiful site in a woodland setting. Very friendly and helpful owners and staff. The owner can even arrange ferry crossings, and you are able to book a specific pitch."
- "This site is very well laid out among the trees and has copious wildlife – the birdsong was delightful. There is a lovely and natural-looking children's playground tucked among the trees. The site is excellent – we will tell all of our family and friends."



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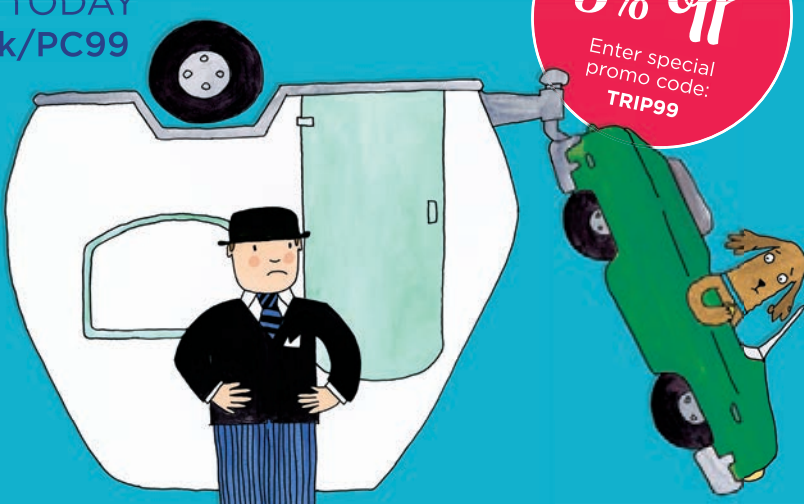
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DORSET

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DORSET IS ONE of the smallest regions in our guide, so it's amazing to see how many attractions are packed into its boundaries. For starters, there's the stunning Jurassic Coast, which is perfect for those who want to try out a spot of fossil hunting: it extends for around 95 miles and includes sights such as Portland Bill, Old Harry Rocks and Chesil Beach.

If you fancy a dip in the sea, the best place to head is the sheltered safety of Weymouth beach – the waters here are shallow, and there's soft sand to relax on, too. Weymouth is a traditional seaside town; other coastal locations include Swanage, Poole and West Bay, which is where TV drama *Broadchurch* was filmed.

Head inland to see the picture-postcard villages that this county is known for, and welcoming towns, which include Bridport and Dorchester.

There are six great sites in this region for you to enjoy this year; all will allow you to explore the county's many delights in comfort.

BAGWELL FARM TOURING PARK



Address Chickerell, Weymouth DT3 4EA **Tel** 01305 782 575

Web www.bagwellfarm.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 320

Pitch+2+hook-up £17.50-£29 **Transport links** Bus stop 0.5 mile, train station 4 miles

WE SAY...

Sitting in a pretty Dorset valley to the west of Weymouth, Bagwell Farm Touring Park has tremendous views out across the Jurassic Coast, and is perfectly placed for exploring the county's many highlights.

This is a truly family-friendly site and offers something for all ages. Youngsters will be kept happy by the play area, which has a slide, sandpit, swings and more, while adults will love the Red Barn bar and grill, which is open during the high season and at other selected times. Fully serviced pitches, easy access to the South-West coast path, an off-licence and grocery shop, tidy washrooms and laundry facilities are among the many other highlights of this popular park.

YOU SAY...

"Bagwell is good for the kids and the on-site bar and restaurant are great. They also have lovely dog walks."

"The views from this site are magnificent. We enjoyed the local countryside and all the lovely walks, and will be booking soon to return later in the summer."

"You can see Chesil Beach and Portland from Bagwell."

There is a regular bus service that calls onto the site, which is excellent for exploring the Jurassic coastline and all of its towns. We would definitely recommend this site for a short or long break."



BINGHAM GRANGE TOURING AND CAMPING PARK



Address Melplash, Bridport DT6 3TT **Tel** 01308 488 234

Web www.binghamgrange.co.uk **Open** 23 March-23 October **Touring pitches** 111

Pitch+2+hook-up £24-£31 **Transport links** Bus stop at the site, train station 10 miles

WE SAY...

Adults touring without children will be able to enjoy a peaceful break at the picturesque and welcoming Bingham Grange Touring and Camping Park, in the grounds of a Victorian grange on Dorset's rugged Jurassic Coast. The amenities at the site are primarily located in a pretty barn at the centre of the park, and include a shop and spotless washrooms. Elsewhere are the popular Buzzards restaurant, a kitchen and laundry room, an information point, a motorhome service point, and dog owners will love the all-weather dog-walk area.

The town of Bridport itself has an interesting variety of shops, pubs and restaurants, while you can also drive to Weymouth on the coast or inland to Dorchester.

YOU SAY...

"The site is superb, with a lot of thought put into the pitches for tents as well as caravans. It's also awesome for dogs, with a great walk purpose-made for your hounds. The pitches are huge but private, with flowers and well-kept hedges everywhere. The washrooms are immaculate and the restaurant is a real treat and does take-aways."

"We love this site because it is always sparkling clean, the staff are very helpful and the restaurant serves the best food we have had on a caravan site. This is our sixth time here and it gets better with each visit."



HIGHLANDS END HOLIDAY PARK



Address Eype, Bridport DT6 6AR **Tel** 01308 422 139

Web www.highlandsendholidaypark.co.uk **Open** 1 February-30 November **Touring pitches** 136

Pitch+2+hook-up £18-£41 **Transport links** Bus stop 2.7 miles, train station 12.5 miles

WE SAY...

A range of accommodation options are available to guests at Highlands End Holiday Park, so you can pitch up in your own tourer or tent, or stay in one of the lodges, apartments and caravan holiday homes. No matter which you go for, you'll be able to make use of the high-end facilities; they include a bar and restaurant, a coffee shop, a leisure club featuring a swimming pool, sauna and gym, enclosed dog-walk area, motorhome service point and much more besides.

Fans of TV series *Broadchurch* should be sure to visit this site – it sits high on a clifftop overlooking the village of West Bay, which played the backdrop to this hugely popular programme.

YOU SAY...

"We had an amazing holiday. It's a really nice, clean site that is very comfortable and access was really easy. Amazing views and really good food."

"It is open and spacious, and in a beautiful area. Staff are wonderful and the facilities are spot on, which is why we have visited this site every year for eight years."

"It has a wonderful bar and restaurant, as well as pool and leisure facilities. It is extremely well run and the staff are always helpful and friendly. I always look forward to going. I have visited every year for the past 10 years."



WAREHAM FOREST TOURING PARK



Address North Trigon, Wareham BH20 7NZ **Tel** 01929 551 393

Web www.warehamforest.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 200

Pitch+2+hook-up £11.90-£27 **Transport links** Bus stop and train station 3 miles

WE SAY...

Tony and Sarah Birch are your hosts at the popular Wareham Forest Touring Park, a 55-acre site that offers a good range of facilities for all ages. Among them are a large outdoor pool, a games room, children's adventure playground and a family room with table tennis, but the older members of the family will appreciate the spacious, well-kept pitches, the onsite licensed shop, and the fact that there's a pub with a restaurant within a mile and more eateries in the nearby town of Wareham.

There are also some great beaches within easy reach of the site, including Lulworth Cove, Kimmeridge and Studland; the amazing natural arch at Durdle Door is another popular attraction. The towns of Poole, Bournemouth and Weymouth are also close by, if you fancy a spot of shopping.

