

# Food and drink

## Around Winchester

The Hampshire Hospitality Award is a quality marque for restaurants, pubs, tea rooms, cafés, fast food outlets and other 'eateries' in the county. Look out for three categories of excellence.



**14 The Bell Inn**  
12 West Street, Alresford, SO24 9AT  
01962 732 429

**15 Tiffin Tea Rooms**  
50 West Street, Alresford, SO24 9AU  
01962 734 394

**16 The Hampshire Bowman (pub)**  
Dundridge Lane, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1GD  
01489 892 940

**17 The Shoe Inn**  
Shoe Lane, Exton, SO32 3NT  
01489 877 526

**18 The Running Horse**  
88 Main Road, Littleton, SO22 6QS  
01962 880 218

**Quality Assured:**  
 Eatery delivers an all-round excellent eating experience, from the quality and presentation of the food to the hospitality and service.

**Superior Quality Assured:**  
 Marque is awarded to businesses who have outstanding standards across the board.

**Local Produce Award:**  
 Showcases the best of Hampshire's local produce.



**19 The Dove Inn**  
Andover Road, Micheldever Station, SO21 3AU  
01962 774 288

**20 The Bush Inn**  
Ovington, SO24 0RE  
01962 732 764

**21 Lainston House Hotel**  
Woodman Lane, Sparsholt, SO21 2LT  
01962 776 088

**22 The Thomas Lord (pub)**  
High Street, West Meon, GU32 1LN  
01730 829 244

**23 Greens Restaurant & Bar**  
The Square, Wickham, PO17 5JQ  
01329 833 197

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- Wheelchair accessible toilet
- Not wheelchair accessible
- Toilet not wheelchair accessible



# Welcome to Winchester



An unspoilt cathedral city on the edge of the South Downs National Park, Winchester is England's ancient capital and the former seat of King Alfred the Great. Today, Winchester combines the best of city life with the freshness of the surrounding countryside. One hour from London, this is England as it ought to be. Days spent exploring our beautiful city are days you will treasure for a long time. But don't take our word for it. Come and see for yourself.

**Walk this way**  
Discover Winchester's highlights by joining a guided tour with one of our qualified tourist guides. Call the tourist information centre on 01962 840 500 or see [www.winchestertouristguides.com](http://www.winchestertouristguides.com)

**Bike loan**  
Bikeabout scheme operates from the tourist information centre and Shopmobility.

**Visit Winchester Greeters**  
Our Visit Winchester Greeters will introduce you to 'their Winchester'. Book a **FREE** greet online at [www.visitwinchester.co.uk](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk)



For a snapshot of what you can enjoy throughout the year watch [www.youtube.com/visitwinchester](http://www.youtube.com/visitwinchester)

**Public transport**  
Winchester is on the main line from London Waterloo to Southampton and Poole. The bus station in the Broadway is the hub of the extensive local bus network, while National Express coaches stop across the road next to Abbey Gardens.

**Winchester on wheels**  
Manual and powered wheelchairs and battery-powered scooters are available. Book in advance by calling 01962 842 626. Service operates for free from Shopmobility car park in the Brooks Car Park, (Mon to Fri). Our **Visitor Trail by Wheelchair** leaflet, available from the tourist information centre, follows a one mile route around Winchester's major sights, marked by silver discs set into the pavements.

**Useful contacts**  
National Rail 08457 484 950 [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)  
National Express 08717 818 181 [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)  
National Traveline 0871 200 2233 [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)  
Winchester City Council Parking Office 01962 848 346 [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk)  
Local buses 0845 121 0180 [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)  
Shopmobility 01962 842 626 [www.waca.org.uk](http://www.waca.org.uk)



# Winchester

## Explorer map



- Places to visit
- Places to eat
- Trails
- Parking

**Winchester Tourist Information Centre**  
Guildhall Winchester, High Street, Winchester, SO23 9GH  
Tel: 01962 840 500 Email: [tourism@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@winchester.gov.uk)  
Web: [www.visitwinchester.co.uk](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk)

