

Places to visit in Leicester city and Leicestershire county

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<https://www.visitleicester.info/dbimgs/Leicester%20City%20Centre%20Map.pdf>

<https://www.visitleicester.info/> <https://www.goleicestershire.com/>

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/travelling-by-bus>

Museums and art galleries:

King Richard III visitor centre and Leicester Cathedral, Peacock Lane. Based on the car park where the king's remains were found. Tickets £9.25, valid for one year.

<https://kriii.com/>



Attenborough Arts, Lancaster Road, off University Road. This contemporary arts centre and café are owned by the University of Leicester. Open 7 days a week with free entry. Named in honour of actor and film director Richard Attenborough, who lived on our campus with his brother David, when their father was Principal of University College, Leicester.

<https://www2.le.ac.uk/hosted/attenborougharts>



New Walk Museum and Art Gallery, within 10 mins. walk from the University on New Walk. Exhibitions of art. 1960s mods exhibition. New Walk and Newarke Houses Museum and Abbey Pumping Station are owned by the council, with free entry 7 days a week.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries/museums-and-historic-venues/new-walk-museum-and-art-gallery/>



Newarke Houses Museum <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries/museums-and-historic-venues/newarke-houses-museum/>

Abbey Pumping Station, museum of science and technology.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums-and-galleries/museums-and-historic-venues/abbey-pumping-station/>

National Space Centre, the UK's space museum, contains rockets, interactive exhibits, the Soyuz spacecraft and a planetarium. Tickets are £15, valid for one year. Open 7 days a week. Our gala dinner will be held here on 10/6 with free entry to the exhibits.

<https://spacecentre.co.uk/>



Retro Computer Museum, a private museum containing consoles, arcade games and a 90s VR machine, which are all usable. Entry £7.50, open weekends - check by email in advance. Humberstone Lane, 5 miles from the city centre. <http://retrocomputermuseum.co.uk/>

Parks:

Town Hall Square, Horsefair Street. Fountain and lawned area in the city centre.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/planning-and-building/conservation/heritage-conservation/conservation-areas/town-hall-square>



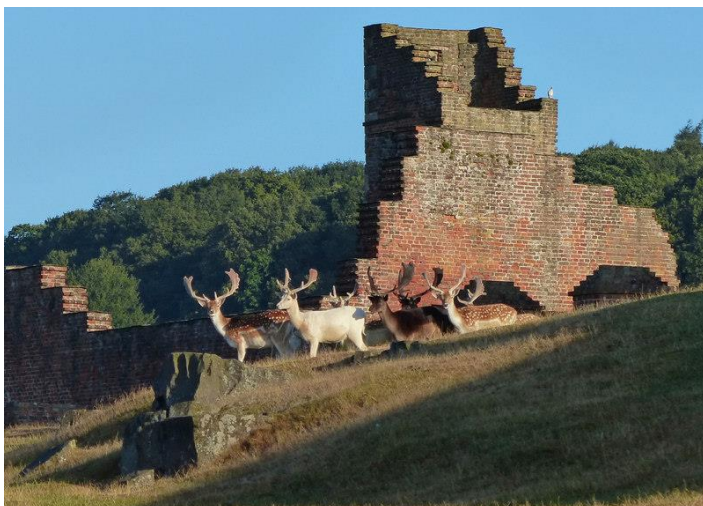
Victoria Park, London Road. 69 acre park with a First World War memorial cenotaph, football pitches and tennis courts, next to the University main campus. Free entry.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/our-parks/victoria-park>

Abbey Park, Abbey Park Road and Abbey Lane. The River Soar runs through this large park which features the ruins of 12th century Leicester Abbey; a 17th century mansion; miniature railway (at weekends); playground; sensory garden; lavender garden and pets corner. Free entry. Bus 54 or 54A from Haymarket bus station, Charles Street.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/our-parks/abbey-park/>

Bradgate Park, 800 acre deer park, featuring the river Lin, remains of Lady Jane Grey's Tudor house (the nine days Queen), an exhibition about the estate and two tea rooms. Free entry (small parking charge) at Newtown Linford, Cropston Hallgates or Hunt's Hill (Sharpley Hill). Open 8am until dusk every day. Bus 120 from Leicester St Margaret's Bus Station. <https://www.bradgatepark.org/>



