

# Savour a real flavour of Hampshire



Hampshire offers a wealth of fabulous food and drink that has been grown, reared or produced in the county, and which is available from an increasing number of pubs, restaurants, hotels, delicatessens and farm shops who want to be associated with selling good quality local produce.

County food group Hampshire Fare produces a useful guide to 'Producers of

food, drink and craft in Hampshire' which includes details of eateries and outlets where local food and drink can be enjoyed, and also of caterers who can bring food to your office, party or event. This is available free, telephone 01962 845999 or visit [www.hampshirefare.co.uk](http://www.hampshirefare.co.uk). Hampshire Fare also organises the hugely popular Hampshire Food Festival fortnight, held annually at the end of June/early July.

Hampshire is also home to the largest farmers' market in the UK held in Winchester, where visitors can buy everything from meat, game and fish to bread, vegetables, dairy products, beer and wine direct from around 90 producers. These are a great showcase for Hampshire food, drink and craft. Hampshire Farmers' Markets are also held in other market towns including Alton, Petersfield, Romsey, Southsea, Southampton and Andover. Full details are available from [www.hampshirefarmersmarkets.co.uk](http://www.hampshirefarmersmarkets.co.uk) telephone 01420 588671.



By buying food and drink from Hampshire, you can not only enjoy the best local produce, but also make an essential contribution to the sustainability of Hampshire's beautiful countryside, the rural economy, the environment and our market towns.

## Win a Hampshire local produce hamper!

Complete and return this coupon to be entered in a free prize draw

Name: .....

Address: .....

Email: .....

If you would like to receive further information on tourism in Hampshire please tick this box

Closing date – 31st December 2006

Return to: Tourism Section, Hampshire County Council, Recreation & Heritage Dept., Mottisfont Court, High Street, Winchester SO23 8ZF

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# Tourist Information

## Tourist information centres

To obtain friendly advice to help you plan your visit to Hampshire, please contact:-

### Aldershot

Tel: 01252 320968  
Fax: 01252 311479  
E-mail: [mail@rushmoorvic.com](mailto:mail@rushmoorvic.com)  
[www.visit-northhampshire.org.uk](http://www.visit-northhampshire.org.uk)

### Alton

Tel: 01420 88448  
Fax: 01420 543916  
E-mail: [altoninfo@btconnect.com](mailto:altoninfo@btconnect.com)  
[www.visit-easthampshire.org.uk](http://www.visit-easthampshire.org.uk)

### Andover

Tel: 01264 324320  
Fax: 01264 345650  
E-mail: [andover@testvalley.org.uk](mailto:andover@testvalley.org.uk)  
[www.visit-testvalley.org.uk](http://www.visit-testvalley.org.uk)

### Hayling Island

Tel: 023 9246 7111  
Fax: 023 9246 5626  
E-mail: [tourism@havant.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@havant.gov.uk)  
[www.havant.gov.uk](http://www.havant.gov.uk)

### The New Forest

Tel: 01590 689000  
Fax: 01590 673990  
E-mail: [information@nfdc.gov.uk](mailto:information@nfdc.gov.uk)  
[www.thenewforest.co.uk](http://www.thenewforest.co.uk)

### Petersfield

Tel: 01730 268829  
Fax: 01730 266679  
E-mail: [petersfieldinfo@btconnect.com](mailto:petersfieldinfo@btconnect.com)  
[www.visit-easthampshire.org.uk](http://www.visit-easthampshire.org.uk)

### Portsmouth

Tel: 023 9282 6722  
Fax: 023 9282 2693  
E-mail: [vis@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:vis@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)  
[www.visitportsmouth.co.uk](http://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk)

### Romsey

Tel: 01794 512987  
Fax: 01794 512987  
E-mail: [romsey@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:romsey@testvalley.gov.uk)  
[www.visit-testvalley.org.uk](http://www.visit-testvalley.org.uk)



### Southampton

Tel: 023 8083 3333  
Fax: 023 8083 3381  
E-mail: [tourist.information@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:tourist.information@southampton.gov.uk)  
[www.visit-southampton.co.uk](http://www.visit-southampton.co.uk)

### Winchester

Tel: 01962 840500  
Fax: 01962 850348  
E-mail: [tourism@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@winchester.gov.uk)  
[www.visitwinchester.co.uk](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk)

## Useful Websites

### Hampshire County Council

[www.hants.gov.uk/discover](http://www.hants.gov.uk/discover)

### Tourism South East

[www.visitsoutheastengland.com](http://www.visitsoutheastengland.com)

It is advisable to check directly with the establishments concerned to ensure that the information is accurate at the time.

