



Countryside Destinations and Events 2021

FREE guide

Discover wonderful days out...

Countryside Destinations and Visitor Centres

Situated in the heart of England, come and enjoy our countryside destinations. Relax in beautiful surroundings with some of the region's best country parks, trails, waterways and attractions. Great visitor centres, cycle hire facility, boat trips, fishing and seasonal events to enjoy.

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Black Rocks, Cromford



Countryside events...

About the events

We've lined up a range of seasonal events for everyone to enjoy. All are Covid-Secure and will follow the latest government guidance and restrictions. Please adhere to the rules related to social distancing, face coverings and hand hygiene. Our friendly and experienced teams are on hand to help you entertain the kids, learn a new skill and to explore. Any event cancellations would be posted at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countrysideevents

Event booking and charges

The majority of events are bookable via their respective Visitor Centre. **Special event charges vary.** Some of our events are **FREE**. Details can be found throughout the brochure.

Parking charges apply at our principal countryside destinations. If you are coming to several events and visit these sites regularly, why not consider an **annual parking season ticket**. Visit: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside

Clothes and what to bring with you

Warm clothing, a waterproof and suitable footwear is recommended. For longer activities and workshops please bring a packed lunch and plenty of drinks. In warm weather remember your sun protection.

Young people attending our events

All children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Workshops

All tools and equipment will be provided. No previous experience is required as tuition will be given. Participants may be required to use hand tools. Workshops are not suitable for children under 16 years.

Photographs

Please note we may take photographs at our events. These may be used in future leaflets and publicity for which the appropriate permissions will be sought.

Dogs

'Dogs welcome on leads' at some events, unless otherwise stated.

General enquiries and feedback

[f DerbyshireCountryside](https://www.facebook.com/DerbyshireCountryside)

Visit: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside

Write to: Derbyshire County Council, Countryside Service, Economy, Transport and Environment, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3AG.

Email: countrysideservice@derbyshire.gov.uk

Comments: We welcome your feedback and comments. Please send these using any of the methods listed above.

Note: images in the brochure pre-date COVID-19.

HOT DRINK VOUCHER

Buy One Get One Free Offer

VALID UNTIL
31 December 2021

The Voucher can be redeemed for one regular size hot drink (tea, coffee, hot chocolate - no change given) at any of these Derbyshire County Council Countryside Visitor Centres, subject to availability.

Shipley Country Park, Heanor, DE75 7GX: 01629 533991

High Peak Junction Visitor Centre, Cromford: 01629 533298

Elvaston Castle Country Park, Elvaston, Derby, DE72 3EP: 01629 533870

Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, Lockoford Lane, Chesterfield, S41 7JB: 01629 533020

Middleton Top Visitor Centre, Middleton by Wirksworth, DE4 4LS: 01629 533298

Note: Opening times and days vary. Please see the website or contact the Centre

Limited: 1 voucher/per person/per year. **Only original vouchers will be accepted.**

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside



CYCLE HIRE VOUCHER

£5 Discount when hiring two or more bikes

VALID UNTIL
31 October 2021

Redeemable at Middleton Top Cycle Hire Centre only. Bikes must be pre-booked. Discount is off the total hire charge. Can't be used in conjunction with any other offer. Non-transferable, no cash equivalent value.

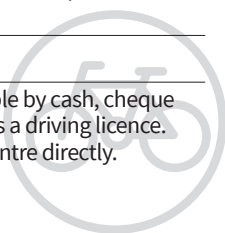
Middleton Top Cycle Hire Centre, Middleton Top Visitor Centre, Middleton by Wirksworth, Derbyshire, DE4 4LS: 01629 533294

Come and explore the beautiful High Peak Trail by bike.

£20 cash deposit required for up to 9 bikes. Proof of identity essential. Payable by cash, cheque or credit card. You will also need to bring along one form of Identification, such as a driving licence. Download the cycle hire opening dates/times from our website or contact the Centre directly.

Only original vouchers will be accepted. Offer is subject to availability.

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/cycling



ELVASTON CASTLE COUNTRY PARK

Near
Derby

Elvaston Castle Country Park is truly magical and steeped in history. Its formal gardens and wider parkland still inspire and surprise today. At the heart of the estate is Elvaston Castle, a gothic revival masterpiece, once home to the Stanhope family and Earls of Harrington.



Licenced for weddings inside the stunning Gothic Hall and walled gardens, this venue will not fail to wow. Lots for families to see and do, with play and picnic areas, events and festivals throughout the year.

Head for the Castle Courtyards and Wyatt's café overlooking the stunning parterre gardens or start your visit at the Information Centre and Shop. You will find friendly advice, refreshments and a wide range of gifts and seasonal produce grown on the estate.

Tramper scooter hire can be booked for easy access around the park.



