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Cirencester, known as the 'Capital of the Cotswolds', is a lovely market town with a fascinating history. The town's Roman past can be discovered at the award-winning Corinium Museum – the stunning mosaics are a must-see! The medieval wool trade has shaped the modern town, with the impressive church of St John Baptist dominating the market place.

Cirencester is home to many specialist shops and boutiques as well as a fascinating antique emporium. Enjoy exploring the meandering alleyways and historic streets, where you will find the town's best independent cafés and shops. Cirencester is also home to some fantastic markets, many of which are held in the atmospheric Corn Hall.

Arts and crafts lovers will enjoy the New Brewery Arts, which has changing exhibitions, artists' workshops, a café and shop, all housed in a converted brewery building. There are many open spaces dotted throughout the town, including the extensive 18th century Cirencester Park. In the evening enjoy a performance at the Barn Theatre after a drink or meal at one of the many fantastic pubs and restaurants in the town.

[www.cotswolds.com/Cirencester](http://www.cotswolds.com/Cirencester)



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## Abbey Home Farm

Cirencester GL7 5HF  
 Tel 01285 640441  
[www.theorganicfarmshop.co.uk](http://www.theorganicfarmshop.co.uk)  
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A 1,600 acre mixed organic farm with award-winning farm shop, café, cookery and short residential courses, educational visits, organic cotton textiles, yurts, green field campsite, Cotswold stone holiday cottages and farm trails. Throughout the year, walks and talks which reflect the seasons are held, from family farm walks to vegetable garden tours giving you the chance to learn more about how food is produced.

Why not explore further afield and hire an ebike from Cotswold eBikes who are based on the farm. Whether you just need a bike and a map to create your own adventure or would like a tailor-made tour of favourite local places, they can help.



## Bibury Trout Farm

Bibury GL7 5NL  
 Tel 01285 740215  
[www.biburytroutfarm.co.uk](http://www.biburytroutfarm.co.uk)  
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Founded in 1902, Bibury Trout Farm is England's oldest working trout farm situated in the one of the most beautiful villages in the Cotswolds. 'Catch Your Own' fishery, playground, BBQs, café, gift shop and fish counter. Open daily.



## The Butts Farm Rare Breeds and Farm Shop

Near South Cerney, Cirencester GL7 5QE  
 Tel 01285 869414  
[www.buttsfarmrarebreeds.co.uk](http://www.buttsfarmrarebreeds.co.uk)  
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The Butts Farm Rare Breeds opened over 30 years ago. You can have fun joining in with the animal activities throughout the day. In addition to seeing lots of rare and traditional farm animals and feathered friends with their young, you can also enjoy our unusual Curly horses and beautiful Welsh mountain ponies with their foals. Then sit down, relax and enjoy a delicious Cotswold cream tea in our Farmyard Tea Room. The award-winning Farm Shop is dedicated to promoting the exceptional benefits of rare breed meat, home cured bacon and superb sausages.



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## The Barn Theatre

Cirencester GL7 1BN  
Tel 01285 648255  
[www.barntheatre.org.uk](http://www.barntheatre.org.uk)  
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The Barn Theatre is a 200 seat theatre based in Cirencester, the heart of the Cotswolds. The producing house received The Stage Awards' 2019 *Fringe Theatre of the Year Award* and are renowned for their unique *Built By Barn* productions, which include fresh, imaginative takes on classic plays and musicals alongside newly commissioned work from the best UK talent. The theatre, which has been heralded as the '*West End meets the West Country*', aims to be a leading force in the theatre industry and to help discover and develop emerging new talent.

Téatro, which is adjacent, is the perfect place for a pre-theatre meal or cocktail.



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## Cerney House Gardens

North Cerney, Cirencester GL7 7BX  
Tel 01285 831300  
[www.cerneygardens.com](http://www.cerneygardens.com)  
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Cerney House Gardens is a romantic English garden for all seasons. There is a beautiful secluded Victorian walled garden which features herbaceous borders overflowing with colour. The informal planting in combination with our beautiful setting gives a unique and charming atmosphere. Early in the year we have a wonderful display of snowdrops, in spring we feature a magnificent display of tulips and during the summer the rambling romantic roses come to life. Enjoy our woodland walk and extended nature trail. New for 2021 the Potting Shed shop selling plants.



## Cirencester Markets

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[www.cirencester.gov.uk/markets](http://www.cirencester.gov.uk/markets)  
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Cirencester's spacious, centrally located Market Place is the perfect setting for regular, speciality and themed markets throughout the year.

Cirencester's historic Charter Markets are held every Monday and Friday they feature an array of stalls which include fresh food, plants, local produce,

crafts, luxury items, quirky keepsakes and much more.

The Farmers' Market takes place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. This market proudly showcases local produce and goods and all traders are within a 30 mile radius of the town.

