



Summer Things To Do!

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Parks and Nature Reserves

Arrow Valley Country Park

Arrow Valley Country Park is a country park on the River Arrow, at Redditch, Worcestershire, England.

Battens Drive, Redditch B98 0LJ

<https://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/things-to-do/parks-and-outdoors/arrow-valley-country-park.aspx>

Clent Hills

The Clent Hills lie 10 miles south-west of Birmingham city centre in Clent, Worcestershire, England. The closest towns are Stourbridge and Halesowen.

Near Romsley, Worcestershire – B62 0NL

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/clent-hills>

Cofton Park

Cofton Park is 135 acres of rolling fields and trees and is situated on the slopes adjoining the Lickey Hills Country Park. The park is mainly made up of by open grassland, and has football pitches for use by the local community.

Northfield, Rednal, Birmingham B45 8UN

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory_record/9099/cofton_park

Cannon Hill Park

Including The Fun Park, Golden Putter Mini-Golf and Boating Lake.

Russell Rd, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8RD

<http://www.cannonhillpark.co.uk>

Highbury Park

Highbury Park is a public park located in Moseley, Birmingham, UK.

20 Shutlock Lane, Birmingham B13 8QE

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory_record/9119/highbury_park

King's Heath Park

The location of the BBC's Gardeners World, this delightful park serves as a family gathering place for picnics and recreation.

Vicarage Road, Birmingham B14 7TQ

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20089/parks/1679/kings_heath_park

Lickey Hills

Lickey Hills Country Park is one of Birmingham's most varied and treasured parks. It covers 524 acres and is located just 10 miles south west of Birmingham.

Warren Lane, Rednal, Birmingham B45 8ER

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20089/parks/406/lickey_hills_country_park

Manor Farm

Nature and wildlife park.

389 Bristol Rd S, Birmingham B31 2AB

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory_record/9131/manor_farm_park

Martineau Gardens

A beautiful, free entry community garden. A wildlife oasis, a haven of tranquility or a great destination for outdoor adventure, there are 2.5 acres of organically managed landscape to explore.

27 Priory Rd, Birmingham B5 7UG

<https://martineau-gardens.org.uk>

Morton Stanley Park

Worcestershire park.

Windmill Drive, Redditch B97 5GE

<https://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/things-to-do/parks-and-outdoors/morton-stanley-park.aspx>

Moseley Bog Nature Reserve

Moseley Bog was the childhood playground of The Lord of the Rings author JRR Tolkien, who lived nearby. The site inspired the 'old forest' in his books The Hobbit and The Lord of The Rings. People come from all over the world to discover his inspiration for themselves.

Yardley Wood Rd, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9JX

<https://www.bbcwildlife.org.uk/moseley-bog-plan-visit>

Rowheath Pavillion

Pavillion and park.

Heath Rd, Birmingham B30 1HH

<https://rowheathpavilion.co.uk>

RSPB Sandwell Valley

Sandwell Valley RSPB reserve is a nature reserve, run by the RSPB, in Sandwell Valley, to the north of West Bromwich, in the Sandwell borough of West Midlands in England. It is adjacent to, and shares its main lake with, Sandwell Valley Country Park and near the settlement of Hamstead.

Tanhouse Ave, Birmingham B43 5AG

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/sandwell-valley/>

Sanders Park

Sanders Park is a park in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire formally opened on 14 September 1968.

Kidderminster Rd, Bromsgrove B61 7JP

<https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/things-to-do/parks-and-outdoors/parks-and-play-areas/sanders-park.aspx>

Waseley Hills Country Park

Waseley Hills Country Park is 150 acres a Country Park and Local Nature Reserve. It consists of rolling open hills with old hedgerows, pastures and small pockets of woodland with panoramic views over Worcestershire, England.

Gannow Green Lane, Rubery, Birmingham B45 9AT

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/directory_record/3328/waseley_hills_country_park

Woodgate Valley

Rural park with brook running through middle offers pony trekking, visitor centre and play area.