May to September Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm  
Sundays & Bank Holidays 11am to 4pm

October to April Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm

Closed between Christmas and New Year

Follow King Alf on twitter and Facebook for the latest news and events:  
[www.twitter.com/king\\_alf](http://www.twitter.com/king_alf)

The Government Standard

[www.visitwinchester.co.uk](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk)

Vibrant. Ancient. Cultured. Winchester City Council

Follow the footsteps and numbers on the map for a ready-made circular trail

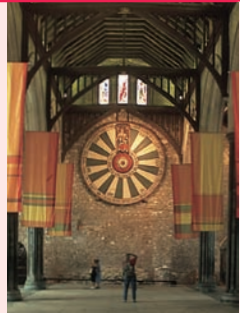
### 1. The Great Hall

Castle Avenue, SO23 8UJ  
Tel: 01962 846 476  
Web: [www.hants.gov.uk/greathall](http://www.hants.gov.uk/greathall)

The only surviving part of Winchester Castle, once home to the Domesday Book, this 13th Century hall was the centre of court and government life. The Round Table, closely associated with the legendary King Arthur, has hung here for over 700 years. Visit Queen Eleanor's Garden and the exhibition depicting the history of Winchester Castle. Available for weddings and private functions.

Open: All year (except 25 and 26 December and occasional functions) see website.

Admission: Suggested donations £2.



### 2. Winchester's Military Museums

Peninsula Barracks, Romsey Road, SO23 8TS  
Tel: 01962 877 826 / 842 832  
Web: [www.winchestermilitarymuseums.co.uk](http://www.winchestermilitarymuseums.co.uk)

Looking for something interesting to do? Inspired by stories of heroic acts? Whether you have only an hour or all day to spare, a visit to the city would be incomplete without visiting one or all of Winchester's five splendid military museums and pausing for refreshment at the Café Peninsula. 45,000 people a year visit the museums, so why not join them?



Visit the tourist information centre or Winchester's Military Museums' website or call for more information, including opening times and admission charges.



### Winchester Museums

Web: [www.winchestermuseums.co.uk](http://www.winchestermuseums.co.uk)  
Email: [museums@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:museums@winchester.gov.uk)

Family-friendly museums with hands-on activities to help you step into Winchester's past and imagine what life was like in Britain's first royal capital.  
Admission: FREE  
Open: See website



### 3. The Westgate Museum

High Street, SO23 9AP  
Tel: 01962 869 864

Fortified medieval gateway and a debtors' prison for 150 years, with walls covered in prisoners' graffiti.

### 4. City Space

Winchester Discovery Centre, Jewry Street, SO23 8SB  
Tel: 01962 873 610

A specially-designed exhibition area featuring a changing programme of exhibitions.

### 5. The City Museum

The Square, SO23 9ES  
Tel: 01962 863 064

Tells Winchester's nationally important story as a major Roman centre, principal city of King Alfred and Anglo-Saxon and Norman kings.

### 6. Winchester Cathedral, The Refectory and Gift Shop

The Close, SO23 9LS  
Tel: 01962 857 200 (Mon-Fri)

Web: [www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)  
1,000 years of history, faith and worship. Treasures include the 12th century Winchester Bible, contemporary sculpture by Antony Gormley and the grave of Jane Austen. Tours and a free children's trail available.

2011 special events: The Jane Austen Story (permanent exhibition), King James Bible exhibition (29 Apr-3 Oct), Christmas Market (24 Nov-21 Dec).  
Open: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 12.30pm-3pm. (times may vary for services and special events).  
Evensong: 5.30pm (3.30pm Sunday).

Admission: Annual pass £10, adults £6.50, seniors £5, students and 16s under with family FREE.