A monthly Arts & Crafts Market is held on the 1st Saturday of each month between March and December, providing local artists and makers an opportunity to sell directly to the public.



## Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool

Cirencester GL7 2EF  
Tel 01285 653947  
[www.cirenopenair.org.uk](http://www.cirenopenair.org.uk)  
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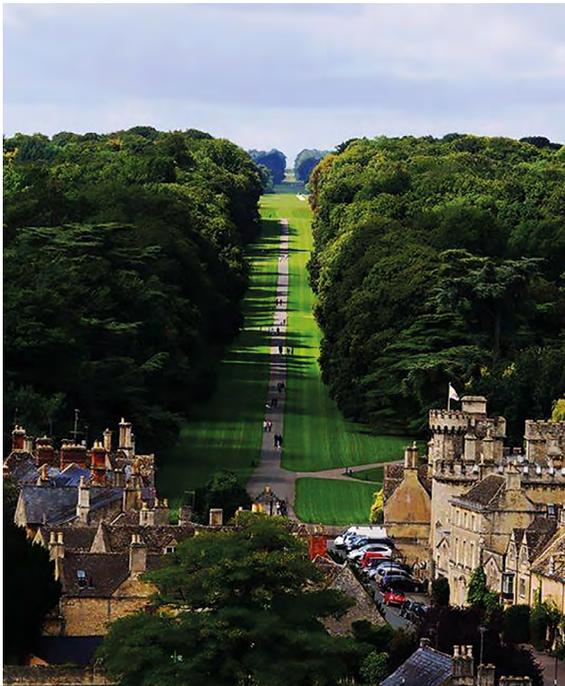
Located on the edge of Cirencester Park, the pool is open 7 days a week to the public from mid-May to mid-September.

The open air pool has a 28-metre heated main pool with slide, separate children's paddling pool and

sunbathing patio with a small 'tuck shop' serving hot and cold refreshments. Picnics welcome.

There are sessions to cater for everyone including fitness, general and family swim sessions, as well as aqua aerobics and inclusive sessions for people with specific requirements.

Please check the website for more information.

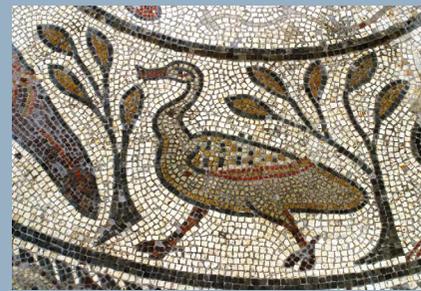


## Cirencester Park

Cirencester GL7 2EF  
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[www.bathurstestate.co.uk](http://www.bathurstestate.co.uk)  
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Originally laid out as a deer park in the 1700s, Cirencester Park is a short walk from the town centre and is a wonderful place to appreciate the outdoors. Parking is limited on Cecily Hill but there are a number of public car parks in the town itself.

A leaflet for dog-friendly walking routes in the Park is available to download from the website and visitors are able to watch polo and cricket as well as enjoying a coffee from 'Beano'. There are also a range of events held in the Park - please visit the Estate website for dates and more information.



## Corinium Museum

Cirencester GL7 2BX  
Tel 01285 655611  
[www.coriniummuseum.org](http://www.coriniummuseum.org)  
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Leave the 21st century behind you and discover the archaeology of the Cotswolds as you explore its history at this award-winning museum. Home to one of the largest collections of Romano-British antiquities extensively from Roman Cirencester, known as Corinium, Roman Britain's second largest city.

Be amazed by the work of prehistoric metalsmiths in our brand new pre-history galleries. Marvel at the Roman mosaics. Peek through the window of a Roman town house. Come face to face with the Anglo-Saxons and their buried treasures. Admire our medieval sculpture, Civil War coin hoards and the elegance of Victorian Cirencester. Every object has a story to tell. An inspiring and interactive experience for everyone. Special events and exhibitions take place throughout the year; check out the museum's website for details.

# Cotswold Country Park & Beach

Shorncote, Near Cirencester GL7 6DF  
Tel 01285 868096

[www.cotswoldcountryparkandbeach.com](http://www.cotswoldcountryparkandbeach.com)  
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Home of the largest inland paddling beach in the UK! With a range of activities on site including kayaking, SUP, aquaventure pods and open water swimming, it's the perfect day out time after time. If that's too energetic just sit back and relax on the sandy beach beside the beautiful swimming lagoon.

