

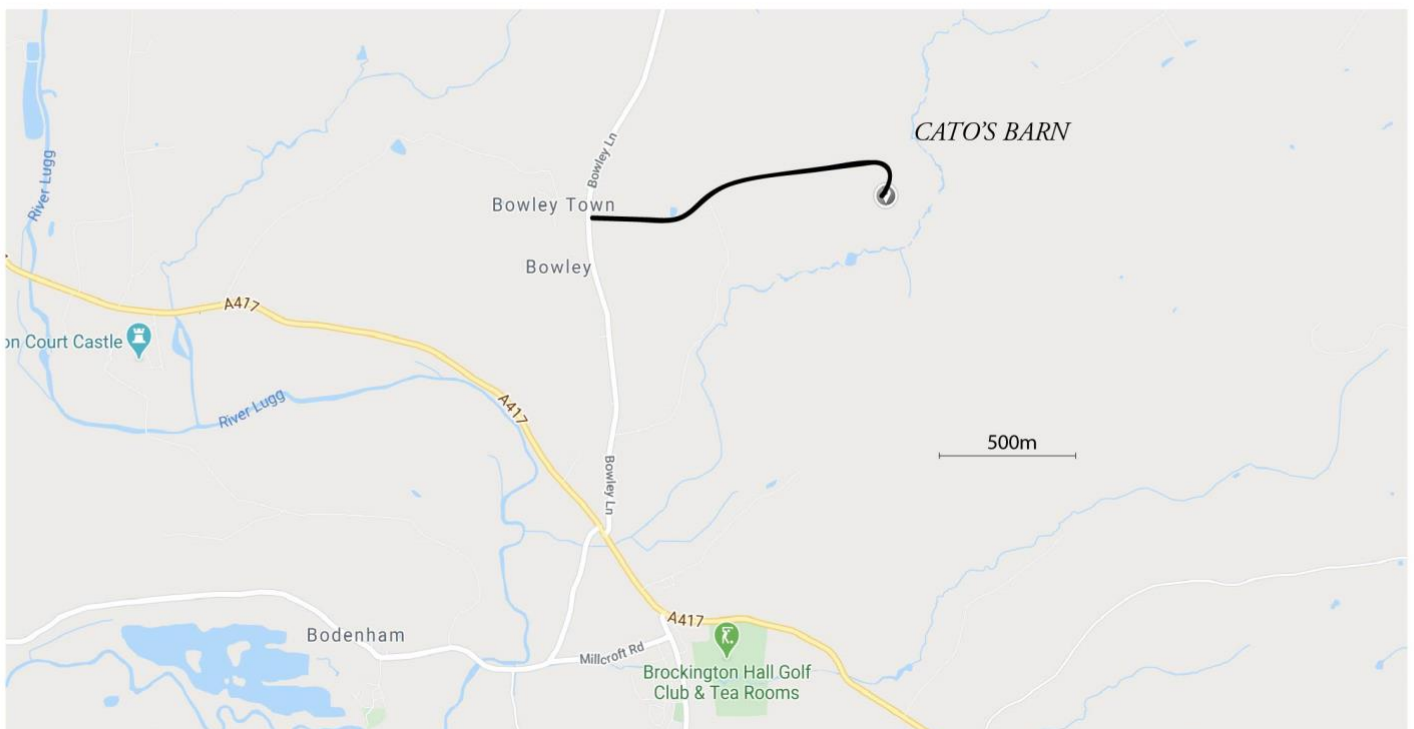
WELCOME TO CATO'S BARN

(BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE, HR1 3LG)