### 7. Winchester College

College Street, SO23 9NA  
Tel: 01962 621 209  
Web: [www.winchestercollege.org](http://www.winchestercollege.org)

Founded in 1382, Winchester College is believed to be the oldest continuously-running school in England. Guided tours and group visits available year round and include Chamber Court, the 14th century gothic Chapel, the original Scholars' dining room, the 17th century red brick schoolroom, and the original Cloister.

Open: All year except between Christmas and New Year.

Tours: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat: 10.45am, 12 noon, 2.15pm, 3.30pm. Tue & Thur: 10.45am, 12 noon. Sun: 2.15pm, 3.30pm.  
Groups: times to suit, must be pre-booked.  
Admission: Adult £6, concessions £5.



# Winchester City Map

### 20. God Begot House



Look down Royal Oak Passage to see the 16th century origins of this half-timbered building, now a pizza restaurant, on the site of Queen Emma's manor. Lloyds TSB Bank opposite occupies the old guildhall.

### 19. Buttercross



Winchester's familiar 15th century city cross. A narrow passage leads from it to Great Minster Street, passing the almost hidden church of St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate.

### 18. The Kingsgate



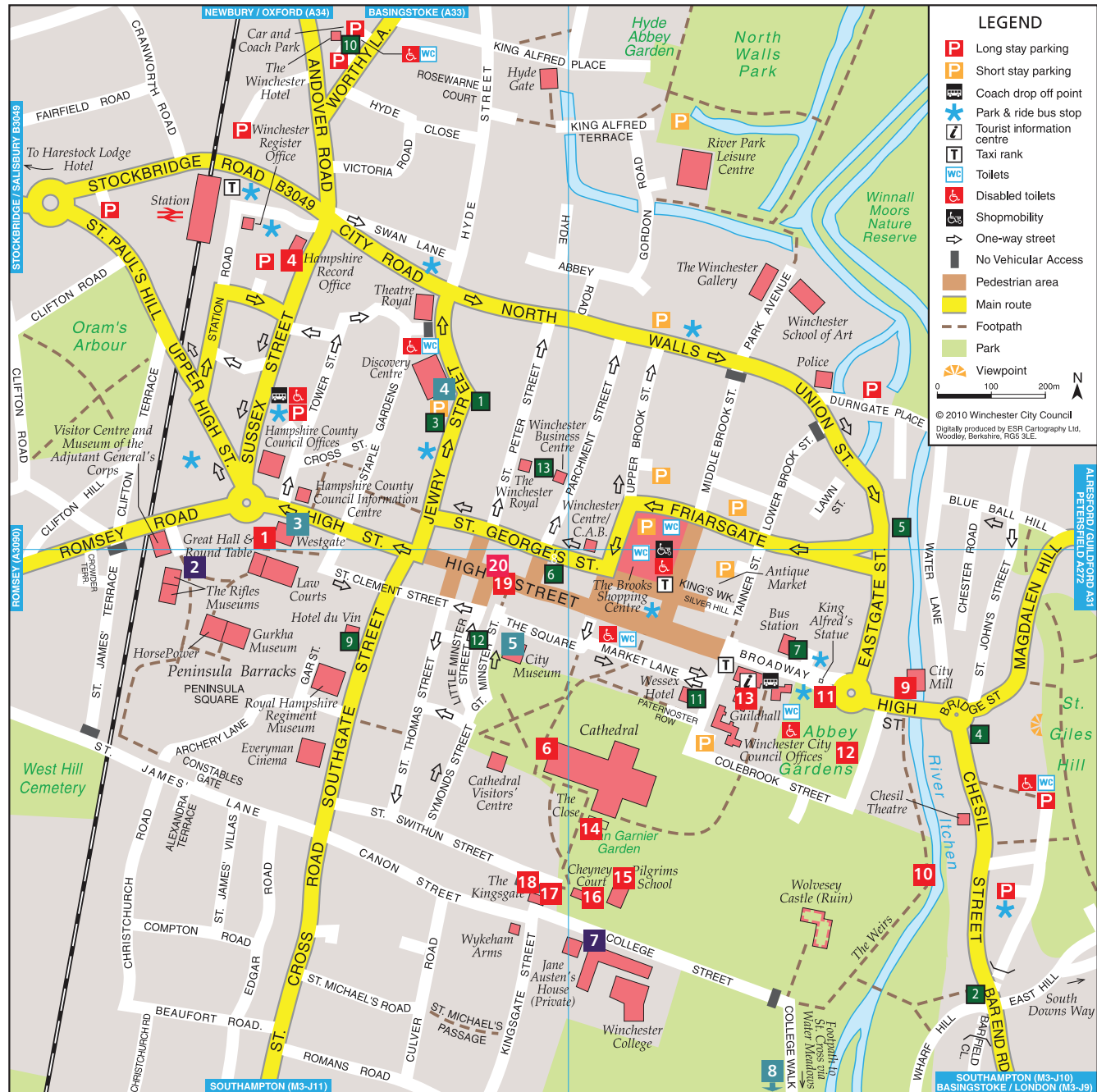
Above the archways of this surviving city gate is one of Winchester's hidden gems, the tiny church of St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate.