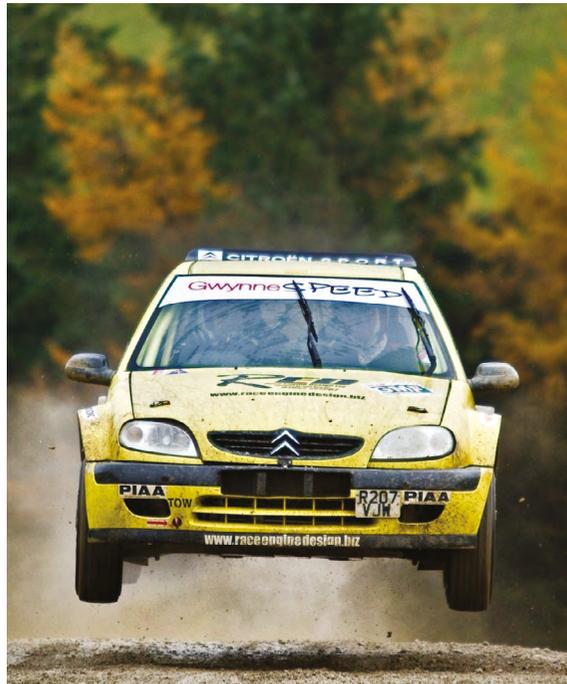


## Cotswold eBikes

Cirencester GL7 5HF  
Tel 07367 182402  
[www.cotswoldebikes.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldebikes.co.uk)  
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Born out of a love of cycling and the great outdoors, Cotswold eBikes was started in 2019 to provide quality electric bike rental and tours of the Cotswolds. We are based at Abbey Home Farm, a 1,600 acre mixed organic farm in Cirencester, and are in easy

reach of Bibury and its surrounding villages to the east, and the Stroud valleys to the west. Whether you just need a bike and a map to create your own adventure or would like us to build a tailor-made tour of our favourite places, we can help.



## Cotswold Driving Experiences

Down Ampney, Cirencester GL7 5QF  
Tel 01793 752281  
[www.cotswolddrivingexperiences.co.uk](http://www.cotswolddrivingexperiences.co.uk)  
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Gloucestershire Rally School and Cotswold Off-Road have joined forces to offer you award-winning rally and 4x4 off-road driving experiences to petrol heads aged from just 10+.

No experience necessary as full tuition is given by highly experienced instructors.

Located in the heart of the Cotswold Water Park. Groups welcomed and gift vouchers available for all courses.

Established in 1994.



## Cotswold Sculpture Park

Somerford Keynes GL7 6FE  
Tel 07927 028558  
[www.cotswoldsculpturepark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldsculpturepark.co.uk)  
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The Cotswold Sculpture Park is home to 'Elemental', a collection of exciting sculptures displayed outdoors. It sits on a ten-acre site which has been transformed into a mixed deciduous and conifer woodland with ponds, gardens and glades. Joining these diverse spaces are meandering paths that take you on a creative journey. All sculptures are available to purchase.

## Cotswold Water Park

South Cerney GL7 5TL

[www.waterpark.org](http://www.waterpark.org)



The Cotswold Water Park is a unique destination in the Cotswolds – with something for everyone, whether you are a thrill seeker, a birdwatcher or a walker.

From watersports to walking, cycling to rally driving, birdwatching to an inland beach, the range of activities in this one area is breathtaking. Pick up a free leisure map at the Gateway Café and Information Centre to decide what to do where, or check out the website [www.waterpark.org](http://www.waterpark.org)



## The Garden at Miserden

Miserden, Near Stroud GL6 7JA

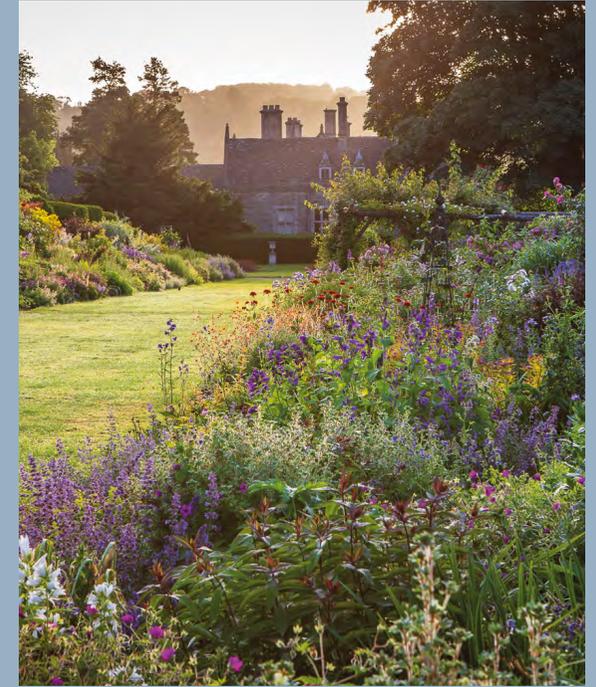
Tel 01285 821303

[www.miserden.org](http://www.miserden.org)



This lovely, timeless garden designed in the 17th century has a wonderful sense of peace and tranquillity with magnificent long mixed borders, a topiary yew walk and grass steps designed by Lutyens, as well as stunning views over the Golden Valley.