YOU SAY...

"Wareham Forest Touring Park is very clean and well kept. We experienced great customer service and we loved the walks and the site's location, close to the coast."

"The staff here are great. This is a very clean site and we found it to be quiet at night. There's a lovely swimming pool and it's in a great location for allowing you to walk in the forest with dogs."

"Wonderful area, wonderful staff, wonderful facilities."



WOOD FARM CARAVAN PARK



Address Axminster Road, Charmouth, Bridport DT6 6BT **Tel** 01297 560 697

Web www.woodfarm.co.uk **Open** 23 March-29 October **Touring pitches** 175

Pitch+2+hook-up £18-£35 **Transport** Bus stop 220 yards, train station 5 miles

WE SAY...

All pitches at Wood Farm have 10A electric hook-up, and those with a tourer can choose whether to go for a regular hardstanding pitch or a premium version, which adds individual water connections and excellent views. Guests at the site are also sure to enjoy the leisure facilities, which include a 17m indoor swimming pool and tennis court (additional charges apply), the fully licensed Offshore Café, a games room, a fishing pond and the outdoor draughts game. Note that motorhomes over 8m long cannot be accommodated at this site.

The nearby area is full of great places to visit: highlights include the fossil-packed beach at Charmouth and the rest of the stunning Jurassic Coast.

YOU SAY...

"Excellent facilities, friendly staff and well laid-out. It was nice to be greeted at reception and escorted to your pitch, and all the staff we met checked to make sure we were enjoying our stay. The site is quite steep but is well laid out, and there were amazing views from many pitches."

"Everything about this site is perfect, including the location, the facilities and the swimming pool. The café serves quality, well-cooked food but the jewel in the crown is the fantastic staff, who all went the extra mile. No wonder it is such a popular site. We will definitely return."



SOUTH LYTCHETT MANOR



Address Dorchester Road, Lytchett Minster, Poole BH16 6JB **Tel** 01202 622 577

Web www.southlytchettmanor.co.uk **Open** 1 March-2 January 2019 **Touring pitches** 150

Pitch+2+hook-up £19-£35.50 **Transport links** Bus stop outside site gates

WE SAY...

Last year's regional (and our Top 100 overall winner) takes the category win again for 2018, testament to the park's excellent facilities, location and operation. It's run by the Brigden family, who clearly take great care in offering every one of their guests a great experience, no matter how long they're planning on staying at this lovely Dorset site.

The amenities here are excellent, with just about everything that you could want, including a trio of washrooms that are beautifully clean, free Wi-Fi, indoor washing-up areas, an information room with details of the local area, a herb garden for guests to use, a book-lending library, a well-stocked shop... the list goes on.

The site's location is also brilliant for allowing you to explore this stunning region of Dorset, including the Jurassic Coast. Bus stops at the park's gates mean you can easily travel to the towns of Poole and Weymouth without needing to take your own vehicle, too.

YOU SAY...

"This was the first place my husband and I ever camped together. We've been back nine times now and it's our go-to place every time we have a spare few days when we want to get away! Facilities are 10/10, the atmosphere is perfect, the location is perfect and the staff are lovely."

"Dog-friendly with three walks, one of which is an enclosed field so dogs can run free. The local pub is also dog-friendly, with good food and service."

"Service is exceptional and they can't do enough to help. Everything is clean and the grass is immaculate. So handy for Poole, Sandbanks and Bournemouth."



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History meets nature in this popular area of England's south-west



IT'S THE CITIES of Bath and Bristol, and the Exmoor national park, that are perhaps the best-known destinations in this region, and each of them offers a wealth of attractions: you'll find everything here from fabulous and award-winning restaurants to great shopping opportunities, as well as wonderful walking routes that allow you to lace up your boots and escape the everyday world for a while.

There's much more to see here, though. Elegant and historic Salisbury is a fantastic place to spend time, as is the city of Wells; both have glorious cathedrals for you to visit during your stay. There's a superb coastline in this region, too: you can choose to walk on one of the small hidden coves that you'll find here, or visit Minehead or Weston-super-Mare for a really traditional family seaside holiday.

History-lovers will find plenty to interest them, too: among the attractions are Wookey Hole, Avebury, Glastonbury and Stonehenge.

OLD OAKS TOURING PARK



Address Wick Farm, Wick Lane, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8JS **Tel** 01458 831 437

Web www.theoldoaks.co.uk **Open** 1 March-19 November **Touring pitches** 88

Pitch+2+hook-up £22-£34 **Transport info** Bus stop 1.5 miles, train station 13 miles

WE SAY...

'Luxury camping just for the grown-ups' is Old Oaks' slogan, and that's exactly what it offers – it's an adults-only site located in beautiful countryside near Glastonbury. The facilities here are second to none, and include immaculately landscaped pitches, a tourist information room with pool table, free Wi-Fi, a shop stocking locally sourced products, a large dog-exercise area complete with dog shower, and two dishwashing areas. There's also a coarse-fishing lake that's a haven for wildlife, four takeaway-food delivery services a week, and you can even enjoy a painting course during your stay (see the website for dates).

The town of Glastonbury itself – where you'll find a wealth of attractions to visit and good pubs and restaurants – is a 1.5-mile walk away.

YOU SAY...

"The facilities are second to none. It's a family-owned and run site, and the gardens and pitches are well manicured. The staff are very welcoming and friendly and Old Oaks is so well situated for trips to Wells, Bath, Street etc."

"Lovely staff, and the toilet and shower blocks are the best I've ever seen – five-star luxury and so clean!"

"Nice, friendly staff, great views, quiet and peaceful, good takeaway food and superb walking from site."



PLOUGH LANE CARAVAN SITE



Address Kington Langley, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 5PS **Tel** 01249 750 146
Web www.ploughlane.co.uk **Open** 12 March-4 November **Touring pitches** 53
Pitch+2+hook-up £25 **Transport info** Bus stop outside site, train station 3 miles

WE SAY...

Plough Lane is a picturesque and popular site for adults only, located about 25 minutes from the beautiful city of Bath. Among the amenities for guests to enjoy here are clean and tidy washrooms, a laundry with a free-to-use spin dryer, a dog-exercise area and a tourist information point with a book and DVD library.

There are a couple of village pubs just a short distance from the site – ideal if you fancy popping out for a drink in the evening. Alternatively, there are bus stops for a couple of routes close to Plough Lane’s entrance; from there you can take public transport to the towns of Chippenham and Malmesbury. The site itself is only two miles from junction 17 of the M4, so it’s easy to access when towing or driving a motorhome.

YOU SAY...

“Tranquil is the word for this wonderful site. Ideally located in an area of outstanding natural beauty, yet convenient for essential shopping and amenities. A warm and sincere welcome awaits you.”

“It was a perfect site: well maintained, clean, accommodating, secure and welcoming. Well done!”

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Web www.stonehengecampsite.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 47
Pitch+2+hook-up £15.50-£32 **Transport info** Bus stop outside site, train station 9 miles

WE SAY...

There’s a wide range of pitches at Stonehenge Campsite; motorhomes are particularly well catered for, with one dedicated pitch for large vehicles, and even small hardstandings for VW campers. A selection of interesting glamping options – including a ‘moon pod’ and shepherd’s hut – are also available. Facilities include a pair of heated, tidy washrooms, a campers’ kitchen, recycling area and Wi-Fi access (for a fee). Campfires are also allowed at the site.