### 17. Jane Austen's House



Now a private residence, Austen lived here, for the last six weeks of her life and died on 18 July 1817. She is buried in the cathedral.

[www.winchesteraustentrail.co.uk](http://www.winchesteraustentrail.co.uk)



**LEGEND**

- Long stay parking
- Short stay parking
- Coach drop off point
- Park & ride bus stop
- Tourist information centre
- Taxi rank
- Toilets
- Disabled toilets
- Shops/mobility
- One-way street
- No Vehicular Access
- Pedestrian area
- Main route
- Footpath
- Park
- Viewpoint

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Winchester shopping directory



Sunset walk



Keats' walk

Key to symbols used on adverts



See our special offers page on [www.visitwinchester.co.uk](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk) to download discount vouchers for some of the attractions



### 16. Cheyney Court

A highly photographed half-timbered beauty, and former bishop's court house.



### 15. Pilgrims' Hall

Adjacent to Pilgrims' School, Pilgrims' Hall, where pilgrims to the shrine of St Swithun were lodged, dates from 1308 and has a fine hammer-beam roof.



### 14. The Deanery and Dean Garnier Garden

Between the cathedral and the Deanery, which has been continuously occupied since the 13th Century, this delightful Victorian garden has been recreated to reflect the cathedral architecture.



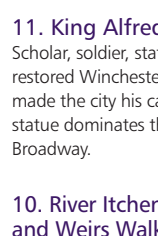
### 13. Guildhall Winchester

An imposing gothic building, the recently refurbished Victorian Guildhall is a civic and conference centre. A café and the tourist information centre are on the ground floor.



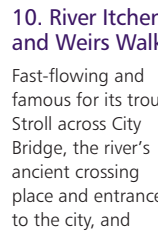
### 12. Abbey House and Gardens

The mayor's official residence. On the site of a nunaminster founded by King Alfred's wife, Queen Ealhswith.



### 11. King Alfred the Great

Scholar, soldier, statesman, King Alfred restored Winchester after the Dark Ages and made the city his capital. His striking bronze statue dominates the Broadway.



### 10. River Itchen and Weirs Walk

Fast-flowing and famous for its trout. Stroll across City Bridge, the river's ancient crossing place and entrance to the city, and follow the Weirs Walk to the water meadows and St Cross. Go via Wolvesey Castle – the extensive ruins of the medieval bishop's palace (open 1 April-1 Oct).



## Food and drink

To direct you to the very best of the district's restaurants, cafes and pubs, three quality marques are awarded annually to eateries gaining Hampshire Hospitality Awards.