Clapgate Lane, Birmingham B32 3DS

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20089/parks/404/woodgate_valley_country_park/5

Something a Bit Different

Birmingham Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of Saint Philip is the Church of England cathedral and the seat of the Bishop of Birmingham. Built as a parish church and consecrated in 1715, St Philip's became the cathedral of the newly formed Diocese of Birmingham in 1905.

Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2QB

<http://www.birminghamcathedral.com>

Barber Institute of Fine Arts

The galleries at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts house an outstanding art collection, with masterpieces by Botticelli, Rubens, Gainsborough, Reynolds, Turner and Rossetti, through Monet, Renoir, Degas and Manet to Van Gogh and Gauguin, Magritte and more.

University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TS

<http://barber.org.uk>

Birmingham Library

The Library of Birmingham is a public library in Birmingham, England. It is situated on the west side of the city centre at Centenary Square, beside the Birmingham Rep and Baskerville House.

Centenary Square, Broad St, Birmingham B1 2ND

<https://birmingham.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME>

Custard Factory

The Custard Factory is an independent shopping destination and creative and digital business workspace location in Birmingham, England. Located on the site of what was the Bird's Custard factory in Digbeth, it is home to a variety of creative and digital businesses, independent shops and cafes and bars.

Gibb Street, Digbeth, BIRMINGHAM, West Midlands, B9 4AA

<https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/custard-factory-p1325571>

Gas Street Basin

Once a thriving port, this area where several canals meet offers colorful canal boats, bars, cafes and restaurants.

Gas Street Basin Gas Street, Birmingham B1 2JT

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g186402-d214053-Reviews-Gas_Street_Basin-Birmingham_West_Midlands_England.html

Ikon Gallery

Located in the trendy Brindleyplace complex, this two-floor gallery showcases contemporary art and serves as a venue for special education and events.

1 Oozells Square, Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2HS

<https://www.ikon-gallery.org>

Lapworth Museum of Geology at the University of Birmingham

The Lapworth Museum showcases exceptional objects from one of the UK's most outstanding geological collections. Our state-of-the-art galleries and range of innovative and interactive exhibits are all completely free of charge. (Check opening before you go!)

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/lapworth-museum/index.aspx>

RAF Cosford

Royal Air Force Cosford or RAF Cosford is a Royal Air Force station in Cosford, Shropshire, just to the northwest of Wolverhampton. It is free and now re-opened.

Albrighton, Wolverhampton WV7 3EX

<https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/cosford/>

Tardebigge Canal

Tardebigge is a village in Worcestershire, England. The village is most famous for the Tardebigge Locks, a flight of 30 canal locks that raise the Worcester and Birmingham Canal over 220 feet over the Lickey Ridge. Good for biking or walking.

Tardebigge village, Bromsgrove, B60

<https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/media/915050/Tardebigge-Canal-Circular-leaflet.pdf>

Thinktank Science Garden

The Science Garden is an outdoor discovery space packed with surprises and fun activities for the whole family. It offers an adventurous and entertaining day out, bringing themes of engineering, mechanics and transportation to life through over 30 hands-on exhibits. The Science Garden is free after 3pm.

1 Curzon St, Birmingham B4 7XG

<https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank/highlights/science-garden>

More Sites, More Places

Some more sites for you to try, each of which has links to a number of different things you could try out. (Please check that places are open and how they are affected by social distancing.)

Hope some of these work out for you!

<https://visitbirmingham.com/whats-on>

<https://www.treasuretrails.co.uk/>

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/34-fabulous-things-summer-around-13196497>

<http://livebrum.co.uk/free>



Spark curiosity with free virtual summer camps



Make good use of free time during July and August with the Summer Passport for Digital Fun: a series of virtual workshops for kids. They'll be so busy having fun, they'll forget they're building valuable digital skills.

https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/store/locations/virtual-learning-resources-training?icid=bm_fas_virtual-learning_42020

If the link doesn't work, please search for:

'Microsoft free virtual workshops and trainings'