Find us

Elvaston Castle Country Park,
Borrowash Road (B5010), Elvaston, Derby,
Derbyshire, DE72 3EP. Tel: 01629 533870.

Stay in touch

Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/elvaston

f [ElvastonCastleCountryPark](https://www.facebook.com/ElvastonCastleCountryPark)

Email: countrysideservice@derbyshire.gov.uk

For information about Elvaston's future visit:
www.futureelvaston.co.uk

Visitor car park is pay and display





Elvaston Castle

For all events - unless otherwise stated:

Meet: Elvaston Castle Courtyards

Equipment: Suitable clothing and footwear

Location: Sat Nav DE72 3EP

Information: Elvaston Castle Country Park 01629 533870. Parking charges apply. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs welcome on leads.

If you would like to organise your own event, please contact us. Elvaston offers indoor and outdoor spaces for hire, ranging from a 27 acre showground to a smaller events field or the stunning Gothic Hall.

FRIDAY 02 APRIL 10.30am-3.30pm.
Turn up any time.

ELVASTON GOLDEN EGG TRAIL

Join us and the Easter Bunny for some eggciting Easter Fun at Elvaston. Hop on down and follow the famous Golden Egg Trail to claim a reward.

Meet: Castle courtyards. **Length:** Less than two miles. **Cost:** £4 per trail sheet.

THURSDAY 29 JULY 10.30am-3.30pm

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

If you go down to Elvaston Castle today you're sure of a big surprise! Bring your favourite bear and a packed lunch to kick off the summer holidays by joining us for a picnic on the lawn.

Meet: East Avenue (Lawn in front of castle steps). **Cost:** FREE to attend picnic, small charge for some activities.

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 12noon-4pm
NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME (NGS)
OPEN DAYS

Come and discover the beauty of the Old English

walled garden at Elvaston Castle. Take in the peaceful atmosphere and enjoy the scents and colours of the tree varieties, summer bedding and herbaceous borders. Estate gardeners on hand during the day, refreshments available.

Meet: Old English Walled Garden

Cost: Adults £2.50, children under 16 free.

Further information: www.ngs.org.uk

SATURDAY 28 AUGUST and THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 7-9pm

PARK IN THE DARK

Find out more about night time nature residents here at Elvaston Castle. You will meet local rescued wildlife and explore the grounds to find our resident bat species. **Length:** Less than a mile. **Equipment:** Bring a torch and wear suitable footwear. **Cost:** Adults £6, Children £4. Sorry, no dogs. **BOOKING & PRE-PAYMENT ESSENTIAL** Contact 01629 533870.



SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 10am-4pm
SPOON CARVING WORKSHOP

A one day workshop to teach the use of axe and knife with the aim of carving a spoon of your

own to take away. Other woodcarving ideas for the home will be discussed and shown, along with inspirational ideas for decoration work. Suitable for beginners, this course uses sharp hand tools which can seem strange at first, but full tuition will be given. Participants must have a basic level of strength and fitness to control the tools when carving under instruction. **Meet:** Advised on booking.

Cost: £40 per person (suitable for ages 16+).

Bring a packed lunch or money for the café.

BOOKING & PRE-PAYMENT ESSENTIAL

Contact 01629 533870.



SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 10.30am-3pm.

Turn up any time.

HALLOWEEN TRAIL & PUMPKIN PARLOUR

Complete our spooky trail to earn your certificate, then head to the courtyards to visit our Pumpkin Parlour and carve your very own pumpkin to take home! Fancy dress encouraged. **Meet:** Castle courtyards. **Cost:** £2 per trail sheet, pumpkin and other activity prices vary.

SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER and SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 7pm-9pm

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Come and be amazed by the night sky at Elvaston. Learn about the planets in our Solar System, stars, and constellations. Enjoy a hot drink and see what we can spot through the high-powered telescopes.

Cost: Adults £6, children £4 (price includes one hot drink) Sorry no dogs. **BOOKING & PRE-PAYMENT ESSENTIAL** Contact 01629 533870.

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER and SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 10am-12noon and 1-3pm

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Always a popular event, our traditional wreath making workshops will show you how to make you own Christmas wreath to take home, using materials from the grounds of Elvaston Castle. Hot drink included. Come and have a go! **Cost:** £20 per person. **BOOKING & PRE-PAYMENT ESSENTIAL** Contact 01629 533870.





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it's what we make it

For more information about the exciting plans for Elvaston, or to get involved, please go to www.futureelvaston.co.uk or search for "Elvaston Castle and Gardens Trust" page on facebook.

