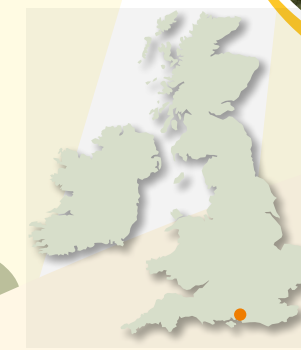


Indulge your senses

in the
South Downs National Park
Hampshire Area



- 1 The Theatre Royal www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk
- 2 Bedales Arts www.bedales.org.uk/bedales-arts.html
- 3 Grayshott Pottery www.grayshottpottery.com
- 4 Allen Gallery www3.hants.gov.uk/allen-gallery.htm
- 5 Curtis Museum www3.hants.gov.uk/curtis-museum.htm
- 6 Petersfield Museum www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk
- 7 Flora Twort Gallery
www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk/collections/flora-twort-gallery.php
- 8 The Petersfield Physic Garden www.visitpetersfield.com
- 9 Gilbert White's House & Garden and The Oates Collection
www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk
- 10 Hinton Ampner www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hinton-ampner
- 11 Langrish House Hotel www.langrishhouse.co.uk
- 12 Stansted Park www.stanstedpark.co.uk
- 13 Staunton Park www.hants.gov.uk/staunton
- 14 Mid-Hants Railway Watercress Line www.watercressline.co.uk
- 15 Winchester Cathedral www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk
- 16 Jane Austen's House Museum
www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk



Food Lovers' Heaven

Traditional and cosy pubs and award winning cafés and restaurants, perfect to restore your energy after a long countryside walk or thrilling cycle ride, abound throughout the area. Many of them are careful to source their fresh produce locally and serve regional beers and wines.

For something a little different, step back in time to a golden era of rail travel and enjoy a sumptuous dinner aboard a steam train on the **Mid-Hants Railway Watercress Line** 14.

Farm shops and independent food shops and delis in the market towns of Alton and Petersfield offer fantastic local meat, fish and vegetables alongside artisan breads, cheeses and preserves.

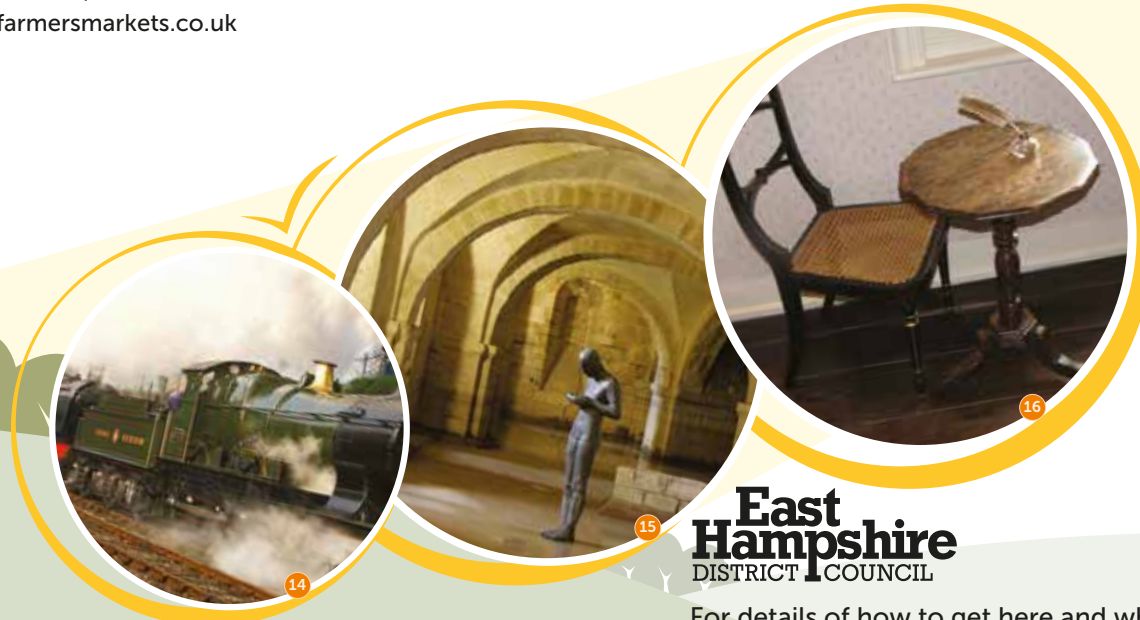
Both Alton and Petersfield, as well as Winchester have regular Farmers' Markets. For more information and details of producers in the area please visit www.hampshirefarmersmarkets.co.uk

A Literary Legacy

Follow in the footsteps of Jane Austen who was born in Steventon and is buried at **Winchester Cathedral** 15 where visitors can see the three memorials dedicated to her.