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## TOURISM SOUTH EAST



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# Country Pursuits in Hampshire



## From golf to fishing

Enjoy the great activities available to you in Hampshire



## TOURISM SOUTH EAST

# Places to stay and play

Here you will find a selection of quality assured serviced and self-catering accommodation that can provide their guests with an exciting range of bookable sporting pursuit opportunities. Take your pick!

## 1 Tylney Hall\*\*\*\* Red star AA, RAC Gold Ribbon

Rotherwick, Hook, RG27 9AZ  
Tel: 01256 764881 Fax: 01256 768141  
E-mail: reservations@tylneyhall.com  
Web: www.tylneyhall.com

An independently owned country house hotel, the Grade II listed mansion is set in 66 acres with uninterrupted views of the Hampshire countryside. The facilities include indoor and outdoor swimming pools, all-weather tennis courts, jogging trails and mountain bike hire. Golf is available at the adjacent course. In addition, archery, clay pigeon shooting and similar activities are available by prior arrangement



## 9 Macdonald Botley Park, Golf & Country Club\*\*\*\* deluxe AA

Winchester Road, Boorley Green, Southampton, SO32 2UA  
Tel: 0870 1942132 Fax: 01489 789242  
E-mail: botleypark@macdonald-hotels.co.uk  
Web: www.botleyparkhotel.co.uk

The hotel is set at the heart of 176 acres of rolling Hampshire countryside with 130 bedrooms. The hotel offers extensive leisure facilities including a 15 metre swimming pool, squash and tennis courts. There is also an 18-hole golf course and 12 bay driving range, practice bunker and putting area. Other outdoor pursuits include clay pigeon shooting, archery, cycle riding, fishing and horse riding nearby which offer special rates for hotel guests.



## 13 Le Poussin at Parkhill\*\*\*\* AA

Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst, SO43 7FZ  
Tel: 023 8028 2044 Fax: 023 8028 3268  
E-mail: enquiries@lepoussin.co.uk  
Web: www.lepoussin.co.uk

A Georgian country house hotel set in 25 acres of parkland within the New Forest which is one of the three hotels owned by the Group which are located within the New Forest National Park. They are able to provide tennis within their grounds and have access to golf courses nearby. Horse riding and cycling facilities are also bookable through the hotel.



## 2 Four Seasons\*\*\*\*\* AA

Dogmersfield Park, Chalky Lane, Dogmersfield, Hook RG27 8TD  
Tel: 01252 853000 Fax: 01252 853010  
Web: www.fourseasons.com/hampshire/

A restored Georgian manor with ultra modern comfort set within acres of rolling countryside and heritage listed gardens. The hotel offers facilities for horse-riding, clay pigeon shooting and fishing.



## 10 Marriott Meon Valley Hotel and Country Club\*\*\*\* AA

Sandy Lane, Shedfield, Nr. Southampton SO32 2HQ  
Tel: 01329 833455  
E-mail: front.desk@sougs@marriotthotels.com  
Web: www.marriott.co.uk

Set in 225 acres of beautiful Hampshire countryside the hotel has 113 bedrooms. The facilities on offer include an indoor pool, fully equipped fitness room, tennis courts and golf academy with two courses, 18-hole and 9-hole with driving range and putting green. Other outdoor pursuits include a jogging/fitness trail and tennis courts. Horse riding, sailing and water-skiing are available nearby and can be booked by the hotel.

## 14 Balmer Lawn Hotel\*\*\* AA

Lyndhurst Road, Brockenhurst, SO42 7ZB  
Tel: 01590 623116 Fax: 01590 623864  
E-mail: info@balmerlawnhotel.com  
Web: www.balmerlawnhotel.com

Built originally in the mid 1800's as a hunting lodge, the Balmer Lane is an impressive privately owned country house hotel situated in the heart of the New Forest on the outskirts of the village of Brockenhurst. The hotel can arrange outdoor pursuits including walking, cycling and the hire of mountain bikes. There is also an outdoor heated pool, tennis courts and indoor leisure facilities.