### City centre

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| <p><b>1 Bangkok Brasserie</b><br/>33 Jewry Street, SO23 8RY<br/>01962 869 966</p>                        | <p><b>8 The Golden Lion</b><br/>99 Alesford Road, SO23 0JZ<br/>01962 865 512</p>  |
| <p><b>2 The Black Rat Restaurant</b><br/>88 Chesil Street, SO23 0HX<br/>01962 844 465</p>                | <p><b>9 Hotel Du Vin</b><br/>12 Southgate Street, SO23 9EF<br/>01962 841 414</p>  |
| <p><b>3 Brasserie Blanc</b><br/>19-20 Jewry Street, SO23 8RZ<br/>01962 810 870</p>                       | <p><b>10 Hutton's Brasserie</b><br/>Winchester Hotel,<br/>Worthy Lane, SO23 7AB<br/>01962 709 988</p>   |
| <p><b>4 The Chesil Rectory</b><br/>1 Chesil Street, SO23 0HU<br/>01962 851 555</p>                       | <p><b>11 Mercure Wessex Hotel</b><br/>Paternoster Row, SO23 9LQ<br/>01962 861 611</p>   |
| <p><b>5 El-Sabio Tapas Bar &amp; Restaurant</b><br/>60 Eastgate Street, SO23 8DZ<br/>01962 820 233</p>   | <p><b>12 The Old Vine (pub)</b><br/>8 Great Minster Street,<br/>SO23 9HA<br/>01962 854 616</p>  |
| <p><b>6 The Forte Tea Rooms &amp; Restaurant</b><br/>78 Parchment Street, SO23 8AT<br/>01962 856 840</p> | <p><b>13 Winchester Royal Hotel (restaurant)</b><br/>21-22 St Peter Street,<br/>SO23 8BS<br/>01962 840 840<br/>See key overleaf for symbols</p> |

### 8. The Hospital of St Cross

St Cross Road, SO23 9SD  
Tel: 01962 851 375  
Web: [www.stcrosshospital.co.uk](http://www.stcrosshospital.co.uk)

A short picturesque stroll from the city centre will bring the visitor to the living tranquility of St Cross. Founded in 1132, the Hospital is home to 25 Brothers and continues to provide refreshment for the traveller – including the traditional Wayfarer's Dole.  
Open: Apr-Oct: Mon-Sat, 9.30am-5pm, Sun, 1pm-5pm. Nov-Mar: Mon-Sat, 10.30am-3.30pm.  
Admission: Adult £4, senior citizen £3.50, child £2.



### 9. Winchester City Mill and Shop

Bridge Street, SO23 0HN  
Tel: 01962 870 057  
Web: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/winchestercitymill](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/winchestercitymill)

Visit this fully restored working water mill that has stood at the heart of the historic city of Winchester for over 1000 years. Learn about the mill's history and see how our famous stoneground wholemeal flour is produced using the power of the River Itchen. Family activities throughout year. National Trust shop offers local produce and seasonal gifts. Milling demonstrations Sat 11am-4pm & Sun 2pm-4pm plus baking demonstrations on selected days.

Open: Daily 18 Feb-30 Nov 10am-5pm, 1 Dec-23 Dec 10.30am-4pm. Last entry 30mins before close.  
Admission: Admission charges apply. National Trust members and Hampshire Wildlife Trust members free.



# Around Winchester

## 21. Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

Jermyns Lane, Ampfield, Romsey  
SO51 0QA Tel: 01794 369 318  
Web: [www.hilliergardens.org.uk](http://www.hilliergardens.org.uk)  
Established in 1953 by the distinguished plantsman Sir Harold Hillier. Magnificent collection of over 42,000 plants in 180 acres of themed landscapes. One of Europe's largest Winter Garden and children's play features. Exhibitions and events all year including 'Art in the Garden' featuring around 100 sculptures. Regret no dogs.

Open: Daily, 10am–6pm (or dusk if earlier).  
Closed 25 and 26 December only.

Admission: Adult £8.70, concessions £7.50. Children under 16 free of charge.