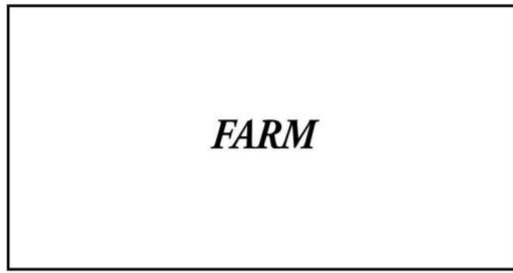


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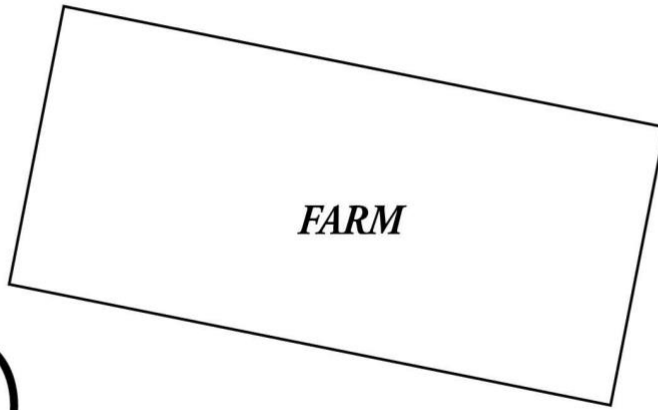
WHEN ON BOWLEY LANE, FOLLOW SIGNS TO BROADFIELD (WHITE RAILINGS)
FOLLOW BROADFIELD DRIVE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FOR APPROX 1 MILE,
THROUGH THE FARM & KEEPING RIGHT, THEN ARRIVE AT CATO BARN
(SEE ON MAP BELOW)



CATO'S BARN SITE MAP



FARM



FARM

DRIVE



*PRIVATE
COTTAGE*

CATO'S BARN IS ALL YOURS

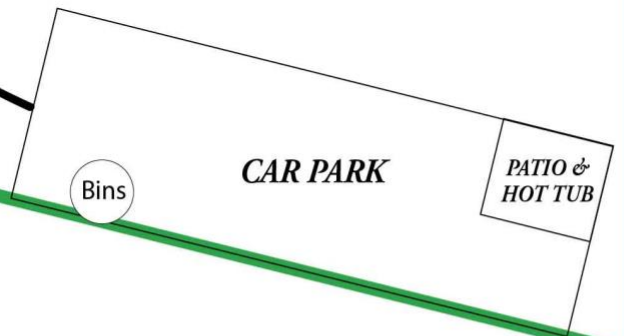
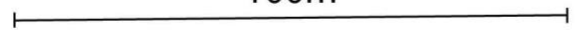
THERE IS AMPLE PRIVATE PARKING

BBQ, HOT TUB, SEATING ON PATIO

TREMENDOUS UNSPOILED VIEWS

***HOSTS, ALEX & MARK LIVE OPPOSITE
TO CATO'S BARN (MARKED PRIVATE)***

100m



Bins

CAR PARK

*PATIO &
HOT TUB*

CATO'S BARN

PRIVATE

We hope you will enjoy your stay in this most idyllic part of Herefordshire, but please **LOOK AFTER THE BARN AS IF IT WERE YOUR OWN.**

We are the James Family and have spent the past year renovating this old barn in memory of a special someone who passed away young.

Alex (07773126662) & Mark (07968784438) live in Bleak House which is opposite Cato's Barn. Don't be shy, we love to chat so do feel free to ask us questions if you see us around, but we ask you to be respectful of the fact that Bleak House is our home.

Sam (07890904238) & Jacob (07855347313) their sons, are also around during the days should you need any assistance.

If you fancy some delicious free-range eggs, there are some available 1.5 miles away. They are rich and delicious and worth every penny! (ask for code)

Maximus, our chocolate lab is very friendly but if you are not a dog person, please just let us know. **DO NOT FEED THE DOG!**



BASIC CATO'S BARN RULES

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS (COWS INCLUDED) AND DO NOT MAKE EXCESSIVE NOISE!

