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Beautiful parkland and follies at Croome

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Only a 10 minute drive from the M5 motorway, the National Trust Croome is perfect for a day out with the delightful market town of Pershore and bustling City of Worcester on its doorstep.

Croome offers acres of beautiful 'Capability' Brown parkland with statues, temples, follies and lake at its heart - the perfect place to take your dog. The historic house stands proudly within the parkland with four floors to be explored including contemporary exhibitions and installations.

Children can have fun in the wild play area or RAF themed playground and there are family trails running throughout the year.

A visit to the RAF Defford museum is a must to discover more about its secrets during the Second World War.

Croome is also striving to become as accessible as possible. Visitors can pre-book one of the free electric outdoor mobility vehicles before heading off into the parkland. Wheelchair friendly shuttle buses also run to the house throughout the day. An accessibility map also shows the gradients of garden paths within the parkland and where seating is available.

For more information on Croome's full opening times, prices and events please visit **www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croome**

Photographs of Croome by James Dobson



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For more information visit www.waterworksmuseum.org.uk



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An education in cider making

The Museum of Cider is a social history museum housed in an original 1889 cidermaking factory.

There's far more to the building than first meets the eye, and no wonder - it's designed to look at the whole cidermaking industry, from its earliest beginnings through to the mass production nethods which exist today. Visitors can find out about methods - how the apples were milled and pressed and how the resulting juice was fermented to produce cider.

The original champagne cider cellars are very atmospheric, displaying over ten thousand bottles in racks where the 'Méthode Champenoise' (a bottle fermentation process used in French Champagne production) was first applied to cider in 1905. Other parts of the cellars contain a cooper's work-shop and a vat house. Push-button oral history recordings of Bulmer's workers ire fascinating, and so too are the accompanying vintage films. Two highlights of the collection ire the rare English lead crystal cider glasses dating from 1740 onwards and stunningly accurate 9th century watercolours of cider apples and perry pears.

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Turner returns to Weston Park

A stunning painting by the artist often dubbed the father of English landscape painting and a major influencer of the French Impressionist movement, JMW Turner, is returning after ten years to the Granary Art Gallery at Weston Park.

The painting of the 'Falls at Schaffhausen' in Switzerland, painted in 1841 has been loaned to Weston Park from a private UK collection and will be on display in the Granary Gallery until June.

The painting shows the magnificent waterfalls on the River Rheine at Schaffhausen on the northern borders of Switzerland, a scene which continues to draw tourists from across the globe to see this magnificent natural phenomenon.

Gareth Williams, Curator and Head of Learning to the Weston Park Foundation comments, "Turner visited the town on several occasions and painted a total of nine works there, only two remain in private collections and we are delighted to have this very special work back on display in the Granary Art Gallery".

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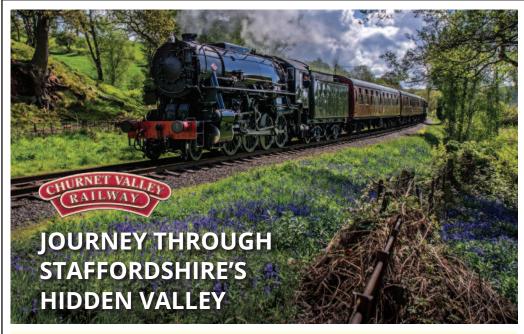
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Head for the heights this year





Head for the Heights of Abraham in 2020 and enjoy the award winning attraction that has been delighting visitors since the 1700s.

Situated on the edge of the Peak District National Park, this 'must see' jewel of an attraction is accessed by state of the art cable cars located on the banks of the River Derwent next to Matlock Bath railway station and the town's public car parks. Simply purchase your cable car ticket, and then sit back and enjoy Instagram-ready views of the geologically stunning area as you fly up over the Derwent Valley and arrive at the summit. Dogs are welcome at the Heights of Abraham and travel for free on the cable cars.

Once you've purchased your cable car ticket, access to all the summit attractions is free, offering a great valueday-out whatever the weather. Head off to explore 60 acres of landscaped grounds, climb the steep steps of the Victoria Prospect Tower, let the kids loose in the adventure playgrounds and enjoy our extensive woodland walks and trails. Try the new for 2020 Audio Trail by opening the website on your phone and clicking on the 'Audio Trail' button.

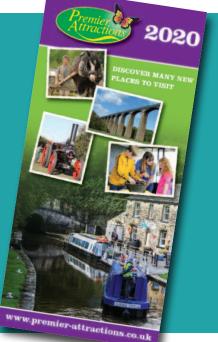
If the weather isn't on your side, don't worry, there's still plenty to do including: undercover interactive exhibitions, a photography gallery, film showings and two underground cavern tours. Once you're underground, experience what a day in the life of a 17th Century miner was like, and learn about the geological formation of the land that you stand on. Above ground, the Masson Pavilion Film Exhibition 'Through the Lens' brings to life aspects of the Heights that guests wouldn't otherwise see. One gives an insight into how the cable car was built, another is a virtual cavern tour for those who don't fancy going underground, and new for 2020 is an exciting drone film 'Take Me Higher' which shows the Heights of Abraham from a unique perspective.

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