## 3 Holiday Inn\*\*\*\* AA

Grove Road, Basingstoke RG21 3EE  
Tel: 0870 400 9004 Option 7 Fax: 01256 840081  
E-mail: reservations-basingstoke@ihotelsgroup.com  
Web: www.holiday-inn.co.uk

The hotel is situated on the outskirts of Basingstoke and has 86 air conditioned bedrooms. It offers golf facilities at the 18 hole Drummer Golf Club and arrange gliding and paintball competitions at nearby Lasham.



## 4 Old Thorns Golf and Country Estate Hotel\*\*\* AA

Griggs Green, Liphook, GU30 7PE  
Tel: 01428 724555 Fax: 01428 725036  
E-mail: sales@oldthorns.com  
Web: www.oldthorns.com

Originally a 17th century farmhouse tucked away in 400 acres of rolling Hampshire countryside, the 28 bedroom hotel retains much of its original charm but boasts a Japanese restaurant. Facilities include an outstanding championship golf course designed by Peter Alliss and a first class spa. Walks are available in nearby countryside.



## 5 Langrish House Hotel\*\* AA

Langrish, Petersfield, GU32 1RN  
Tel: 01730 266941 Fax: 01730 266941  
E-mail: frontdesk@langrishhouse.co.uk  
Web: www.langrishhouse.co.uk

Set in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Langrish House is a family owned and operated country house hotel with 13 bedrooms and AA Rosette Restaurant. They can organise clay pigeon shooting, horse riding, and fly-fishing. There are numerous walking opportunities available locally.



## 6 Norton Park\*\*\*\* AA

Sutton Scotney, Nr. Winchester SO21 3NB  
Tel: 01962 763000 Fax: 01962 760860  
E-mail: nortonparkevents@qhotels.co.uk  
Web: www.qhotels.co.uk

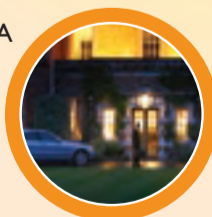
Situated within 54 acres of Hampshire parkland, the 97 bedroom hotel has leisure facilities which include a health club with fitness centre and outside there are jogging trails, tennis courts and bicycle rental available.



## 7 Lainston House Hotel\*\*\*\* Red Star AA

Sparsholt, Winchester, SO21 2LT  
Tel: 01962 863588 Fax: 01962 776672  
E-mail: enquiries@lainstonhouse.com  
Web: www.exclusivehotels.co.uk

The 17th century country house is a luxurious 50 bedroom hotel, set in 63 acres of Hampshire parkland. The hotel has a fully equipped gymnasium and tennis courts. Short break packages are available for country pursuits, including fishing on the nearby River Test and on a lake at Broadlands, Romsey; horse-riding and live shoots.



## 11 New Forest Lodge Hotel\*\* AA

Southampton Road, Landford, Nr. Salisbury, SP5 2ED  
Tel: 01794 390999 Fax: 01794 390066  
E-mail: info@newforestlodge.co.uk  
Web: www.newforestlodge.co.uk

Family run hotel close to the northern edge of the New Forest National Park where they are able to book horse riding and fishing on behalf of their guests.



## 8 Marwell Hotel\*\*\* AA

Thompsons Lane, Colden Common, Winchester, SO21 1JY  
Tel: 01962 777681 Fax: 01962 770829  
E-mail: info@marwellhotel.co.uk  
Web: www.marwellhotel.co.uk

A friendly hotel set in mature woodland with 66 colonial style bedrooms. The hotel facilities include a health and leisure centre which comprises a swimming pool, sauna, spa and beauty rooms. At the nearby golf centre there are two 18-hole courses, a 9-hole course especially for family golf and a driving range.