NO SMOKING INSIDE THE PREMISES

NO PARTIES UNLESS OTHERWISE ORGANISED

WE ARE REMOTE BUT PLEASE LOCK THE BARN WHENEVER YOU LEAVE TO KEEP BOTH THE BARN AND YOUR BELONGINGS SAFE

PLEASE EMPTY THE FRIDGE/KITCHEN OF PERISHABLE FOOD ON YOUR DEPARTURE

PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO SNEAK IN EXTRA GUESTS IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE HAVE AGREED

ANY DAMAGE WILL BE CHARGED ACCORDINGLY

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF LEAVING LIGHTS ON AND LEAVING WINDOWS OPEN – LETS STOP UNNECESSARY WASTE!

DO NOT FEED THE DOG EVEN THOUGH HE MIGHT HAVE INVENTED PUPPY DOG EYES...

HAVE A SMILE ON YOUR FACE AND ENJOY SOME HEREFORDSHIRE FRESH AIR AWAY FROM ALL THE NOISE.

ANY PROBLEMS PLEASE JUST ASK US! WE ARE VERY JOLLY PEOPLE AND ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP!

PLEASE SIGN THE GUEST BOOK AND ENJOY YOUR STAY!

PLEASE NOTE WE CAN OFFER A WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE
THE WINE IS OUR OWN GROWN ON THE ESTATE THE TASTINGS
ARE RELAXED, EDUCATIONAL, AND FUN! ☺

CLEANING

Please use bins provided for sanitary products, we are on a septic tank.

Broom, dustpan and brush to be found under the stairs where you can also find a mop, vacuum cleaner, clothing horse, ironing board & iron. Please leave used towels in the bathtub when leaving as well as strip the bed linen.

Please treat Cato's Barn as if it were your own and leave it how you found it!
Please clean the BBQ if you decide to use it during your stay.

If you require any additional cleaning during your stay it can be arranged for £15/hr. Please talk to us to arrange it for you.

BINS

There are separate bins provided for kitchen waste and recycling. Please take care to recycle properly. If possible, put your rubbish in the bins provided outside the main door by Wednesday lunchtime ready for us to empty them.

TUTORED WINE TASTINGS / PICNICS

Our estate produces 4 wines, a sparkling and a sparkling rose; tutored tastings can be arranged for £10 per person or £50 a session, whichever is more -These are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. A love of wine is not necessary; the tastings are carried out by mum (Alex) a former Royal Shakespeare Company actress who has not only been making award-winning wines for 25 years, but knows how to make it memorable (or not if she is too generous...) Above all it will be relaxed, informal and there should be plenty of laughter and interesting stories.

WOODBURNER

Please clear after use so ash does not build up. Kindling, paper and logs are provided, please let us know if you need more. (1st basket free -£5 thereafter)

WE HAVE A LOCAL BEAUTY THERAPIST WHO WILL COME TO THE BARN – SEE WWW.BESPOKEBEAUTYHFD.CO.UK FOR INFO

HOT TUB RULES/GUIDES

OUR HOT TUB IS THERE TO BE ENJOYED
BUT PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE WHEN YOU USE IT

PLEASE SHOWER AND HAVE CLEAN FEET BEFORE GETTING IN
IF WE HAVE TO CLEAN IT... OUR TUB WILL BE OUT OF ACTION FOR **2**
DAYS!
(EMPTY, CLEAN, REFILL, HEAT & RETREAT PROCESS TAKES 2 FULL DAYS)

WE WILL CHECK THE CHEMICALS EACH MORNING.
IF YOU THINK YOU NEED MORE THEN JUST ASK/TEXT US

COMMON REASONS FOR ERRORS ARE THAT **THE FILTER NEEDS CLEANING**
OR THAT THE WATER LEVEL HAS GONE BELOW THE GUIDE LINE
(LET US KNOW IF THIS IS THE CASE AND WE WILL COME OVER)

PLEASE PUT THE LID BACK ON TIGHT, IT WILL STOP OUR TUB LOSING
HEAT

PLEASE DO NOT WEAR CONTACT LENSES IN OUR HOT TUB

THE TEMPERATURE SHOULD NOT EXCEED 38 DEGREES

OUR HOT TUB IS NOT TO BE USED WHEN RAINING
DUE TO RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK – **NO EXCEPTIONS**

PLEASE DON'T EAT OR DRINK IN OUR TUB OR ADD ANYTHING TO THE
WATER. IF WE HAVE TO CLEAN IT... THE TUB WILL BE OUT OF ACTION FOR
2 DAYS!