There are numerous attractions within easy reach, including the historic city of Salisbury; you can catch the bus to the latter from right outside the gate. A couple of pubs and a farm shop are a 10-minute walk away.

YOU SAY...

“Toilet facilities are kept very clean and sparkling, and the grass and hedges are absolutely immaculate. The staff are always happy and helpful.”

“This site is perfect! I was really impressed with everything – including all the little details, such as the soap and so on in the toilets, as well as the washing and kitchen area. Everywhere you looked was clean. The site managers were fantastic, too – such lovely people.”

“I loved everything about this place: the space, the people and the facilities. All in all it was an amazing experience.”



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STONEHENGE TOURING PARK



Address Orcheston, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 4SH **Tel** 01980 620 304

Web www.stonehenge touring park.com **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 30

Pitch+2+hook-up £16-£22 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.5 mile, train station 12.8 miles

WE SAY...

Stonehenge Touring Park has made an appearance in our *Top 100 Sites Guide* every year since 2012, and does so again for 2018. It's a family-run park that features 12 hardstandings for touring units and lots of grassy space for tents; there are 20 electric hook-up points, too.

Other facilities include a reception area with shop (open from Easter to the start of October), a heated washroom, laundry, motorhome waste-disposal point and dishwashing area. New for 2018 is a family room with disabled access.

The site is located in the village of Orcheston; there are two pubs within three miles of the park. It's ideally placed for exploring the many attractions of this area.

YOU SAY...

"The site is very well run; nothing is too much trouble for the lovely people who run it. The toilets and showers are really clean, there are good recycling facilities and the site itself is beautiful. There's a small play area for children, and the kids were certainly having great fun in it."

"There's a strict no-noise policy after 11pm, so getting to sleep is never a problem. The location is superb, next to fields, and there are no downsides to this site – we'll be back when in the area later this year."



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Various locations, Dunster

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Web www.dunsterfestival.co.uk

7 July 2018

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Youngsters will adore a day out at Kidsfest – there's a huge amount for them to do there. The full schedule had yet to be announced as we went to press, but last year it included rides on the fairground attractions, face painting, a bouncy castle, balloon modelling and much more!

Web www.grandpier.co.uk

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City centre, Bath

Celebrate the spirit of Carnival at this free event that takes place in the heart of the historic city this July. A variety of bands and dancers will be in attendance, all wearing bright, colourful costumes to bring the parade to life.

Web www.bathcarnival.co.uk

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Ashton Court Estate, Bristol

Experience the colourful spectacle of more than 130 hot-air balloons taking to the sky at this hugely popular event, held at the Ashton Court Estate. The events take place over four days and you only pay to park (although caravans and motorhomes aren't admitted); in addition to the balloon flights, there will be entertainment to enjoy, trade stands and fairground rides. It all adds up to an experience that you'll never forget!

Web www.bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk



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BATH CHEW VALLEY CARAVAN PARK



Address Ham Lane, Bishop Sutton, Somerset BS39 5TZ **Tel** 01275 332 127

Web www.bathchewvalley.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 45

Pitch+2+hook-up £24-£34 **Transport info** Bus stop 0.2 mile, train station 8.7 miles

WE SAY...

Few sites fare as consistently well as the adults-only Bath Chew Valley in our annual *Top 100 Sites Guide*. It's won its regional category many times, and even taken the overall award in the past. That's because it's simply a fantastic place to stay, with the owners making sure that even the smallest detail is taken into consideration.

That's reflected in the tremendous facilities here: for example, there are luxury solo bathroom suites, a book-lending library, a nice dog-walking area, free ironing facilities, a motorhome service point, spacious and well-manicured pitches, a conservation area and much more. If you don't have your own tent you can stay in the site's beautiful wooden lodge, which was built in 2016. There's even a car available to hire if you don't want to take your motorhome off-site, or you can catch a bus to Bath, Wells and more from a stop very close by.

YOU SAY...

"A beautifully landscaped site, with well designed, very clean amenities. The combined toilet/shower/basin rooms are lovely and warm and always clean. The staff are very friendly and approachable. We will return!"

"Every member of staff is friendly and helpful. Loved the way we were greeted, given clear information about the site and then our van was towed to our pitch and towed off when we were ready to leave. The information available about the area was easily accessed and clearly laid out, and the well stocked library is a bonus."

"Quiet, tidy, attractive and very well maintained. The staff are very friendly and helpful, but unobtrusive."

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The rolling hills of Dartmoor are just one of the many attractions here, as are the coastlines, north and south – they really vary in feel, so be sure to visit both to decide which is your favourite. The north offers rugged inlets and crashing waves, while the south – where you'll also find the so-called English Riviera – is more gentle in landscape.

Away from the water there is so much else to see here: as well as Dartmoor, there are some attractive towns and cities, including Plymouth, Barnstaple and Exeter.

ANDREWSHAYES HOLIDAY PARK



Address Dalwood, Axminster EX13 7DY **Tel** 01404 808 523

Web www.andrewshayes.co.uk **Open** 9 April-4 November **Touring pitches** 145

Pitch+2+hook-up £17.50-£25.50 **Transport links** Bus stop 330 yards, train station 3 miles

WE SAY...

The stunning scenery of east Devon is the setting for Andrewshayes Holiday Park. It's just six miles from the Jurassic Coast, so is ideal if you're travelling with youngsters who fancy fossil hunting; there are also lots of walking paths in the surrounding area if you want to stretch your legs.

There's plenty to keep you on site, though. The free-to-use outdoor heated pool is just one of the highlights; once you've had a swim, you can grab a takeaway meal or eat in the café. A games room, outdoor play area and toddler play room will appeal to children, while the shop, information room (with a book exchange) and dog-walk area will help to make your stay all the more enjoyable.

YOU SAY...

"All staff are very welcoming and very helpful, and the amenities are great. We can't wait until the season starts again as this is what we call our lovely summer home."

"Genuinely great facilities and the staff are always friendly and helpful. There's also an area for camping and vans, which is ideal for having friends to stay."

"It is well run, well maintained, spotlessly clean, has friendly staff, is quiet, unspoilt, has beautiful views and is safe for children. It also has a wooded area – there are references to birds you might see and the names of the trees."



APPLEDORE PARK



Address Sampford Courtenay, Okehampton EX20 2SR **Tel** 01837 659 767

Web www.appledorepark.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 40

Pitch+2+hook-up £19.50-£24.50 **Transport links** Bus stop 2.8 miles, train station 16 miles

WE SAY...

Appledore Park is close to the Dartmoor National Park; as such, it's a great place from which to explore this popular area. Other attractions that shouldn't be missed during your stay – and all of which are within a 30-minute drive – are the Museum of Dartmoor Life, Castle Drogo and Lydford Gorge.

Glamping is available at Appledore, in a well-equipped bell tent, or you can choose to bring your tourer or tent. No matter which you choose, you can make use of the excellent amenities; they include washrooms with underfloor heating, free Wi-Fi, coarse fishing on the site lake, a fenced dog walk, an information point, a late-arrivals area with hook-up and water, and even an electric-vehicle charging station.

YOU SAY...

"It's quiet, clean and with excellent facilities. It has beautiful views and is run ethically, with recycling, a provision for wildlife and local produce."

"It's perfect. The owners are really friendly and welcoming."

We're thinking about staying again and are recommending it to everyone we know. It's also very reasonably priced."

"Appledore Park is the most tranquil site I have stayed on."

Peaceful, beautiful scenery, loads of wildlife, a well-stocked fishing pond, braziers for hire and really friendly staff."