## 12 Rhinefield House Hotel\*\*\*\* AA

Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst SO42 7QB  
Tel: 01590 622922 Fax: 01590 622800  
E-mail: enquiries@handpicked.co.uk  
Web: www.handpicked.co.uk/rhinefieldhouse

A Victorian country house hotel with 34 bedrooms set in 40 acres of grounds and landscaped gardens located in the heart of the ancient New Forest. Facilities available include outdoor tennis courts, swimming pool and a croquet lawn and the hotel will arrange horse riding, golf and cycling. Indoor leisure facilities are currently being upgraded.

## 18 Sandy Balls Holiday Centre\*\*\*\*\* VB

Godshill, Fordingbridge, SP6 2JZ  
Tel: 01425 653042  
E-mail: post@sandy-balls.co.uk  
Web: www.sandy-balls.co.uk

An idyllic location nestled in 120 acres of woods and parkland in the New Forest and bordered by the tranquil water of the River Avon where forest lodges are available for hire. Facilities include outdoor and indoor swimming pools, cycle hire and riding stables and there is also access to 1/3 mile fishing on the River Avon.



## 19 South Winchester Lodges\*\*\*\*\* VB

South Winchester Golf Course, The Green, Winchester, SO22 5SW  
Tel: 01962 820490  
E-mail: info@golfholidaywinchester.com  
Web: www.golfholidaywinchester.com

Luxury lodges provide secluded quality accommodation set in the Hampshire countryside. Visitors have access to an 18-hole championship golf course and arrangements can be made for clay shooting, archery and canoeing.



## Self Catering

### 17 Brook Farm Cottages\*\*\*\* VB

Brook Farm House, Brook, King's Somborne, Stockbridge SO20 6QR  
Tel: 01794 389379 Fax: 01794 389663  
E-mail: brookfarmcottages@quidity.com  
Web: www.quidity.com

Adjoining their Grade II listed farmhouse, the owners have created an intimate environment for those seeking a rural retreat set in the heart of the Test Valley. Horse riding and fly fishing can be arranged for visitors.



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# Hampshire has it all

## Hampshire offers the ideal location for lovers of country pursuits.

The county has a long association with traditional pursuits, from horse riding in the ancient hunting grounds of the New Forest to fishing in the famed River Test. As well as rolling downs, tranquil rivers, majestic woodlands and picture postcard villages, Hampshire offers top quality accommodation and superb facilities that are guaranteed to provide the perfect short break.



Our welcoming hotels will be happy to arrange a variety of country activities, from fly fishing and clay pigeon or pheasant shooting to horse riding and golf. Hampshire has many clubs, organisations and companies providing an exciting range of country pursuits and with many local shops stocking specialist sporting equipment you'll be sure to get the most out of your stay.

No holiday is complete without good food and Hampshire is fast gaining a reputation for the quality of its local produce. You can sample our fine beer and wines, distinctive cheeses and succulent meat and game in many of our hotels, restaurants and country pubs while specialist gourmet breaks, lively farmers' markets and Hampshire Fare events will add to the culinary delights.

We also have world famous gardens for you to explore, as well as lovely walks. If you can tear yourself away from the countryside, the coastline - with its stunning views of the Isle of Wight, sailing heritage and wide range of water sports - is only a short distance away.



Getting to Hampshire couldn't be simpler, with fast access via the M3 and frequent trains linking London and the south.

**If you love country pursuits, you'll love Hampshire.**



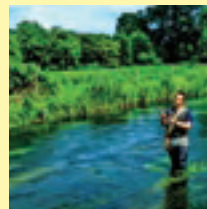
# Great sporting leisure breaks

Enjoy horse riding, fishing, shooting and golf at some of our excellent centres, which welcome both beginners and the more experienced. Many hotels have leisure facilities on site and all will be happy to arrange these activities for you - see our fantastic range of opportunities overleaf. A number of short break packages are also available for country pursuits.

## Fishing

The chalk stream rivers of Hampshire, with their clear waters and unspoilt meadows, are renowned the world over. The Rivers Test and Itchen hold an unrivalled reputation for river game fishing while still water and coarse fishing are also available. Day and season tickets can be purchased and many centres provide qualified guides and instructors.