Watermead Park, 340 acre country park with lakes, nature reserves, bird watching, climate trail and sculptures of a mammoth and King Lear (who is said to have been buried beneath Leicestershire's River Soar). Adjacent to cycle route and canal. Bus 5A or 6 from Haymarket bus station, Charles St. to Melton Road (opposite Sainsbury's). Free entry (small parking charge). <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/our-parks/watermead-country-park-south/>



Leicestershire historical attractions:

'Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe', Nottingham St., Melton Mowbray. Dickinson and Morris, producer and retailer of traditional Melton Mowbray pork pies since 1851. Melton Mowbray is known as the East Midlands' 'food town'. <https://www.porkpie.co.uk/>



Kirby Muxloe Castle (English Heritage). Oakcroft Avenue, Kirby Muxloe. Ruins of a mediaeval castle with a moat, built for Lord William Hastings, friend of the Plantagenet king Edward IV. William was beheaded by King Richard III before the castle was completed. Open Saturdays and Sundays 10am-5pm, entry £5.30. <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/kirby-muxloe-castle/>

Stoneywell (National Trust), Ulverscroft. 1920s Arts and Crafts-style country home with original 1950's interior. Ulverscroft, Leicestershire. Entry £9.50 booked 24 hours or more ahead. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stoneywell>

Ashby de la Zouch Castle (English Heritage), South Street, Ashby de la Zouch. Ruins of a 12th century castle, damaged during the English Civil War. Open Wednesdays to Sundays 10am-6pm, entry £6.20. <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/ashby-de-la-zouch-castle/>

Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, location of the Battle of Bosworth field where King Richard III was killed, ending the Plantagenet era and beginning the reign of the Tudors. Sutton Cheney. Tickets £8.95, valid for one year. <https://www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk/>

Belvoir Castle, Vale of Belvoir, Rutland, 30 miles from Leicester. 19th century Gothic stately of the Duke and Duchess of Rutland. Open Saturdays to Tuesdays, 11am-4pm, entry £18. <https://www.belvoircastle.com/>



Rutland Water, Empingham, Rutland, 26 miles from Leicester. Reservoir and nature reserve with cycling, birdwatching and owl sanctuary. Site of Special Scientific Interest and a European Special Protection Area, with an estimated 25,000 waterfowl in the summer. <https://www.rutlandwater.org.uk/>



Restaurants:

The University of Leicester has several food outlets on campus, which are easily accessed during breaks in the conference, including **Charles Wilson Building**: level 1 café and Graduate Lounge, Chi café and Delic!ous ground floor; **Students' Union** restaurant, café, shop & Starbucks, **David Wilson library** café on ground floor, **Ratray Building** vegan café.

Highcross in the city centre has several restaurants outside (near the ground floor exit towards John Lewis):

1573, grill restaurant based in a building from the Tudor era.

Bill's, contemporary British food.

Pho, Vietnamese-style menu.

Wagamama, Japanese-style food.

Carluccio's, Italian restaurant.

<https://www.highcrossleicester.com/dining>

Restaurants in other locations in Leicester city:

Barceloneta, Spanish tapas bar and restaurant, Queens Rd. <http://www.barceloneta.co.uk/>

Middleton's steakhouse in an ornate former bank. Millstone Lane. <http://middletonshg.co.uk/restaurants/leicester/>

Cosy Club, restaurant and bar based in a former clothing factory. Highcross Street.

<https://cosyclub.co.uk/location/leicester/>



Bistrot Pierre, French food. Horsefair Street. <https://bistrotpierre.co.uk/locations/leicester>

Marco Pierre White's Italian Restaurant, Grand Hotel, Granby Street.

<https://www.mpwrestaurants.co.uk/our-brands/new-york-italian/leicester/>

San Carlo, Italian restaurant. Granby Street. <https://sancarlo.co.uk/restaurants/leicester/>

Shimla Pinks, Indian restaurant, London Road. <https://www.shimlapinkisleicester.co.uk/>

Leicester is renowned for its Indian restaurants on the 'Golden Mile': Belgrave Road and Melton Road. <https://www.visitleicester.info/explore/neighbourhoods/golden-mile>



There are also several restaurants on Granby Street and London Road which sell only desserts. <https://www.visitleicester.info/eat-and-drink/restaurants/all-restaurants>

Vegan cafés: Indigo (University main campus, Rattray Building); Prana (Horsefair Street) <https://pranacafe.co.uk/>; Healthy Louisa, Belgrave Gate <https://www.healthylouisa.com/>; The Pantry, Loseby Lane <https://www.facebook.com/thepantryLE1/>; Pomelo and Rocket (North Mill, Frog Island) <https://www.facebook.com/pomeloandrocket/> Most restaurants and cafés in Leicester offer vegetarian meals and an increasing number include vegan and gluten-free options too.