BEVERLEY PARK



Address Goodrington Road, Paignton TQ4 7JE **Tel** 01803 843 887

Web www.beverley-holidays.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 140

Pitch+2+hook-up £21.20-£42 **Transport links** Bus stop 0.4 mile, train station 1.7 miles

WE SAY...

Beverley Park is the largest of the trio of sites that make up the Beverley Holidays complex in south Devon; it offers holiday caravans, touring and tent pitches. This is an all-singing, all-dancing site that's perfect for those with children: the long list of facilities includes an indoor and outdoor heated pool, cafés, restaurants and takeaways, entertainment, an amusement centre, crazy golf, indoor soft play and more. Guests can use the amenities next door at Beverley Bay, too (note that dogs are only allowed at Beverley Bay).

Beach-lovers will appreciate the park's location, close to the clean, sandy beaches of the English Riviera. The attractions of Torquay and Brixham are also within easy reach, as are Paignton and the tors of Dartmoor.

YOU SAY...

"I've been going for 28 years in a row, first with my parents, now with my husband and son. The friendly staff are so helpful. Just saying the name brings a smile to my face."

"We have been going to Beverley Park from Scotland for about 12 years and love the friendly atmosphere and the location – we have made lots of friends."

"It's family run and is so full of things to do! Perfect location, amazing entertainment and the caravans are stunning! The views cannot be beaten."



DAMAGE BARTON



Address Morteohoe, Woolacombe EX34 7EJ **Tel** 01271 870 502

Web www.damagebarton.co.uk **Open** 16 March-31 October **Touring pitches** 45

Pitch+2+hook-up £19-£26.50 **Transport links** Bus stop 125 yards, train station 12 miles

WE SAY...

Damage Barton covers 16 acres of North Devon countryside. It's made up of two separate areas: the regular caravan and camping site and another that's affiliated with the Caravan and Motorhome Club (the latter open to members only). No matter which you pitch up on, you'll be able to get tremendous views across to Wales from here in north Devon, and make use of the excellent facilities. Among them are spotless and heated washrooms, dog exercise areas, a motorhome service point, Wi-Fi (for a charge), the information centre, wetsuit washroom and more.

There's a bus stop at the site entrance, from where you can take public transport to Woolacombe (where there's a lovely beach), Ilfracombe, Barnstaple and more. The South West Coast Path is also only 1.5 miles away.

YOU SAY...

"The fantastic on-site dog walk has glorious views and you can walk directly onto the cliffs from the site. The pitches are well spaced out, the showers and toilets are warm and clean, and the staff are friendly and helpful."

"We really appreciated the care the staff take over the site, as well as the views, location and exceptional showers!"

"We love the fact that the site is overlooking the sea, plus the nice layout of pitches and the clean and tidy toilets."



DORNAFIELD



Address Dornafeld Farm, Newton Abbot TQ12 6DD **Tel** 01803 812 732

Web www.dornafeld.com **Open** 14 March-8 November **Touring pitches** 135

Pitch+2+hook-up £20-£33 **Transport links** Bus stop 0.6 mile, train station 3.6 miles

WE SAY...

You'll find a 14th-century farmhouse at Dornafeld, which was besieged by Roundheads during the English Civil War – today the building remains very much part of the site, and houses a licensed shop, a tourist information area and a games room. It sits close to the park's entrance, between the three touring fields – all of the pitches are within easy reach of the washrooms and other facilities, and are set among trees, so you're guaranteed privacy. Amenities include a motorhome service point, a pair of laundries and dishwashing areas, two play areas and an all-weather tennis court.

The English Riviera is on your doorstep here, while walkers and cyclists will appreciate the site's proximity to Dartmoor – and foodies shouldn't miss a trip to the Coppa Dolla Pub in Broadhempston.

YOU SAY...

"Beautifully kept and with friendly staff, Dornafeld has the best showers we have ever encountered."

"The pitches are big and have all the facilities you need, and the shop has all the things you may run out of."

"It is in a beautiful area, with spacious pitches, and is immaculately maintained. The spotless washrooms have solar-powered underfloor heating, and the staff are extremely friendly at this family-owned site."





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HARFORD BRIDGE PARK



Address Peter Tavy, Tavistock PL19 9LS **Tel** 01822 810 349

Web www.harfordbridge.co.uk **Open** 15 March-5 November **Touring pitches** 100

Pitch+2+hook-up £20.60-£24.15 **Transport links** Bus stop 165 yards, train station 7.1 miles

WE SAY...

The range of facilities available at Harford Bridge Park, located by the River Tavy, is superb; as well as 50 16A electric hook-up points, there are modern and spotless washrooms, a TV and tourist-information room, a motorhome service point, a cycle storage shed with e-bike charging facility, a children's play area, table tennis and table football facilities, a tennis court (racquets are available for hire), a dog-wash facility... the list goes on. Your accommodation options are your own tourer or tent, numerous self-catering caravans or the attractive shepherd's hut.

Dartmoor is a prime attraction here, of course, but other nearby tourist hotspots are Plymouth and Exeter, as well as Dartmoor Zoo and Buckland Abbey.

YOU SAY...

"It is very child-friendly and is clean and tidy. The staff are very friendly and I cannot fault it in any way."

"We love its location close to the Dartmoor National Park. It's also within easy walking distance of Tavistock."

"We liked the spacious area for our motorhome, with a wooden picnic table provided alongside our hardstanding pitch. The clean shower facilities were lovely and warm, and there was a wash area for dishes. We especially liked the washing facilities for dogs."



HILLHEAD CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB SITE



Address Hillhead, Brixham TQ5 0HH **Tel** 01803 853 204

Web www.caravanclub.co.uk **Open** 16 March-3 January 2019 **Touring pitches** 256

Pitch+2+hook-up £20.90-£40.50 **Transport links** Bus stop outside the gate

WE SAY...

The Caravan and Motorhome Club's Hillhead site, which is open to members and non-members alike, is situated close to the bustling harbour town of Brixham, and just south of Paignton. As such, there are a huge amount of attractions in the local area, including family-favourite, Paignton Zoo and Coletton Fishacre house and garden. There are also lots of walking paths for those who are keen to stretch their legs.

Unlike many Caravan and Motorhome Club sites, Hillhead accepts both tents and tourers. All guests will be able to make use of the top-notch facilities; there's an outdoor heated swimming pool, a children's play area, an entertainment complex with a bar and restaurant, a games room, Wi-Fi (for a charge), laundry and dishwashing area, and a motorhome service point.

YOU SAY...

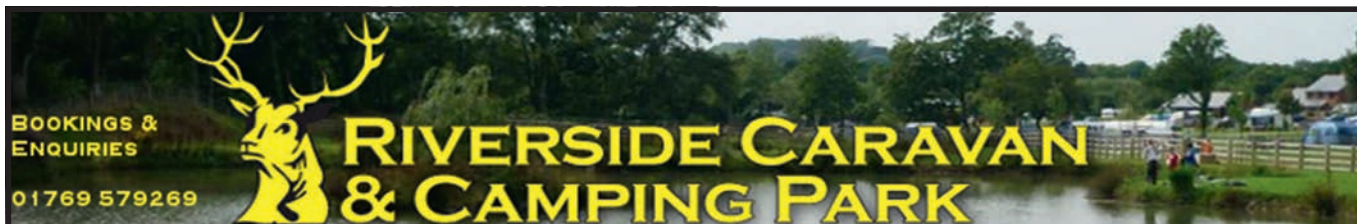
"Some of the pitches have lovely views. There are clean showers, a shop, restaurant, hardstanding and walks."