## 22. INTECH Science Centre and Planetarium

Telegraph Way, Morn Hill, SO21 1HZ  
Tel: 01962 863 791

Web: [www.intech-uk.com](http://www.intech-uk.com)  
Hands-on interactive science and technology centre. 100 interactive exhibits to enthuse and amuse the whole family. All-weather, undercover family attraction. Activities in the school holidays. Available for birthday parties and corporate bookings. Largest capacity planetarium in UK showing stunning digital films. Check website for show times.

Open: All year, daily, 10am–4pm (–5pm Aug) except 24/25/26 Dec.  
Admission: Adult £8.50, child £6, senior citizen £7, family £14.50–£42.30. Planetarium carries separate charge £2.20pp.



## 23. Marwell Wildlife

Colden Common, Winchester, SO21 1JH  
Tel: 01962 777 407  
Web: [www.marwell.org.uk](http://www.marwell.org.uk)  
Get close to the wonders of the natural world and play a big part in helping to save them. **New for 2011:** fantastic new home for cheetahs and 8 new reptile species in Cold Blooded Corner. This 140 acre park is home to over 180 species of exotic and endangered species in beautiful landscaped surroundings. Registered charity number 275433.

Open: Daily except Christmas and Boxing Day. 10am–6pm (peak days) 10am–4pm/5pm (off-peak / standard days).

Admission: Adult to £14–£18, child £10–£14, senior citizen £11.50–£16 (includes voluntary donation).



## 24. National Motor Museum

Beaulieu, Brockenhurst, SO42 7ZN  
Tel: 01590 612 123 (24hr) 01590 612 345  
Web: [www.beaulieu.co.uk](http://www.beaulieu.co.uk)  
Home of the National Motor Museum, Palace House – the Montagu family home – and 13th Century Beaulieu Abbey. Experience world of Top Gear and enjoy the James Bond exhibition. **New for 2011:** Feats of Endurance exhibition. Beautiful grounds and gardens plus high level Monorail and replica 1912 open top London Bus.



Open: Every day except Christmas Day. May–Sep: 10am–6pm. Oct–Apr: 10am–5pm.  
Admission: Please contact for current prices.



## 30. Whitchurch Silk Mill

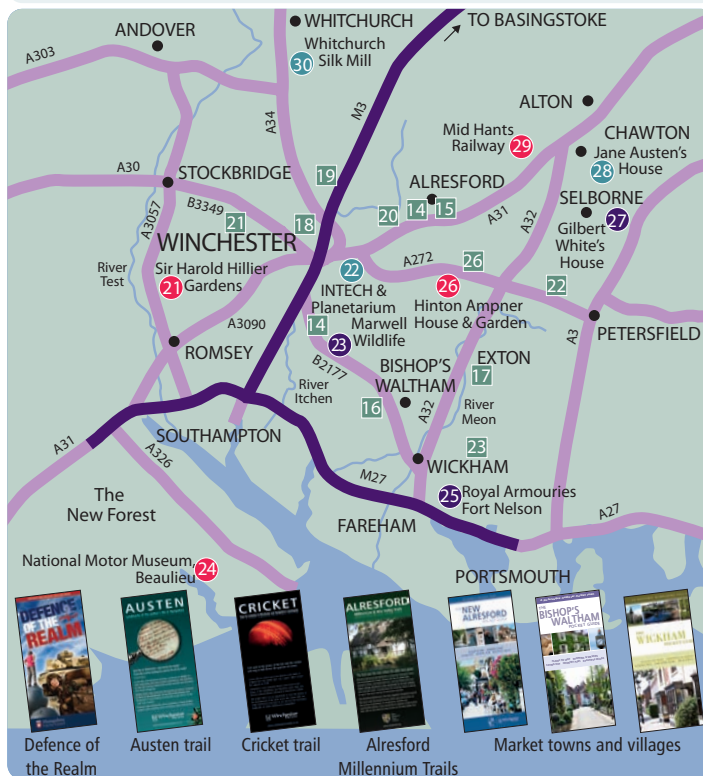
28 Winchester Street, Whitchurch, RG28 7AL Tel: 01256 892 065  
Web: [www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk)  
Experience this unique Georgian water mill on the River Test where silk has been woven since the early 19th Century. Skilled craftsmen work with historic machinery to produce silk for theatrical costumes, interiors and fashion. Shop for special silk gifts and accessories. Available for wedding receptions.

