



ATTRactions, HERitage & EXperiences

ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH,
COALVILLE, CASTLE DONINGTON,
KEGWORTH, NATIONAL FOREST



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Attractions, heritage sites and experiences

1 Ashby de la Zouch Castle
South Street, Ashby de la Zouch,
LE65 1BR

Ashby Castle offers a rich experience with its 15th-century tower, underground passage and Civil War ruins. Visitors can explore the well-preserved structures, learn about medieval life and enjoy the views from the tower. No parking on-site, disabled only. Search 'Ashby' at english-heritage.org.uk

6 Charnwood Forest Alpacas
Ashby Road, Boundary,
Swadlincote, DE11 7BA

Everyone loves an alpaca! Charnwood Forest Alpacas offers unforgettable experiences with alpacas, donkeys and horses. Enjoy alpaca walks, afternoon teas, and even date nights with the alpacas and a glass of prosecco! Perfect for group outings and animal lovers, it provides educational tours and beautiful farm scenery. Visit the farm shop, partake in a little donkey grooming, and learn about alpaca breeding and care. pukkapacas.com



2 Moira Furnace Museum & Country Park
Furnace Lane, Moira, Swadlincote,
DE12 6AT

Moira Furnace & Country Park offers a unique glimpse into industrial heritage with its preserved 19th-century blast furnace. Visitors can explore the museum, indulge in scenic canal boat rides, nature walks, and family-friendly events, making it a fun and educational day out. moirafurnace.org

7 Hick's Lodge
Willesley Woodside, Moira Road,
Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 2UP

Hick's Lodge, located in the National Forest, is an ideal destination for a fun and healthy day out. Get active on cycling trails suitable for all abilities and get stuck into pleasant walks. Unwind at the lakeside bird hide, follow the Gruffalo Party Trail, frolic in the adventure play area, and refuel at the on-site café. Hick's Lodge, with bike hire available, is the perfect location for outdoor enthusiasts. forestryengland.uk/hicks-lodge

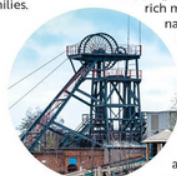


3 Swannington Heritage Trust
St George's Hill, Swannington,
LE67 8QU

Restored 200-year-old Hough Mill: engage with hands-on exhibits, relax in grass heathland and woodland areas, and discover the history of early railway engineering at the Swannington Incline. Ideal for history buffs and families. swannington-heritage.co.uk

8 Snibston Colliery Park
Ashby Road, Coalville, LE67 3JX

Visiting Snibston Colliery Park is like stepping into a time capsule. Marvel at the rich mining history, follow picturesque nature trails, and tackle exciting mountain bike tracks. Children will love the playground, anglers can fish in well-stocked lakes and everyone will adore the spacious café. Discover the heritage trail and relax in the green spaces. Snibston Colliery Park is a treasure trove of adventure and history – and there are also regular colliery tours entitled 'A Coal Miner's Story'. leicestershireparks.org.uk/parks/snibston



4 Conkers
Rawdon Rd,
Moira, DE12 6GA

If you're looking for an exciting family adventure with plenty of indoor and outdoor attractions, head to Conkers! Check out the interactive exhibits and adventure play areas. Conkers amphitheatre is home to The Pokey Hole, presenting an eclectic mix of tribute acts throughout the year. visitsconkers.com & thepokeyhole.com

9 The Fferrers Centre for Arts & Crafts
Staunton Harold Estate, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 1RT

The Fferrers Centre for Arts & Crafts allows visitors to explore artisan workshops, enjoy local delicacies at the café and deli, and pick up handmade items. A garden centre and restaurant are on site, and Staunton Harold Estate's historic church is also open on selected dates. Scenic woodlands and public footpaths offer peaceful walks. ferrerscentre.co.uk & stauntonharoldestate.co.uk



5 Rebound Inflatables Park
Smisby Road, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 2BS

Rebound in Ashby de la Zouch provides an energetic adventure with its inflatable park, dedicated 'rascals' sessions for under-sixes, and exciting virtual reality experiences. Great for all age groups, it features activities for kids and families, making it a top choice for adrenaline-fueled entertainment. reboundashby.co.uk