"The staff were very nice and helpful during our stay."

"We also found the site to be very clean and tidy. There's a nice restaurant at the site for guests to enjoy."

"There's plenty to love at Hillhead. Our favourites include the facilities, the great location and the friendliness of the staff that we met here."





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Pitch+2+hook-up £21.50-£26.50 **Transport links** Bus stop 1.5 miles, train station 14 miles

WE SAY...

On the south-west side of Dartmoor, and close to the market town of Tavistock with its restaurants, shops and pubs, is Langstone Manor Park. It offers a variety of accommodation options for you to choose from: you can stay in your own tourer or tent, or in one of the self-catering holiday caravans, glamping pods and cottages, or even the site's own apartment.

The onsite manor house, from which the park takes its name, houses the Langstone bar and restaurant, where you can order food and drink during high season and at selected other times of the year, and make use of the Wi-Fi. There's a games room in the house, too. Elsewhere at the park you'll find a play area, underfloor-heated washrooms and 40 well-spaced pitches.

YOU SAY...

"This site is in a fantastic location. It's situated right on Dartmoor but is only a few miles from Tavistock. It isn't too large but has all the amenities you could want. It has a great atmosphere and the staff are always so helpful."

"The site is really clean, well-maintained and very eco-friendly. It's the little things that make a difference, such as having croissants in the morning. We stayed in a glamping pod, which had heating and plugs but still felt outdoorsy. Really enjoyed our stay and will definitely be back."



OAKDOWN TOURING AND HOLIDAY CARAVAN PARK



Address Gatedown Lane, Weston, Sidmouth EX10 OPT **Tel** 01297 680 387

Web www.oakdown.co.uk **Open** 16 March-3 November **Touring pitches** 150

Pitch+2+hook-up £18.50-£26.75 **Transport links** Bus stop at the site

WE SAY...

Oakdown Holiday Park has won a host of awards over the years; as well as being a regular entrant into our *Top 100 Sites Guide*, it took Visit Devon's Holiday Park of the Year trophy for 2017. The facilities are high quality and you'll get a warm welcome.

The Coffee Lodge is a good place to grab a drink or snack before you go out exploring for the day – the Jurassic Coast is close by. If you'd prefer to stay onsite, though, you'll be able to make full use of the other facilities. They include a couple of play areas for children, a games/TV room, a book library, Wi-Fi (for a charge) and more. The site is fairly large, but the pitches are nicely spaced out.

YOU SAY...

"Really friendly staff who look after families and senior caravanners well. The site is without equal and caters for your every need. Peace and quiet combined with beautiful countryside and the convenience of nearby Sidmouth."

"Love the cul-de-sac-style pitches, which make the site feel small. All facilities – showers, toilets, café, reception area – are always immaculate. Staff are friendly and helpful."

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Web www.parkersfarmholidays.co.uk **Open** 29 March-28 October **Touring pitches** 120

Pitch+2+hook-up £15-£23 **Transport links** Bus stop 550 yards, train station 7 miles

WE SAY...

There's so much for those of any age to do at Parkers Farm Holiday Park – whether they're staying in their own tent or tourer, or in one of the self-catering options – that no one will want to leave. For the children there are trampolines, an outdoor play area, farm animals to pat and tractor rides, while the adults will love the bar, restaurant and takeaway, and there's entertainment and bingo for both children and adults during the high season. They'll also appreciate the laundry room, information room, well-stocked shop and more.

If you decide to pop out for the day, Torbay is only around 12 miles away – with its beaches and traditional seaside attractions – and the delights of Dartmoor are on your doorstep.

YOU SAY...

"The site is very well looked after. We like the service pitches for privacy and good views. It's run by very friendly staff and the evening entertainment in season is enjoyable and there's good food in the restaurant."

"It is a brilliant family-run site – so clean, reasonably priced and so much for the children to do."

"The staff are so friendly and welcoming, and everything here is so clean and well organised. There's plenty to do for children, including a great farm walk and tractor rides."



STOWFORD FARM MEADOWS



Address Combe Martin, Ilfracombe EX34 0PW **Tel** 01271 882 476

Web www.stowford.co.uk **Open** All year **Touring pitches** 700

Pitch+2+hook-up £16-£39 **Transport links** Bus stop 8 miles

WE SAY...

Stowford Farm Meadows is a perennial favourite among the teams at *Practical Caravan* and *Practical Motorhome* – it's played host to many reader rallies over the years. There's just so much to do here, with a list of facilities that just keeps going: there's everything from a riding centre, farm shop, petting zoo and caravan workshop, to a swimming pool, games room, accessories store, crazy golf, bars, a takeaway and much more. A motorhome service point also features.

There should be more than enough to keep you entertained onsite, but if you fancy getting out and about to explore, don't miss Exmoor National Park. There are also some beautiful sandy beaches along this stretch of the North Devon coast.

YOU SAY...

"A lovely looking site, very well laid out with all the facilities you could hope for. Not many sites are kept as clean as Stowford and the service is first class. We wouldn't want to stay anywhere else in the area."

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Pitch+2+hook-up £18-£35 **Transport links** Bus stop 0.1 mile

WE SAY...

If you take your dog on holiday with you, you'll feel right at home at Whitehill Country Park, located in south Devon close to the towns and beaches of the English Riviera. Dogs are welcome in the on-site Hayloft bar, there are drinking bowls around the park and even complimentary dog treats at reception! There's also a dog-exercise area and a dedicated shower for washing your pet off afterwards.

Human members of your party are also sure to enjoy their stay here. In addition to the outdoor heated swimming pool and entertainment in the bar, there's also a café and a country store, while a motorhome service point and a laundry are among the amenities.

YOU SAY...

"Clean and quiet with large pitches; this is a great place to stay if you have kids. The site team are very accommodating and helpful. We'll be back in 2018!"

"Great atmosphere, very relaxed and friendly, and has everything that you would need on site. I've been staying here since I was little and I'm now 21 – we're definitely going to continue returning."

"Whitehill is the best site we've ever stayed on! Lots to do and the staff are very friendly and helpful. We stay here around six times a year."



WIDDICOMBE FARM TOURING PARK



Address The Ring Road, Marldon, Paignton TQ3 1ST **Tel** 01803 558 325

Web www.widdicombefarm.co.uk **Open** 17 March-27 October **Touring pitches** 200

Pitch+2+hook-up £15.50-£24.50 **Transport links** Bus stop 1 mile, plus daytime shuttle bus

WE SAY...

Widdicombe Farm, which welcomes adults touring without children, is in a fantastic location near the popular area of Torbay. As such, it's perfect for using as a base to explore the beaches and shops of Paignton and Torquay, as well as their restaurants and pubs.

But you don't even need to leave the site to do the latter, if that's what you'd prefer; Widdicombe Farm is fully licensed, and you can enjoy a tipple in Gordon's Bar at the park and eat good food and have a drink in Poppie's restaurant from Easter to the end of September. Entertainment is also available during the high season.

There are no narrow lanes that need negotiating on the way to the park; once you get there you'll find Wi-Fi, a launderette, a small shop and more.

YOU SAY...

"It's well laid-out – you don't feel on top of everyone despite it being a large site. All the staff are friendly and we enjoyed the evening entertainment at the bar. The toilets were really clean."

"A perfect adults-only site within easy reach of Torquay and Paignton, with all the amenities you could ever need."