Open: All year, Tue–Sun and BH Mons, 10.30am–5pm (last admission 4.15pm). Closed Christmas week.



Admission: Adult £4, child £2.25, senior citizen £3.50, family £9.25.

wheelchair access – to ground floor only



Defence of the Realm



Austen trail



Cricket trail



Alresford Millennium Trails



New Alresford



Market towns and villages

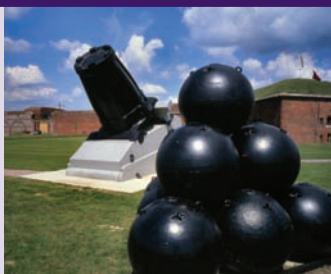
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## 25. Royal Armouries Fort Nelson

Portsdown Hill Road, Fareham, PO17 6AN Tel: 01329 233 734  
Web: [www.royalarmouries.org](http://www.royalarmouries.org)

Home to the big guns of the Royal Armouries this superbly restored Victorian fort is packed with history. Brand new gallery displays and visitor centre with café opening summer 2011.

Open: Apr–Oct: Daily 10am–5pm (except Wed 11am–4pm). Nov–Mar: Daily, 10.30am–4pm (except Weds: 11.30am–4pm). Closed 24–26 Dec.



Admission: FREE

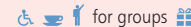


## 29. Mid Hants Railway (Watercress Line)

Alresford, SO24 9JG  
Tel: 01962 733 810

Web: [www.watercressline.co.uk](http://www.watercressline.co.uk)  
Perfect place to take kids of all ages. Large steam locomotives and heritage diesels travel through 10 miles of Hampshire countryside. Visit stations with period charm. At Ropley, take a walk around our Locomotive Shed and see the giants of steam close up. Free WiFi at Alresford Buffet.

Open: Jan–Oct, weekends and selected midweek days, 10am–4pm.



Admission: Adult £14, child £7, family (2a+2c) £35.



## 28. Jane Austen's House Museum

Chawton, Alton, GU34 1SD  
Tel: 01420 83262

Web: [www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk](http://www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk)  
The house where Jane Austen lived from 1809 until 1817, and where she wrote or revised all of her novels. Today the house is a museum of her life and work yet retains the charm of a village home. Full programme of events (see website for details).

Admission: See website.

wheelchair access – ground floor and garden opposite



Open: Jan–mid Feb: weekends only 10.30am–4.30pm, mid Feb–May: daily 10.30am–4.30pm, June–Aug: daily 10am–5pm, Sept–1st Jan: daily 10.30am–4.30pm, closed 25th & 26th Dec.

## 27. Gilbert White's House & Garden & The Oates Collection

The Wakes, High Street, Selborne, GU34 3JH Tel: 01420 511 275

Web: [www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk](http://www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk)  
Charming 18th century country house set in over 20 acres of gardens and parkland. Home of world famous naturalist Gilbert White and restored following his own journals and correspondence. Fascinating collection of Oates family memorabilia. See website for opening times, special events and admission prices.



## 26. Hinton Ampner House and Garden

Hinton Ampner near Alresford, SO24 0LA  
Tel: 01962 771 305  
Web: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-hintonampnergarden](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-hintonampnergarden)

A visionary's garden and house. Ralph Dutton, 8th and last Lord Sherborne created the fine garden and elegant house with outstanding collection of furniture, paintings and objets d'art.

Open: 19 Feb–30 Oct (closed Fri), 31 Oct–30 Nov (Sat–Wed) 10am–5pm, House 11am–5pm. 3–11 Dec inclusive 11am–4pm.



Admission: Adult £8.25, child £4



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