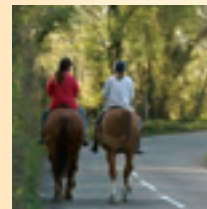
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)  
[www.go-fish.co.uk/hampshire.htm](http://www.go-fish.co.uk/hampshire.htm)  
[www.fishingnet.com/England/Hampshire.htm](http://www.fishingnet.com/England/Hampshire.htm)



## Horse-riding

Hampshire is a horse-riding paradise. There are miles of bridleways through scenic countryside and trails for both the novice and the experienced rider. Numerous accredited schools provide first rate tuition and some centres offer short break holidays.

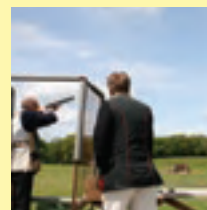
[www.bhs.org.uk](http://www.bhs.org.uk)  
[www.hants.gov.uk/countryside/horseriding/](http://www.hants.gov.uk/countryside/horseriding/)  
[www.horseweb-uk.com](http://www.horseweb-uk.com)



## Clay and game shooting

Safe and qualified instruction is available at all levels for the exhilarating sport of clay pigeon shooting, including facilities for children aged 10+. Places on pheasant and partridge shoots can also be booked, with a friendly and personal service offered to both the beginner and the experienced gun.

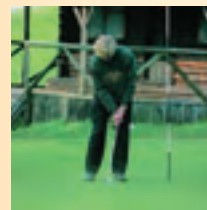
[www.cpsa.co.uk](http://www.cpsa.co.uk)



## Golf

Hampshire has over 80 golf courses and offers a wide range of private, pay and play and public clubs in beautiful locations, including both downland and parkland courses. Top quality facilities, expert tuition and specialist breaks are also available.

[www.golftoday.co.uk](http://www.golftoday.co.uk)  
[www.getintogolf.org](http://www.getintogolf.org)  
[www.hampshiregolf.co.uk](http://www.hampshiregolf.co.uk)



# Country breaks

## Gourmet Breaks

Four special gourmet breaks have been devised to provide special interest short break packages for food lovers. Details at:  
[www.visitwinchester.co.uk/elderflower.shtml](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/elderflower.shtml)  
[www.visitwinchester.co.uk/chocolatecraft.shtml](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/chocolatecraft.shtml)  
[www.visitwinchester.co.uk/watercressworkshops.shtml](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/watercressworkshops.shtml)  
[www.visitwinchester.co.uk/sloegin.shtml](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/sloegin.shtml)



## Hampshire's Distinctive Country Inns

A stay at a distinctive country inn provides the perfect base for a number of activities. Located in the heart of the countryside, whatever type of activity you are looking for there are miles of beautiful footpaths and cycle tracks. For further information: [www.distinctivecountryinns.co.uk](http://www.distinctivecountryinns.co.uk)

## Green Tourism Business Scheme

Businesses with a concern for the environment are recognised by the Green Tourism Business Scheme. The following businesses efforts to operate in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way have been graded Bronze, Silver and Gold against set criteria.



**Scotland Farm Countryside Bed and Breakfast**  
Hawley, Liss, GU33 6NH  
Tel: 01730 827473 Fax: 01730 827155  
E-mail: [admin@scotlandfarm.com](mailto:admin@scotlandfarm.com)  
Web: [www.scotlandfarm.com](http://www.scotlandfarm.com)



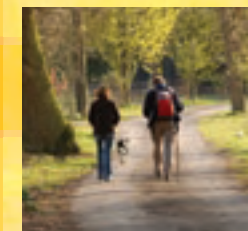
**Wetherdown Hostel**  
The Sustainability Centre, Droxford Road, East Meon,  
Petersfield, GU32 1HR  
Tel: 01730 823166 Fax: 01730 823168  
E-mail: [hostel@earthworks-trust.com](mailto:hostel@earthworks-trust.com)  
Web: [www.earthworks-trust.com](http://www.earthworks-trust.com)



**Langrish House**  
(See overleaf)



**Stubbs Farm**  
South Hay, Kingsley, GU35 9NR  
Tel/Fax: 01420 474906  
E-mail: [info@stubbsfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@stubbsfarm.co.uk)  
Web: [www.stubbsfarm.co.uk](http://www.stubbsfarm.co.uk)



## Escape to the Countryside

This superb guide presents an enticing variety of themed walking trails centred on the most picturesque of South East England villages and country towns.

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