"Wardens are friendly and helpful from the outset, with them seeing you onto your pitch. Shower blocks are up there with the best. Will happily stay on this site again."



WOODLANDS GROVE CARAVAN & CAMPING



Address Dartmouth, Devon TQ9 7DQ **Tel** 01803 712 598

Web www.woodlandsgrove.co.uk **Open** 23 March-28 October **Touring pitches** 55

Pitch+2+hook-up £18-£27 **Transport links** Bus stop outside the gate

WE SAY...

Families with children will be in their element at Woodlands Grove Caravan & Camping – guests at the site get free entry to Woodlands Family Theme Park for the duration of their stay! The theme park also features a falconry centre, where those of all ages can get close to some wonderful birds. The campsite is also close to the south Devon town of Dartmouth, which hosts a regatta at the end of August.

Both all-weather and grass pitches can be selected at Woodlands Grove, with 90% of them having 10A electric hook-up. Wi-Fi (for a charge), clean and tidy washrooms, a charging facility for mobiles and so on, a games room, tourist information and laundry facilities are sure to help make your stay a comfortable and enjoyable one.

YOU SAY...

"It's tranquil, beautiful and also amuses the kids – the whole package is just awesome. We're in love with Woodlands and have been visiting for about 15 years."

"I visited the site three years in a row as a single parent with my son. The staff were friendly and very helpful, the site was extremely clean with all amenities to hand and a fantastic games room."

"There are not many sites that are so reasonably priced, with such good facilities and access to a theme park."



What to see in Devon

Why not pay a visit to one of these great events while you're staying at a *Top 100* site?

Third Sunday of each month in 2018**Totnes Good Food Sunday Market**
Market Square, Totnes

Devon's biggest farmer's market returns during 2018, in Totnes Market Square on the third Sunday of each month. You'll be able to stock up on fantastic local products and chat with the producers themselves; after you've visited, be sure to take a look around the pretty town itself.

Web www.totnesgoodfood.co.uk

3-10 August 2018**Sidmouth Folk Week**

Various locations, Sidmouth

The Sidmouth Folk Week (pictured) has a long history, having been running since 1955. This year tens of thousands of visitors will head to the east Devon town to see more than 700 events, ranging from intimate performances through to live shows from some of folk music's biggest names, including Eliza Carthy and Fairport Convention. Storytelling, dancing and children's events also take place during the action-packed week.

Web www.sidmouthfolkweek.co.uk

21-23 September 2018**Abbfest**

Fermoy's Garden Centre, Newton Abbot

This charity-run food, beer and music festival has raised more than £200,000 since its inception 13 years ago.

Web www.abbfest.org

5 November 2018**Ottery St Mary Tar Barrels**
Ottery St Mary, Devon

Experience the extraordinary sight of the burning barrels at this traditional event, held every year in Ottery St Mary. Full-sized barrels are set alight and carried by participants through the streets in a procession. The event started soon after the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, but exactly why isn't known. Some say the barrels were used to fumigate cottages, while others say it was to act as a warning of the approach of the Spanish Armada.

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Near Kentisbeare, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 2DT.
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Directions - From the A386 Tavistock - Okehampton Road two and a half miles east of Tavistock, take road to Peter Tavy, Park 100m from turn off from A386.

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Woodlands Grove Caravan & Camping Park
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Email: holiday@woodlandsgrove.com
Website: www.woodlandsgrove.co.uk
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WE SAY...

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YOU SAY...

"We have been visiting the site for 15 years and the owners and staff are so friendly and helpful. Nothing is too much trouble. It's very peaceful and so well kept. The dogs are well looked after, with lovely dog walks and a dog shower. The restaurant is excellent."

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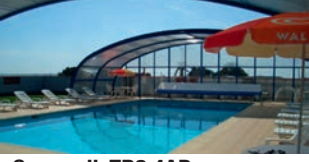
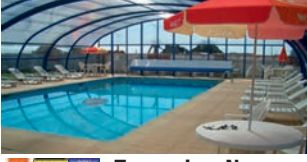
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Tower Park Caravans & Camping Site

St. Buryan, Penzance, Cornwall, TR196BZ.
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3 miles beyond Penzance on the A30 turn left onto B3283 signposted St Buryan. On entering village turn right, Tower Park is 300 yards from the village. Peaceful family run campsite near unspoilt beaches and The Minack theatre. Short walk to village pub and shops. Open from 17th March to 3rd November.
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River Valley Holiday Park

London Apprentice, Pentewan Road, St Austell, Cornwall PL26 7AP
Tel. 0172673533
Email: mail@rivervalleyholidaypark.co.uk
Take the B3273 from St. Austell. River Valley is in the village of London Apprentice - 2 miles from the coast. 2 miles from the fishing village of Mevagissey. Flat level site with an indoor swimming pool. Dogs welcome. Open April - October 7th. Price per night £17 - £35
Bookings advisable

CORNWALL

The county that's welcomed tourists for hundreds of years

OF ALL THE touring regions in the UK, Cornwall is perhaps the most popular – it offers a tempting combination of tremendous and dramatic scenery, and a wealth of great sites at which to stay. This year, there are nine parks that have made it into this regional category of our *Top 100 Sites Guide*.

Those nine parks are mostly located to the south of the county, where you'll find a glorious coastline to enjoy during your stay, with some stunning and sandy beaches. The north coast is more rugged, and a real hotspot for surfers: it's a brilliant place to enjoy a blustery walk and get some real peace and solitude at the same time.

There's much more to the region than its shoreline, however. Among the many attractions here that should be on your must-visit list are Bodmin Moor, the Eden Project, the Lost Gardens of Heligan and the Minack Theatre. There are also some brilliant towns to visit, including St Ives, Padstow, Penzance, Liskeard and more.



EDEN VALLEY HOLIDAY PARK



Address Lanlivery PL30 5BU **Tel** 01208 872 277

Web www.edenvalleyholidaypark.co.uk **Open** 23 March-31 October **Touring pitches** 80

Pitch+2+hook-up £15-£19 **Transport links** Train station 2 miles

WE SAY...

The touring pitches at Eden Valley are set in small paddocks, so you'll never feel that you're packed in – the pitches themselves are of a good size, too. This is a great place to really get away from it all: there's no clubhouse here, but there is a pair of washrooms, a launderette, an indoor games room with pool table, a children's adventure playground, a dog exercise paddock and a washing-up area. Your accommodation options include your own tourer or tent, or you can stay in one of the spotless Forest Glade holiday lodges.

The local area is packed with great places to go, not least the many stunning beaches you'll find in this region; Bodmin Moor and the South West Coast Path are perfect for walkers, meanwhile.

YOU SAY...

"The site is peaceful and without unnecessary 'entertainment', and the owners are very friendly and always ready to help without being intrusive. Eden Valley is a really lovely place to stay."

"There are really good washroom facilities, a games room and a kids' playground, plus lots of nature in the form of a lovely stream and trees. Can't wait to visit again."

"Staff are fantastic and it's a lovely clean site, in excellent surroundings at a very good price!"



PENMARLAM CARAVAN AND CAMPING PARK



Address Bodinnick, Fowey PL23 1LZ **Tel** 01726 870 088

Web www.penmarlampark.co.uk **Open** 30 March-27 October **Touring pitches** 63

Pitch+2+hook-up £18.50-£30 **Transport links** Train station 8 miles

WE SAY...

