



What to see while you're with us

Ludlow Town Centre

Ludlow Castle

One of the finest ruined medieval castles set in the heart of the town. Walk through the grounds and see the ancient houses of kings, queens and princes. The castle began life as a Norman Fortress and has been extended over the centuries to become a fortified Royal Palace securing Ludlow's place in English history.

Check www.ludlowcastle.com for prices and opening times

Ludlow Museum

Situated on the market square next to Tourist Information, the museum specialises in the geology of Ludlow and the surrounding areas, including some discoveries which are internationally famous. The museum also tells the story of the people who have lived and worked in the area from the Bronze Age to the present day.

Check www.shropshire.gov.uk/museums for prices and opening times

Ludlow Markets

Run every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday throughout the year. Stalls include fruit and vegetables, cheese, fish and meat counters, plants, clothing and jewellery.

Specialised local produce markets run every 2nd Thursday of every month and focus on seasonal produce.

Antiques, Collectables & Galleries

Ludlow is known its many antique and collectables shops, for directions or information on any these please ask at Reception.

Ludlow Assembly Rooms

This is an arts and community venue offering a range of high quality arts, entertainment events and activities to suit a wide range of people and ages. Formally a ballroom, the Main Auditorium is now used as a cinema and theatre, for a listing of films and productions please ask at Reception.

Check www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk for event details

Walks and Cycle Rides

Ludlow is surrounded by some of the country's most beautiful countryside which makes it ideal for hiking and bike rides. There are four cycle rides in and around Ludlow, and for those wanting something more challenging you could try the cycle rides Bishop Castle has to offer which include climbing the Long Mynd. Ask at Reception about cycle hire.

Carding Mill Valley

Carding Mill Valley and the Long Mynd have breathtaking views over the Shropshire and

Cheshire Plains and the Black Mountains and is ideal for walking with miles of paths and bridleways. Walking guides are available from the Carding Mill Valley Shop, Chalet Pavilion, Carding Mill Valley, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6JG Tel: 01694 723068

Wenlock Edge

A wooded escarpment near the village of Much Wenlock where you will find an array of ancient woodland and flower rich grassland. The limestone in this area is famous internationally as an example of old coral deposits. You can enjoy miles of walks along shaded paths with dramatic views across the Shropshire countryside. Walking guides are available from the Carding Mill Valley Shop (see above). Please ask at Reception for more information and maps for walking and cycle rides.

National Trust and English Heritage Properties

Berrington Hall A 17th century mansion house with painted ceilings and French Regency furniture set within landscaped parkland designed by 'Capability' Brown. The parklands include a 14 acre lake and island, which is now a site of Special Scientific Interest, and a walled garden with a historic collection of old apple trees. Berrington Hall, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0DW Tel: 01568 615721 Go to www.nationaltrust.org.uk for details of prices and opening times

You can purchase a joint ticket with **Croft Castle and Parkland** A 17th Century Castle with a turbulent past with a decorative gothic interior, surrounded by magnificent parkland. You can see 14 counties from the Iron Age Hill Fort at Croft Ambrey. Croft Castle, Yarpole Nr Leominster Herefordshire HR6 9PW Tel: 01568 780246

Witley Court A hundred years ago, Witley Court was one of England's great country houses, hosting many extravagant parties. Today it is a spectacular ruin, the result of a disastrous fire in 1937. The vast and rambling remains of the palatial 19th-century mansion are surrounded by magnificent landscaped gardens – the 'Monster Work' of William Nesfield – which still contain huge stone fountains. The largest, representing Perseus and Andromeda, which has been restored, was described as making the 'noise of an express train' when fired. Witley Court, Great Witley, Worcestershire WR6 6JT Tel: 01299 896636 Go to www.english-heritage.org.uk for prices and opening times

For Children:

Acton Scott An historic working farm set over 20 acres of farmland. See a variety of rare breed farm animals including Tamworth pigs, Shropshire sheep and Longhorn cattle. Demonstrations on Victorian farming run daily, including butter-making in the Dairy. Watch the shire horses work the land and provide power for the farm machinery and transport, whilst the blacksmith and farrier keep the farm working. A wide range of events take place at the farm throughout the season, please ask at Reception for further information. Wenlock Lodge, Acton Scott, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY66QN Tel: 01694781306/7 Go to www.actonscott.com for details and opening times

Severn Valley Railway A full-size standard gauge railway line running steam-hauled passenger trains between Kidderminster (Worcestershire) and Bridgenorth (Shropshire), a distance of 16 miles. The route follows closely the River Severn for most of the way, with some great views over the valley only visible from the line. There are seven stops on the line, all of which give you access to the local villages and riverside walks. Each weekend in

December Santa Steam specials run up and down the line, with children getting to meet Santa and receive presents. The Severn Valley Railway, The Railway Station, Bewdley, Worcestershire DY12 1BG Tel: 01299 403816

Go to www.svr.co.uk for more details

Ironbridge Ten Museums spread over the Ironbridge Gorge recreating Victorian England.

For more information of the various museums please ask Reception. Tel: 01952 884391

Go to www.ironbridge.org.uk for more details

Rays Farm A farm designed for people who like close encounters with the animals, with the collection including deer, goats, llamas, alpacas, reindeer, sheep, horses and owl. Rays

Farm, Country Matters, Billingsley, Bridgenorth WV16 6PF Tel: 01299 841255

Go to www.raysfarm.com for more details

Annual Events

Ludlow Food and Drink Festival Held every year in September in the grounds of Ludlow Castle and focusing on food and drink from the Ludlow Marches and the surrounding area.

Take part in the famous sausage and real ale trails, watch the top chefs from the area do demonstrations and talks.

Go to www.foodfestival.co.uk for details

Ludlow Festival Takes place at over the last week in June and first two weeks of July, Shakespeare plays in the castle, talks and poetry evenings, a fireworks display and last night concert. For more information please ask at Reception or go to www.ludlowfestival.co.uk

Beer, Banger, Bread & Classic Cars Two successful festivals have been combined to make one super festival! Takes place in May.

Go to www.springevent.org.uk for all details

Medieval Fayre All the ingredients of a traditional Christmas in a medieval market with costumed entertainers, musicians and traders. November. Go to

www.ludlowmedievalchristmas.co.uk for full details

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