ANY DAMAGE WILL BE CHARGED ACCORDINGLY

YOU USE OUR HOT TUB AT YOUR OWN RISK
PLEASE ACT RESPONSIBLY

Local Area - General Information

Bodenham is our local village (2 miles away)

(boasts a post office, garage, pub, doctor's surgery, golf course, church)

Leominster is the closest town (10 mins drive)

Hereford is the closest city (20 mins drive)

1. Taxis
2. Petrol
3. Train Stations
4. Post Offices
5. Swimming Pools
6. Cinemas
7. Golf Courses
8. Restaurants
9. Takeaways
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11. Supermarkets
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1. Taxis

Goldline Taxis – 01568 611100

Priory Cars – 01568 612145

We can offer a taxi service on occasion, if we are available (please enquire)

2. Petrol Stations

Esso Petrol Station, Hope-Under-Dinmore, HR6 0PJ

Morrisons Petrol Station, Barons Cross Road, Leominster, HR6 8RN

Murco Garage, Bodenham, HR1 3LE

3. Train Stations

Hereford – Barrs Court, HR1 1BB (tel: 0333 005 0501)

Ledbury – The Homend, HR8 1AR (tel: 0344 811 0133)

Leominster – Worcester Road, HR6 8AR (tel: 0333 321 1202)

4. Post Offices

Leominster – Corn Square, HR6 8LR (tel: 0345 6021021)

Bodenham – HR1 3HT

5. Swimming Pools

Leominster (Halo Leisure) - Coningsby Road, Leominster HR6 8 (tel: 01568 612444)

Hereford (Halo Leisure) – HR2 7RQ (tel: 01432 272512)

6. Cinemas

Hereford Odeon has 7 Screens showing latest films. Worcester (40 mins drive) also has an Odeon as well as a Vue

7. Golf

Grove Golf & Bowling Centre, Ford Bridge, Nr Leominster HR6 0LE (tel: 01568 610602)

Leominster Golf Club, Ford Bridge, Nr Leominster HR6 0LE (tel: 01568 610055)

Brockington Golf Course, Bodenham, HR1 3HX 01568797877

Many others such as Burghill, The Herefordshire, Alexandra Park, Ross-On-Wye, enquire for more info.

8. Restaurants (feel free to ask for specific recommendations)

The Bookshop HR4 0BU – Modern British Food; excellent Sunday Roast

The Baiting House WR6 6XT – Upmarket Pub with local fine food

Pensons WR15 8RT – Michelin Starred Food with local ingredients

The Beefy Boys HR4 9HU – Indulgent Burgers and Sides

The Burger Shop HR4 0BU – Slightly more elevated burgers

The Den HR4 9DF – Contemporary British/European Food

Thai Gallery HR4 9AR – Thai Food

Hereford also offers lots of the chains such as Pizza Express, Nandos, Miller & Carter, Wagamamas etc

9. Takeaways

Some of the above do takeaways, but for closer to home (in Leominster)

Jalalabad HR6 8AE – In our opinion the best local Indian takeaway

Etnam Street Fish Bar HR6 8AD – Decent Chippy

10. Local Pubs

Englands Gate Pub (also does ok food) – lovely beer garden, only 2 miles away

The Railway Inn – Local Pub with food

Stockton Cross – 10 minute drive

The Bell at Tillington – Better food and large beer garden

Please feel free to ask for more.