Penmarlam Caravan and Camping Park, which offers beautiful views across southern Cornwall, is divided into two areas: the front field has been left with a more natural feel, while the rear field is more manicured. All pitches have electric hook-up and full-service pitches get water and drainage.

There's everything you'll need here to enjoy a comfortable stay. The onsite shop offers a good range of groceries, while the washrooms are clean and tidy – no wonder they've won a Platinum Loo of the Year award for the past seven years! There's also a fridge and microwave for guests to use, as well as an ice-pack freezing service. There's even a boat-launching spot close to the site entrance, too.

YOU SAY...

"We spent a fabulous week here with family. From arrival to departure, we could not fault any part of our stay. The facilities are well appointed, extremely clean and inviting – even the small touches such as flowers in the ladies' shower/toilet block, as well as curtains to dress the windows, go such a long way in giving a good impression. The Bodinnick to Fowey Ferry is about half a mile away."

"A really friendly site and close to moorings when hiring a boat to get about. It's a nice part of the country."



PENTEWAN SANDS HOLIDAY PARK



Address Pentewan, St Austell PL26 6BT **Tel** 01726 843 485

Web www.pentewan.co.uk **Open** 23 March-28 October **Touring pitches** 420

Pitch+2+hook-up £20.80-£42 **Transport links** Bus stop 5 mins, train station 4 miles

WE SAY...

What do you look for in a Cornish holiday? Whatever it is, there's a good chance that you'll find it at Pentewan Sands, on Cornwall's south coast. The facilities here are excellent and ideal if you're visiting with children; among them you'll find a couple of indoor swimming pools (including one with a water flume), an amusement arcade, a soft-play zone, tennis courts (for a charge), the Seahorse bar and restaurant (where entertainment is offered during the high season), a Cornish-themed tavern and much more.

The touring pitches at Pentewan are located to the south of the site, closest to the beach; the holiday caravans, meanwhile, are to the north of the park.

If you travel with your pet, you should note that dogs are not allowed at Pentewan Sands.

YOU SAY...

"The site is clean and tidy, the staff are friendly and the site offers nice views. Nothing is too much trouble for the team: they sorted a special beach wheelchair for us."

"Fantastic for the kids, boating and walking to nearby towns – Pentewan Sands just has it all."

"There are lots of activities on site, from the beach to kayaking, walking, exploring, bike rides or chilling on the beach and at the pub."



POLMANTER TOURING PARK



Address Polmanter Touring Park, St Ives TR26 3LX **Tel** 01736 795 640
Web www.polmanter.co.uk **Open** 30 March-27 October **Touring pitches** 240
Pitch+2+hook-up £19-£34 **Transport links** Bus stop at site

WE SAY...

The north Cornwall coastal town of St Ives has long been a tourist hotspot, and you can enjoy a relaxing break there by staying at Polmanter Touring Park. You have a choice of pitches, from non-serviced grass to multi-serviced hardstanding, and they're spread across seven areas, so nowhere feels too crowded. There's plenty here to occupy all members of your party; among the list of facilities are a bar and restaurant, a takeaway, a swimming pool, a games room, dog wash (the staff can advise you on some great local walks and dog-friendly beaches), putting green, a shop and much more.

The site is only 1.5 miles from St Ives, so it's a reasonably easy walk to and from the town, but there's a bus stop at the site for those who want to take it easy.

YOU SAY...

"Fantastic in every single way! We love the location, the fact that the site is clean and tidy and well kept, the good-sized pitches, the friendly staff, the holding field for ease of arrival and, of course, the excellent facilities."

"Polmanter Touring Park has lots to do for young and old: tennis, swimming, a clubhouse, bingo, restaurant, soft play area, outdoor play area, small golf area and more."

"This is a fantastic family-run site; we really did enjoy every single day of our stay."



POLRUAN HOLIDAYS



Address Townsend, Polruan-by-Fowey PL23 1QH **Tel** 01726 870 263
Web www.polruanholidays.com **Open** 28 April-29 September (adults only from 8-29 Sept)
Touring pitches 20 **Pitch+2+hook-up** £20-£30 **Transport links** Bus stop at site

WE SAY...

The pitches at Polruan are set across three acres of glorious Cornish countryside and offer some tremendous views of the rugged coastline – it's the perfect place to relax and unwind. There's no bar or entertainment here, which will help make your stay even more peaceful.

The facilities are of a high standard, and include a shop stocking a range of products, an information room with details of local attractions, free Wi-Fi, a laundry room, a library and a free-to-use microwave and fridge. There's also a children's play area, while a fish and chip van visits the site once a week.

Polruan is situated near many fantastic attractions, among them the Roseland Heritage Coast, the Eden Project, St Austell and the Lost Gardens of Heligan.

YOU SAY...

"Kept to the highest standard with a friendly welcome, great views and all the amenities you could wish for. Everything is exceptionally clean and tidy, and environmentally friendly too; there's an onsite shop, hook-ups and even a mini launderette. The pitches are large, and everything that we love about Cornwall was on our van-step."

"It's quiet and beautifully kept, and the people who run it are very welcoming. What's not to like?"



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Address Gwendreath, Lizard TR12 7LZ **Tel** 01326 290 631

Web www.silversandsholidaypark.co.uk **Open** 24 March-26 October **Touring pitches** 16

Pitch+2+hook-up £16.50-£26 **Transport links** Bus stop 0.6 mile

WE SAY...

Enjoy a relaxing break at this popular campsite, located on Cornwall's Lizard peninsula. That means some of Cornwall's finest scenery is close by, including the stunning shores at Kynance Cove and Kennack Sands.

Silver Sands itself offers a good range of facilities, ranging from play areas for children, a small shop for essentials and an information hut, to Wi-Fi (for a charge), a public barbecue point, laundry amenities and a washing-up area. You can choose to stay in your own tourer or tent, or in one of the site's comfortable self-catering lodges or caravans; touring pitches have either 10A or 13A electric hook-up and a water connection point, while well-positioned trees and shrubs allow for that bit of extra privacy.

YOU SAY...

"The owners are friendly and very helpful, the showers are free and always hot and the dishwashing area is always clean and tidy. It's a peaceful and beautiful site."

"We've visited this site for the past seven years. It's beautifully kept and always clean, and is a quiet place with lovely owners who work so hard but always have time to chat. I could spend a month here and still think it's not long enough. I have a nine-year-old daughter who adores the excellent play equipment here."



TRETHERM MILL TOURING PARK



Address St Just in Roseland, Nr St Mawes TR2 5JF **Tel** 01872 580 504

Web www.trethem.com **Open** 29 March-7 October **Touring pitches** 84

Pitch+2+hook-up £22-£30 **Transport links** Bus stop 550 yards

WE SAY...

Many readers have told us how much they love Trethem Mill Touring Park over the years, and the votes flooded in for it again for our 2018 guide. The facilities are excellent and are located in an easy-to-access central building; amenities at the site include a licensed shop selling local produce, an information area, a motorhome service point and a fully equipped launderette.

Wildlife is encouraged here: as you walk around you'll spot many bird boxes which attract a wide variety of species, including woodpeckers. There's also a dog and nature walk with interpretation boards.

Trethem Mill is located on the beautiful Roseland Peninsula - nearby attractions are the pretty Cornish villages of St Mawes and Portscatho.

YOU SAY...

"It's in a great position on the Roseland Peninsula. The site is immaculate and welcoming. The facilities are spotless."