Recommended restaurants in Leicestershire county:

Winstanley House, contemporary British restaurant and steakhouse in a recently restored Georgian manor house set in a park. Hinckley Rd., 2 miles from the city centre. <https://www.winstanleyhouse.co.uk/>



Sapori, Good Food Guide 2019 Local Gem and previously awarded Best Italian restaurant of the year in England. Staddon Rd., Anstey, 4 miles from Leicester city centre. <https://www.sapori-restaurant.co.uk/>



Rothley Court Hotel, 16th century former stately home where the bill to abolish the slave trade was drafted. Westfield Lane, Rothley, 6 miles from Leicester. The hotel has a restaurant and bar open to the public, with access to a 13th century chapel that belonged to the Knights Templar. <https://www.greenekinginns.co.uk/hotels/rothley-court-hotel/>



The Grey Lady, thatched restaurant with champagne bar, near Bradgate Park. Sharpley Hill, Newtown Linford, 7 miles from Leicester. <http://the-grey-lady.co.uk/>

John's House, Leicestershire's only Michelin-starred restaurant, located at Stonehurst Farm, Loughborough Road, Mountsorrel, 8 miles from Leicester. <http://www.johnshouse.co.uk/>

Bars (in order of proximity to the University):

The Marquis Wellington, London Road.

The Parcel Yard, next to Leicester Railway Station, London Road.



Grand Hotel, Granby Street.



Turkey Café, Granby Street.



The Terrace, Albion St., off Belvoir Street. Champagne and cocktail bar with dance floor, open Thursday to Saturday until 1am.



The Exchange, Rutland Street.

Manhattan 34, Rutland Street.

Café Bruxelles, High Street.



The Cookie, High Street.

Firebug, Millstone Lane.

BrewDog, craft beers, Friar Lane.

Wygston's House, Jubilee Square.



Republic Night Club, Gravel St., open Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays until the early hours. Retro, R&B and dance music rooms. <https://www.clubrepublictickets.com/>

Theatres and cinemas:

De Montfort Hall, Leicester's largest concert venue and our graduation hall, next to the University and Victoria Park. <http://www.demontforthall.co.uk>



Curve Theatre, Rutland St. in Leicester's Cultural Quarter. <https://www.curveonline.co.uk/>



Phoenix Square, art house cinema and café <https://www.phoenix.org.uk/>

Showcase Cinema Delux, Highcross <https://www.showcasecinemas.co.uk/cinema-info/showcase-cinema-de-lux-leicester>



Odeon, Freeman's Common, cinema near the University campus) <https://www.odeon.co.uk/cinemas/leicester/104/>

Little Theatre, Dover St. <https://www.thelittletheatre.net>

Y Theatre, performing arts and bar, East St. (opposite the railway station). Leicester's oldest theatre, the Y was built in 1896. <https://www.leicesterymca.co.uk/theatre/>



Shopping:

Highcross Shopping Centre, High Street. Well-known multiples from Accessorize to Zara and department stores John Lewis and Debenhams. Open 9.30am-8pm weekdays, 9am-7pm Saturdays, 11am-5pm Sundays. <https://www.highcrossleicester.com/>



Leicester Market, the UK's largest covered market, over 700 years old. Market Square, off High Street. Open Mon.-Sat. 7am-6pm. <http://www.leicestermarket.co.uk/>

Saint Martin's Square, independent stores, bars and restaurants, featuring a Fair Trade shop and a Zero Waste store. <http://stmartinssquare.co.uk/>

The Lanes, a selection of independent boutiques and cafés around Loseby Lane in the city centre, near the High Street and Market Place. <https://www.visitleicester.info/see-and-do/shops-and-market/the-lanes>

Francis Street/Allandale Road, Stoneygate, shopping streets with independent boutiques, gift shops and cafés, approx. 1 mile from the University. <https://stoneygateshopping.blogspot.com/p/photos.html>

Queens Road, local shopping street with bars and food shops, located between the University and College Court.