After exploring the garden, a recent winner of Historic Houses Garden of the Year, visit the nursery and café or venture on one of the walks around the Miserden Estate.



## Foodworks

Colesbourne Park, Cheltenham GL53 9NP

Tel 01242 870538

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



The Foodworks is a state-of-the-art, purpose-built cookery school in Gloucestershire, located only 10 minutes from both Cheltenham and Cirencester, on the magnificent Colesbourne Park Estate in the heart of the Cotswolds.

Foodworks offer a wide range of courses designed to inspire everyone from beginners to experienced cooks and using only the freshest and finest seasonal ingredients.



## Head 4 Heights

Ashton Keynes, Cirencester GL7 6DF

Tel 01285 770007

[www.head4heights.net](http://www.head4heights.net)



For those with a Head 4 Heights, we offer an exhilarating range of climbing, jumping and swinging activities.

Open to the public and for all group bookings including school, youth group, stag, hen, birthday and corporate programmes.

Free admission to the Cotswold Country Park & Beach for all advanced bookings. For 5 years and upwards.

## New Brewery Arts

Cirencester GL7 1JH  
Tel 01285 657181  
[www.newbreweryarts.org.uk](http://www.newbreweryarts.org.uk)  
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New Brewery Arts connects people with the handmade, promotes the joy and fulfilment of making and celebrates the role of craft and creativity in all our lives.

Come and explore your creativity through exhibitions, events and classes, see craftspeople at work in our studios or browse our shop with its carefully selected range of British crafts.

Join us for coffee or lunch in our café, and you can stay overnight in The Barrel Store, our stylish hostel in central Cirencester that breaks the mould of what you'd expect from a hostel.

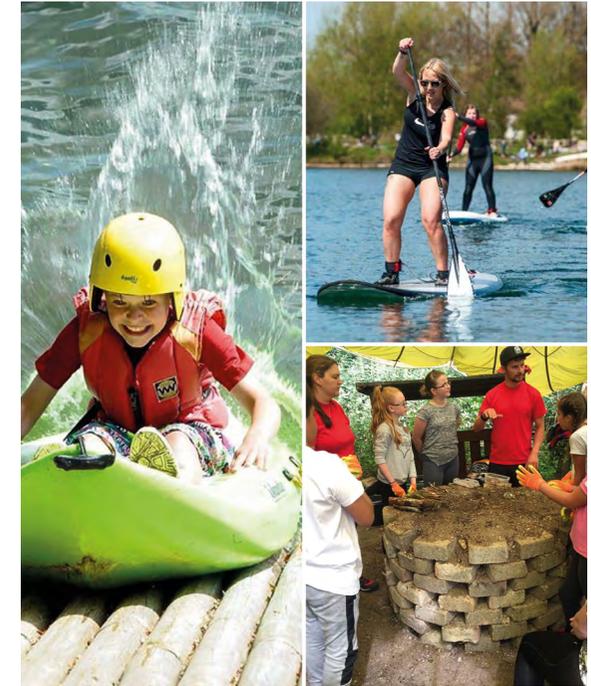


## South Cerney Outdoor Centre

South Cerney GL7 5TL  
Tel 01285 860388  
[www.southcerneyoutdoor.co.uk](http://www.southcerneyoutdoor.co.uk)  
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We're all about reconnecting people with the outdoors, themselves and each other. As a Royal Yachting Association and British Canoeing training centre South Cerney Outdoors offers excellent facilities and resources by a 47-acre lake of crystal clear water.

We have so much to offer the whole family, from boat and board hire, water sports courses, private lessons, party packages and tasty refreshments in our lakeside Lodge Café.



## Poulton Hill Estate

Poulton, Near Cirencester GL7 5JA  
Tel 01285 850257  
[www.poultonhillestate.co.uk](http://www.poultonhillestate.co.uk)  
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Poulton Hill Estate is a small family-run vineyard in the Cotswolds producing limited batches of wine from grapes harvested by hand.

The 8,800 vines have been planted on the warm and sunny south-facing slopes of the vineyard and they can produce up to 20,000 bottles of wine a year. Why not find out more by booking a tour and tasting?



## St John Baptist Church

Cirencester GL7 2NX  
Tel 01285 659317  
[www.cirenparish.co.uk](http://www.cirenparish.co.uk)

St John Baptist is one of the largest parish churches in England and has been a place of Christian worship for well over a thousand years. A warm welcome is extended to all visitors and there are short written guides available in most commonly spoken languages. Guided tours, led by members of the church, are also available on certain days of the week.



Find out more at

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