"It's a beautiful, spacious, excellently appointed site. In fact the best site we have ever stayed on in 40 years. We have two large dogs and they are well catered for here with the expansive dog-walking area. It's huge, scenic and a beautiful nature area with both shaded and open areas. An absolute joy to spend time in - there are even benches dotted around so you can sit and enjoy the lovely views!"





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Web www.wooda.co.uk **Open** 24 March-3 November **Touring pitches** 200

Pitch+2+hook-up £21-£32 **Transport links** Shuttle bus stops outside the gates

WE SAY...

The Colwill family are your hosts at Wooda Farm, a popular site near Bude that has won a host of awards over the years. There's a large range of accommodation options: if you're not staying in your own tourer or tent, you can opt to rent out one of the holiday caravans or cottages, some of which are pet-friendly.

There's a wealth of facilities to make your stay here more relaxing, from the bar and grill, takeaway and well-stocked shop, to Wi-Fi (for a charge), a launderette and a trio of tidy washrooms.

The site is located close to the Devon border, so it's perfect for exploring both counties. Walkers will love the rugged coastline here, and the town of Bude offers a good range of shops, restaurants and pubs. It's also renowned for its excellent surf.

YOU SAY...

"Immaculate site with superb pitches. Facilities are as near perfect as they can be and most pitches have sea views.

The addition of leisure facilities – including a bar and restaurant – is a bonus. Food from the takeaway is cooked to order and the well-stocked shop is the icing on the cake."

"Large, open site with a view of the coast. The excellent facilities are never crowded, the pitches are spacious and the staff are friendly and helpful."



What to see in Cornwall

Why not pay a visit to one of these great events while you're staying at a *Top 100* site?

1 May

Padstow May Day

North Quay, Padstow

May Day celebrations (pictured) have taken place in Padstow for centuries. Look out for the famous 'Obby oss' as they wheel and turn in parades across the town; the proceedings finish at midnight with singing around a maypole.

Web www.padstowobbyoss.wordpress.com

14 July

Liskeard Agricultural Show

Merrymeet, Liskeard

Experience one of the biggest agricultural shows in the South West at this annual event. The schedule for 2018 had yet to be confirmed as we went to press, but you can see livestock competitions, displays, entertainment and more. Last year, a free bus to the show operated from the town.

Web www.liskeardshow.org

8-15 September

South East Cornwall Walking Festival

Various locations

Lace up your walking boots and join in with this popular festival, which is now in its 17th year; you'll be able to take in some of the region's most beautiful views and welcoming towns. All of the events are led by guides, and there's set to be a range of routes suitable for varying levels of ability.

Web <http://bit.ly/2y2PFJ9>

8-25 September

St Ives Festival

Various locations, St Ives

This two-week celebration of the arts in the pretty town of St Ives promises to offer a huge number of events; as well as live music and performances, you'll also be able to enjoy guided walks, open studios so you can see artists at work, free exhibitions and lots more. The full 2018 schedule of events had yet to be released as we went to press, so keep checking the event website for details.

Web www.stiveseptemberfestival.co.uk



TEHIDY HOLIDAY PARK



Address Harris Mill, Illogan, Redruth TR16 4JQ **Tel** 01209 216 489
Web www.tehidy.co.uk **Open** 30 March-3 November **Touring pitches** 28
Pitch+2+hook-up £17-£23 **Transport links** Bus stop at the entrance, train station 5 mins

WE SAY...

This is Tehidy Holiday Park's sixth year in a row at the top of our Cornwall category – an outstanding achievement that shows just how good its many visitors find it.

So what makes it so great? For starters, its central location means that it's perfect for exploring the county's many attractions, including stunning beaches and historic towns. But it's the warm welcome that you'll receive upon arrival, and the quality of the facilities at the park, that really impress. Whether you stay in a tourer or tent, or one of the hireable caravans or glamping pods, you can make use of the excellent amenities. There's a fantastic play area for children, and a games room with TV, a pool table and more. The older members of your party will appreciate the more practical side of things, including the information room, clothes dryers, BBQ points, spotless washrooms, licensed shop, Wi-Fi (for a charge) – there's everything here that you could need during your stay.

YOU SAY...

- "We took a short break here because we had heard such good things about the site – and Tehidy Holiday Park still outlived our massive expectations."
- "What a find! Perfect location and excellent accommodation. We're planning our summer here for 2018."
- "Plenty to do and everyone chills out when they get here."
- "Wonderful site and owners. This has to be one of the best sites I've ever been to."
- "It's easy to see why this site has so many awards. It is just so relaxing and beautiful, with excellent facilities."



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"EVERY TIME WE'VE VISITED THE SITE, WE'VE BEEN INCREDIBLY IMPRESSED BY ITS TREMENDOUS FACILITIES AND THE WARMTH OF THE WELCOME"



South Lytchett Manor won our overall award last year, so it wasn't a huge surprise to find a large number of you cast your vote for it this season, too – every time we've visited the site, we've been incredibly impressed by its tremendous facilities and the warmth of the welcome. Your comments reflect this; it's a worthy winner of our top gong once again.

It's the sheer attention to detail at South Lytchett that promises to give you the very best stay. For example, no matter what your choice of accommodation – bring your own tourer or tent, or stay in the glorious Bowtop caravan – you'll be able to use the free onsite Wi-Fi. The well-stocked (and licensed) shop can supply you with provisions or last-minute essentials, while the washrooms are beautifully clean – they even feature fresh flowers and music.

Some sites seem to forget the experience of younger guests, but children will find plenty to occupy them here. A new adventure playground was built for 2017, and seasonal treasure hunts are organised for them to enjoy; there's a games room, too. Other facilities above and beyond those of many other sites include bicycle hire, an off-lead dog-walking area and a spotless family bathroom.

Dorset is hugely popular, and the site's location allows you to explore the county with ease. Poole is within easy reach – you can catch a bus by the main gates that will take you there, as well as to Swanage, Weymouth and Wareham. Corfe Castle, Bournemouth and the New Forest are also close by. Add in the fact that this is a really dog-friendly site and it's easy to see why so many of you love this place. Congratulations once more to all at South Lytchett Manor.

• For full details of the site, see p76

TOP 10 SITES FOR...

Some of our sites scored better with visitors than others, depending on the type of accommodation that the voter stayed in. Here's a full list of the 10 most popular sites in each category – use it to help make your next tour even better!

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Old Brick Kilns offers top-notch amenities in beautiful Norfolk

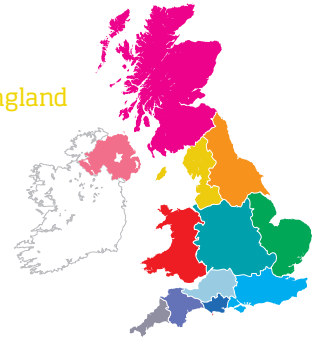
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South Lytchett Manor is ideally placed for exploring Dorset

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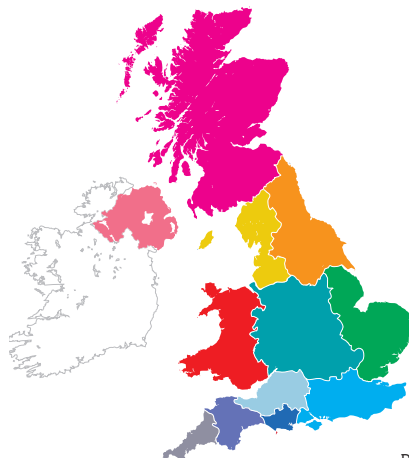
Tyddyn Isaf combines attention to detail with a great location

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