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Visitor Information, South Derbyshire District Council, Civic Way, Swadlincote DE11 0AH



SHIPLEY COUNTRY PARK ^{Heanor}

One of the region's finest, Shipley Country Park and Visitor Centre are set in 700 acres of rolling hills, wildflower meadows and tranquil lakes teeming with wildlife. Developed during the eighteenth century as a country estate and coal mining area by the influential Miller Mundy family.



Offering a great day out, with superb play areas, an outdoor gym and over 20 miles of quiet paths and bridleways to discover.

Tramper scooters are available from the Visitor Centre offering freedom for those with more limited mobility. Booking required.

Day fishing is available from the bankside.

The Visitor Centre with Arts and Crafts Shop is a great place to start, with a wonderful selection of unique cards, prints, handcrafted gifts and quality homewares.

Enjoy seasonal events and specialist workshops throughout the year.

For tasty treats and homemade snacks head to the popular café in the Visitor Centre.



Find us

Shipley Country Park, Slack Lane,
Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7GX
Tel: 01629 533991.

The gift shop in the Visitor Centre is open April – October: 9.30am – 4.30pm and November – March 10am – 4pm. Closed Christmas day.

Pay & Display parking available at the Visitor Centre car park and Mapperley Reservoir. No horse box parking at Mapperley Reservoir car park.

Stay in touch

Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/shipley

f ShipleyCountryPark

Email: countrysideservice@derbyshire.gov.uk





Shingley Country Park

For all events - unless otherwise stated:

Meet: Shingley Country Park Visitor Centre

Equipment: Suitable clothing and footwear

Location: Sat Nav DE75 7GX

Information: Shingley Country Park 01629 533991. Parking charges apply. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs welcome on leads.

If you would like to organise your own event and/or hire a room or outdoor space please contact the visitor centre.

EVERY SATURDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR – subject to Covid-19 rules 9am

SHINGLEY COUNTRY parkrun

A FREE weekly timed 5K on a mixture of tarmac, gravel and trail paths in Shingley Country Park. It is a fun, free event organised by volunteers for the benefit of everyone. Registration with parkrun is required before your first event.

Meet: Just past the Visitor Centre, next to the Event Field. **Further information:** www.parkrun.org.uk/shingleycountry

EVERY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR – subject to Covid-19 rules 9am

SHINGLEY COUNTRY JUNIOR parkrun

A FREE weekly timed 2K event in Shingley Country Park run for juniors (aged 4 – 14 years). It is a fun, free event organised by volunteers for the benefit of everyone. Registration with parkrun is required before your first event. The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace! **Meet:** Just past

the Visitor Centre, next to the Event Field.

Further information: www.parkrun.org.uk/shingleycountry-juniors/

FRIDAY 02 – SATURDAY 10 APRIL 10.30am-3.30pm. Turn up any time. Self-led activity. HOPPING MAD!

Bring the kids along for some Easter fun! Follow the Easter Trail to find the hidden clues and discover the secret word. Return to the start to collect your sweet treat! **Length:** 1 mile approximately. **Cost:** £2 per child.

SUNDAY 11 – SUNDAY 18 APRIL 10.30am-3.30pm. Turn up any time. Self-led activity.

ODD EGG TRAIL

Come along to this egg-themed trail during the Easter school holiday. Track down the clue cards to help you complete the activity sheet all about the weird world of eggs! Return to the Visitor Centre to receive a certificate. **Length:** 1 mile approximately. **Cost:** £1.50 per child.

SUNDAY 30 MAY – SUNDAY 06 JUNE 10.30am-3.30pm. Turn up any time. Self-led activity.

CHEEKY MONKEY TRAIL

Come along to this trail about weird and wonderful monkey's from around the world! Track down the clue cards to help you complete the activity sheet and then return to the Visitor Centre to receive a certificate. **Length:** 1 mile approximately. **Cost:** £1.50 per child.

SATURDAY 05 JUNE and SATURDAY 26 JUNE - 10am-4pm. Turn up any time.

SOLAR OBSERVING

Come along to view our closest star, the Sun, through special filters. Ilkeston and District Astronomical Society will have a selection of telescopes for you to look through and a chance

to ask questions to members of the society. (Solar viewing is weather permitting).

Cost: FREE event.

FRIDAY 25 JUNE 6pm-8pm MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL COMMUNITY 5K and 10K

A fantastic running event at Shingley Country Park organised by Heanor Running Club. Registration required. Race entry fee applies. Medal awarded to all finishers. **Meet:** Shingley Hall Cricket Club, DE75 7JH. **Further information:** www.heanorrunningclub.com

SUNDAY 27 JUNE 12noon-4.30pm.

MOSAIC WORKSHOP

An introductory workshop to the art of mosaics. We will guide you while you create a stunning piece of mosaic artwork to take home. All equipment and materials provided. Suitable for beginners.