Jane Austen lived much of her life in the village of Chawton. Her home is now the **Jane Austen's House Museum** 16 where visitors can see Jane's writing desk. You can also visit Chawton House Library where Jane's brother lived. Events take place here and in nearby Alton, including the Jane Austen Regency week in June, attracting enthusiasts from around the world.

The landscape and people of the South Downs have long been the inspiration for authors including Flora Thompson and poet Edward Thomas.



East Hampshire
DISTRICT COUNCIL

For details of how to get here and where to stay, contact the Tourist Information Centre, telephone 01730 268829 or email tourism@easthants.gov.uk





Nestled between the Cathedral cities of Winchester and Chichester, the South Downs in Hampshire (part of Britain's newest National Park) covers an area rich in culture and heritage. The area has been the inspiration for many writers, craftspeople and artists. Its undulating landscape takes in countryside abounding with wildlife, distinctive market towns and picture-perfect villages.

Whether you're visiting the region for just a few days or a longer holiday, we have picked out a few of the interesting experiences you can enjoy and take part in.

Uncover more of the thought-provoking, entertaining and stimulating activities which are waiting to be enjoyed on our website www.easthants.gov.uk/tourism

Arts and Creativity

Hampshire's South Downs is filled with creative talent across the performing and decorative arts.

The Theatre Royal ¹ in Winchester offers an exciting programme of drama, comedy and music. With illustrious alumni, including the three times Oscar winner Daniel Day-Lewis, **Bedales** ² in Steep has a dedicated arts centre which showcases dance, classical concerts, science lectures, poetry, jazz and local and national touring exhibitions.

Craftsmanship is the theme in **Grayshott** ⁵ where visitors to the pottery can browse the gift shop, sample the delights in the café and tour the workshop.

The historic market town of Alton boasts both the **Allen Gallery** ⁴, which is home to an outstanding collection of ceramics dating back to 1250, and the **Curtis Museum** ⁵ which explores 100 million years of history.

Further South in Petersfield is the **Museum** ⁶ and **Flora Twort Gallery** ⁷. Having studied in London, Flora Twort settled in the market town at the end of WWI and this collection of her paintings and sketches reflect the landscape and people who were part of her daily life.

Just off the High Street is the Physic Garden ⁸, a recreation of a 17th century herb garden.

At One with Nature

Gilbert White, the pioneering 18th century naturalist spent many years living in the village of Selborne. Now you can explore his home ⁹ and delight in the 30 acres of carefully restored garden & ancient parkland, set against the backdrop of the beech-clad Selborne Hanger.

Throughout the National Park there are many gardens, woodlands and beauty spots to enjoy. **Hinton Ampner** ¹⁰ with its elegant house and magnificent gardens offers year round interest, or treat yourself to a sumptuous afternoon tea at the peaceful **Langrish House Hotel** ¹¹ which is set in 14 acres of rolling Hampshire countryside. Walk up Butser Hill or King John's Hill, East Worldham, for stunning views.

One of the main reasons people choose to visit the South Downs is to walk or cycle. There are several routes to choose from with varying levels of difficulty to suit all abilities. For a gentler ride, the Electric Bicycle Network offers ebikes for hire throughout the National Park – details at www.electricbicyclenetwork.com.



The pubs, cafés and accommodation providers in the region offer a warm welcome to walkers (and their four legged friends!) and cyclists. For details of routes and facilities go to www.easthants.gov.uk/walking

If you are lucky enough to be able to stay a while, there is plenty to keep you occupied. Head down towards the coast, perhaps stopping to visit the quaint village of Rowlands Castle with its typically English village green. Nearby are the attractions of **Stansted Park** ¹² with its 'Upstairs Downstairs' depiction of life in a grand house. Lovers of the outdoors should also pay a visit to **Staunton Park** ¹³, Farm and Gardens or try the popular Staunton Way walk which leads up towards Petersfield.

On the coast sits the delightful fishing village of Emsworth, home to an active sailing community.

Of course there are plenty more villages, attractions, and walks to explore throughout the Hampshire area of the South Downs National Park, that's why our visitors keep returning!