11. Supermarkets

Leominster has a Morrisons, Co-Op and Aldi

Hereford has them all (nearest first) - Morrisons, Lidl, M&S, Tesco, Waitrose, Sainsburys, Aldi, Co-Op, Asda

12. Farm Shops

Legges of Bromyard (20 min drive)

The Nest nr Ledbury (20 min drive)

Ludlow Farm Shop (30 min drive)

Oakchurch Farm Shop (on the way to Hay-On-Wye)

13. Canoeing

Canoeing can be done on either the River Wye or River Severn. There are many good options for the Wye (Wye Canoes, Canoe the Wye, Ross Canoes etc) we would recommend Shire Canoes for the River Severn.

14. Go Karting / Paintballing

Karting Nation near Weobley (25 mins drive) has a great out door track.
There are several locations near to Hereford that offer paintballing and other similar activities.

15. Horse Riding

KC Riding School (1 mile away)

16. Places of Worship

Bodenham Church of England Church (in the village)

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Old Road, Bromyard, HR7 4BQ (tel: 01568 612238)

The Mosque Gloucester Islamic Trust, 2d, All Saints Rd, Gloucester, GL1 4EE (tel: **01452 506870**)

Hereford Cathedral, 5 College Cloisters, Cathedral Close, HR1 2NG (tel: 01432 374200) - Hereford Cathedral dates from 1079. Its most famous treasure is the Mappa Mundi, a medieval map of the world dating from the 13th century. The cathedral is a Grade I listed building & worth a visit.

17. Banks

Barclays – 4 Corn Street, Leominster HR6

HSBC - 1 Broad Street, Leominster HR6 8BU

Halifax - 19 West Street, Leominster HR6 8EP

Lloyds - 9 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8LT

Nationwide - 9-11 High St, Leominster HR6 8LZ

Natwest - 13 Broad Street, Leominster HR6 8BZ

Santander - 13-15, Drapers Lane, Leominster HR6 8ND

All can be found in Hereford also.

18. Local Attractions & Festivals (Please check due to Covid-19 – below are typical dates)

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Lucton Food Festival

Showcasing the wonderful and varied food and drink suppliers from this beautiful part of the world, at Lucton School.

<http://luctonfoodfestival.com>

Leominster Medieval Pageant

This pageant offers displays, demonstrations, festivities and fun together with a proper craft fair, held at the Priory Church.

Easter @ Eastnor Castle, Ledbury

<http://eastnorcastle.com/whats-on/>

APRIL

Cheltenham Jazz Festival <http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/jazz/>

MAY

Eastnor Chili Festival, Ledbury

<http://eastnorcastle.com/whats-on/>

RHS Malvern Spring Show

<http://www.threecounties.co.uk/rhsmalvern/>

Ludlow Spring Festival <http://www.ludlowspringfestival.co.uk/>

A Beer Festival but Better. Take 200 Real Ales, combine 60 passionate, local food and drink producers, mix in toe tapping live music, over 180 spectacular classic cars.

Marches Transport Festival <http://www.ludlowspringfestival.co.uk/>

The 32nd Marches Transport Festival being held in the beautiful surroundings of Ludlow Castle.

The Famous Hay Literary Festival

<https://www.hayfestival.com/wales/index.aspx?skinid=2¤cysetting=GBP&localesetting=en-GB&resetfilters=true>

For 29 years Hay Festival has brought together writers from around the world to debate and share stories at its festival in the staggering beauty of the Welsh Borders. Hay celebrates great writing from poets and scientists, lyricists and comedians, novelists and environmentalists.

Vintage Eastnor, Ledbury

<http://eastnorcastle.com/whats-on/>

JUNE

Leominster Festival <https://www.leominster-festival.com/>

The vibrant Festival back with more on offer than ever, there is a lot of local input into the festival, with artists, authors, musicians and art forms from formal talks to fun family festival days this festival attracts a wide age of audiences.