Cost: £40 per person. **Further Information:**

Not suitable for children under 16 years of age. Participants must be able to use hand tools.

BOOKING & PRE-PAYMENT ESSENTIAL.

Contact: 01629 533991

SUNDAY 25 July 11am-4pm.

Turn up any time.

INSECT SHOW

Join the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Entomological Society for their bug-tastic Insect Show with insect related displays, including live specimens. A guided insect search will also take place (details nearer the time). **Cost:** FREE.

SUNDAY 25 JULY – MONDAY 30 AUGUST 10.30am-3.30pm. Turn up any time. Self-led activity.

SCHOOLS OUT!

During the school summer holidays there will be a different self-led activity each week, so make time for fun with the family in the fresh air. Track down the clue cards

to complete your activity sheet and learn about some weird and wonderful nature from around the Earth. Return to the Visitor Centre to receive a certificate! **Length:** 1-2 miles. **Cost:** £1.50 per child per trail.

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER Race Start time 4pm.

Registration from 2pm.

DOUBLE OR QUIT OR MORE RACE

An Annual Charity Race in and around Shingley Country Park. Organised by Ilkeston Running Club to raise money for charitable causes. On the day, you choose the distance you want to run, or Nordic Walk (5 miles only). One, two or three laps of a 5 mile multi-terrain route, 5, 10 or 15 miles. (Time limit of 2 hours 15 minutes to complete your race). The race starts at 4pm. **Meet:** Shingley Country Park Events Field. Registration is required. Race entry fee applies. On the day entries may be available until the race limit is reached. Registration opens in April 2021.

Further information:

www.ilkestonrunningclub.co.uk/doubleorquit

SATURDAY 11 – SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER AUTUMN FOOTPRINTS - THE AMBER VALLEY AND EREWASH WALKING FESTIVAL

The Autumn Footprints Festival offers a great choice of 30+ free guided walks from 11 - 26 September 2021. Sixteen days of enjoyable walks and informative talks with something for everyone of all abilities. **Further information:** www.autumnfootprints.co.uk. On every day of the festival there will also be 'Awesome Autumn' at Shingley Country Park, (9.30am – 4.30pm Turn up anytime), offering a range of autumn themed activity sheets available for children. **Cost:** FREE of charge. Self-led activity.



SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 10am-10.30am

LAUNCH AND GUIDED WALK

Everyone is welcome to attend the launch of this excellent walking festival, with coffee and cake on offer. There is a guided park walk after the launch – see the FREE Autumn Footprints programme, available at the visitor centre nearer the festival, for details. **Cost:** FREE.

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER and SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER 12noon-4.30pm.

MOSAIC WORKSHOP

Please see 27 June entry for full details.

HALLOWEEN EVENT

SUNDAY 24 – SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 10.30am-3.30pm. Turn up any time. Self-led activity. (UN)NATURAL TRAIL

Come along and follow the Halloween Trail and search for the spooky clues that will help you learn about weird nature! Return to claim your treat! Fancy dress welcome. **Length:** 1 mile approximately. **Cost:** £2 per child.

SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 10am-4.30pm

SPOON CARVING WORKSHOP

A one day workshop to teach the use of axe and knife to carve wood. It will be a safe introduction to woodcarving, with the aim of producing a spoon of your own to take away. Other woodcarving ideas for the home will be discussed and shown, along with inspirational ideas for decoration work. Suitable for beginners, this course uses basic sharp hand tools which can seem strange at first, but full tuition will be given. Participants must have a basic level of strength and fitness to control the tools when carving under instruction. **Cost:** £40 per person. **Further Information:** Bring a packed lunch or money for the café.

Not suitable for children under 16 years of age. Sorry – no dogs. **PRE-PAYMENT AND BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** Contact: 01629 533991.

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 10am-12noon

THE MATTHEW WALKER 10K PUDDING RUN

A fantastic annual running event at Shipley Country Park – take part and receive a Christmas pudding! Organised by Heanor Running Club. Registration required. **Further information:** www.heanorrunningclub.com

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER – SUNDAY 09 JANUARY 10.30am-2pm. Turn up any time.

Self-led activity.

ELF TRAIL

Self-led trail. Come along to this Christmas themed trail and find the clue cards to help you complete the Elf's activity sheet. Return to the Visitor Centre to collect your certificate. **Length:** 1-2 miles. **Cost:** £1.50 per child.



**Aged 10-20 and looking for a new challenge?
The Young People's Forest at Mead in
Derbyshire needs you!**

**Youth Forum for 16-20 year olds
Young Volunteers for 13-17 year olds**

**Outdoor opportunities for younger years
Opportunities for creative individuals
Youth campaigns and events
Tree planting**

**To find out more email:
YPFMead@woodlandtrust.org.uk**

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