The Royal Three Counties Show, Malvern

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

Bromyard Gala <http://www.bromyardgala.org.uk/>

JULY

Shobdon Food & Flying Festival

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

Set in beautiful north Herefordshire surroundings at an historic WW2 airfield, this unique event combines the best local gastronomy, a host of aviation attractions, arts and crafts, demonstrations, live music and lots more that the whole family can enjoy.

3Choirs <http://www.3choirs.org/>

The Three Choirs Festival is a week-long programme of choral & orchestral concerts, cathedral services, solo and chamber music recitals, masterclasses,

talks, theatre, exhibitions and walks, rotating each summer between the beautiful English cathedral cities of Hereford, Gloucester and Worcester.

Welland Steam Rally <http://www.wellandsteamrally.co.uk/>

A weekend of family fun & exciting events for steam enthusiasts & vintage fanatics celebrating the steam era in Worcs.

VW Camper & Bus Show, Eastnor Castle, Ledbury

<http://eastnorcastle.com/whats-on/>

AUGUST

Brecon Jazz <http://breconjazzweekend.co.uk/>

An intimate and community led event which continues to have the **highest quality of jazz music** on offer and promises to offer something for everyone.

Magnalonga Walk <http://www.ludlowspringfestival.co.uk/>

The Magnalonga is a food and drink walk of about eight miles. It starts and finishes in Ludlow: a journey where you combine a walk through unspoilt countryside with some of the best food and drink from the Marches.

Greenman Festival <http://www.greenman.net/>

Near Brecon

RHS Malvern Autumn Show

<http://www.threecounties.co.uk/malvernautumn/>

SEPTEMBER

Firework Championship, Eastnor Castle, Ledbury

<http://eastnorcastle.com/whats-on/>

Ludlow Food & Drink Festival

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

Inside Ludlow Castle with more than 180 local food and drink producers and suppliers: real food, ale, cider, perry, wine and more from the Marches, with samples and tastings.

H Art <http://www.brightstripe.co.uk/services/herefordshire-art-week/>

Herefordshire Art Week is a nine day art trail, for artists, craftmakers and creative businesses to open studios, galleries and group exhibitions to raise their profile and sell artwork.

Family Autumn Antics

<http://eastnorcastle.com/whats-on/>

OCTOBER

Sculpture exhibition at Newport House, Almeley.

<http://www.outofnature.org.uk/>

NOVEMBER

Hereford Art Markets

Offering a range of original artworks, contemporary and traditional crafts and handmade jewelry.

RAF Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire

The RAF museum opens its doors for behind the scenes access to aircraft conservation. <http://rafmuseum.org>

DECEMBER

Hereford Art Markets

Offering a range of original artworks, contemporary and traditional crafts and handmade jewelry.

Shrewsbury Winter Festival

A festival of food, drink and all things Christmassy!

<http://shrewsburychristmas.co.uk>

Other Attractions

Three Counties Showground <http://www.threecounties.co.uk/>

A great website to look through for details of shows taking place throughout the year

Black & White Village Trail <http://www.blackandwhitetrail.org/>

The Black & White Village Trail is a motor/cycle route through some of the prettiest villages & most beautiful landscape in England. The 40 mile circular trail leads west from the ancient town of Leominster, through a rich landscape of orchards, hopyards and distant hills, taking in the most picturesque black & white villages along the way as well as the little market town of Kington

Petting Farms <https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/west-midlands/herefordshire/hereford/animals/childrens-farms>

Fishing @ Docklow <http://www.docklowpools.com/>

Nine established fishing lakes – Including a carp & catfish lake called the Major Bill. The unique Canal/Snake which is pole anglers dream. Great fishing & great choice

Hereford <http://www.visitherefordshire.co.uk/thingstodo/whats-on.aspx>

A great site to visit, detailing monthly events taking place in and around Hereford

SMAACK Kingsland <http://kingslandlife.com/news/smaaak-news-events-feb-2017/>

Sculpture Exhibitions

<http://oldchapelgallery.co.uk/> open daily, located between Kington & Leominster

<http://www.forestofdean-sculpture.org.uk/>

Brightwells Auction House/vintage cars

<http://www.brightwells.com/classic-motoring/>

Brightwells also hold weekly auctions (Leominster) – see website for categories and date

19. Local Walks (again please ask)

Croft Castle & Parkland – <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croft-castle-and-parkland>

Croft Castle sits deep in the heart of Herefordshire countryside surrounded by 1500 acres of historic woodland, farm and parkland. In the castle you can explore the family photographs or sit and read through the auction catalogues. Big kids and little kids can find out or relive some 1950s games and toys in the family room, complete with costumes for dressing up. Step outside and explore the working walled garden complete with historic orchards, vineyard and take a peak inside the 1908 glasshouse restoration project. Take a stroll through the parkland up to the Iron Age hill fort for far reaching views including the Brecon beacons or follow one of the woodland trails and find over 300 veteran trees along the way. Feeling energetic? Why not tackle the Orienteering course or let the little ones go wild in the natural and mini castle play areas.

Berrington Hall - <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/berrington-hall>

Standing proud and strong, this fine Georgian mansion sits within 'Capability' Brown's final garden and landscape. You can explore Brown's work with Red Earth's 'Genius Loci' exhibition. In the house, discover jewel-like interiors, designed by Henry Holland and home to the Harley, Rodney and Cawley families. Experience some of the extremes of the 18th century in the wig and bum shop and discover the hidden 'below stairs'. Created as the perfect house in the perfect setting, Berrington Hall has many secrets for visitors to uncover. In this, one of Henry Holland's first houses, you can also explore the family rooms and see how the servants moved around the house unseen by the family and guests.

Brockampton Estate -

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brockhampton-estate> At the heart of this 687-hectare (1,700-acre) farmed estate lies Lower Brockampton, a romantic timber-framed manor house dating back to the late 14th century. The house is surrounded by a moat and is entered via a charming timber-framed gatehouse, built 1530-40. There are miles of walks through the park and woodland, featuring ancient trees, the picturesque Lawn Pool and various sculptures depicting parts of the history of Brockampton and the local area. This is home to a rich variety of wildlife, along with historic farming breeds such as Hereford cattle and Ryeland sheep.

Mortimer Forest -

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/englandherefordshirethemarchesmortimerforest> Mortimer Forest is a forest on the Shropshire/Herefordshire border in England, near the town of Ludlow. It covers a hilly terrain, including the Marilyn of High Vinnalls which rises to 375 metres.

Hergest Ridge (Kington) - <http://www.walkingbritain.co.uk/walk-3300-description> Starting from the Herefordshire town of Kington this walk explores the high ground of the Hergest Ridge. Using a section of the Offa's Dyke National Trail the walk also features some wonderful views across the Welsh Border country. You can walk right across to the pub (Royal Oak, Gladestry) on the other side

Hay-on-Wye (40 minute drive) Gateway to the Black Mountains. Town of books, famous for the festival. The River Café in Glasbury Bridge is well worth a stop.

Shobdon Arches - <http://www.shobdonchurch.org.uk/the-arches/>
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/walking>
<http://walkinginhereford.co.uk/leominster.php>

20. FURTHER TOURIST INFO

Leominster Tourist Information Centre, 1 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8LR, Tel: 01568 616460 www.leominstertourism.co.uk

Ledbury Tourist Information Centre, 3 The Homend, Ledbury HR8 1. Tel: 01531 636147 www.visitledbury.info

Herefordshire Tourist Information Centre, 1 King St, Hereford HR4 9, Tel: 01432 268430 www.visitherefordshire.co.uk