10 Champneys Springs
Gallows Ln, Ashby de la Zouch, DE12 7HD

Champneys Springs offers spa treatments, a gym, swimming pools, fitness classes, and 31-acre parkland surroundings. champneys.com/spa-resorts/springs



13 Donington Park Circuit
Castle Donington, DE74 2BN

Donington Park Circuit is a must-visit for motorsport enthusiasts. Feel the thrill of top racing events, track days and driving experiences. With its illustrious past, modern facilities, exciting atmosphere, and the chance to drive your own vehicle on a real racing circuit, it's perfect for fans and adrenaline seekers alike. donington-park.co.uk



14 Grace Dieu Priory
Ashby Rd, Coalville, LE67 5UG

Grace Dieu Priory is steeped in medieval lore and is a wonderful site to explore. You'll find atmospheric ruins, ancient arches, and be able to learn about its intriguing past while enjoying peaceful walks. gracedieupriory.org.uk

15 Mount St Bernard Abbey
Oaks Road, Coalville, LE67 5UL

Mount St Bernard Abbey, founded in 1835 and designed by the renowned architect Augustus Pugin, offers a tranquil escape. Admire the Gothic Revival architecture, visit the gift shop, and take home some award-winning Tynt Meadow Trapist Ale, brewed on-site. You'll feel nourished by this serene abbey's peaceful, enriching setting. mountsaintbernard.org



19 Ashby de la Zouch Museum
North Street, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 1HU

Ashby de la Zouch Museum gives you a fascinating look down on local heritage with engaging displays and artefacts. Explore the town's evolution, view historic photographs, and delve into extensive documentary material, including maps and letters. It's ideal for people who love their locality. ashbymuseum.org.uk

20 Castle Donington Museum
4 Apiary Gate, Castle Donington, DE74 2JA

Castle Donington Museum explores the town's rich past within a charming 17th-century stone house. Exhibitions showcase various aspects of life in Castle Donington. It's a welcoming museum that presents a compelling glimpse into the past. Seasonal opening times apply. castledoningtonmuseum.org

21 Century Theatre
Ashby Road, Coalville, LE67 3LN

Century Theatre is Britain's oldest surviving travelling theatre and is located on the landmark former site of Snibston Colliery. This unusual venue hosts a variety of performances, including theatre, comedy, music, and films. Its rich heritage and modern amenities make it a must-visit for theatre enthusiasts. centurytheatre.co.uk

22 The Spa at Breedon Priory
Green Lane, Melbourne, DE73 8LG

Indulge yourself in serenity amidst the luxurious surroundings of the award-winning Spa at Breedon Priory. Offering rejuvenating treatments, tranquil hydrotherapy pools and bespoke wellness packages, this stunning spa is the perfect escape. Enjoy outdoor thermal experiences, peaceful relaxation lounges and private treatment suites, all set in beautiful countryside. breedonprioryspa.co.uk



23 East Midlands Aeropark
Hill Top, Castle Donington, DE74 2PR

East Midlands Aeropark, next to East Midlands Airport, is a must-visit for aviation enthusiasts. It features a fascinating collection of compelling aircraft, from vintage planes to jet fighters, and allows guests spectacular views of modern planes taking off and landing. With family-friendly facilities, special event days, guided tours, and accessible amenities, it provides an engaging experience for all ages. Pore over interactive displays, learn about aviation, and witness live aviation action in one exciting location. Ideal for a memorable and educational day out. eastmidlandsaeropark.org

24 Diseworth Heritage Centre
Lady Gate, Diseworth, DE74 2QF

Set in a 18th-century chapel, Diseworth Heritage Centre supplies a glimpse into local history and fascinating exhibits. Seasonal opening times apply. diseworthcentre.org



25 Escape Coalville
Belvoir Shopping Centre, Belvoir Rd, Coalville, LE67 3XE

Can you escape? Escape Coalville is the place to go for thrilling, award-winning escape room challenges – and now axe throwing, too. You'll encounter challenging puzzles, diverse themes and team-building fun. Perfect for friends, families and colleagues. Engaging and memorable! escape-coalville.co.uk

26 Kegworth Heritage Centre
52 High St, Kegworth, DE74 2DA

Explore well-curated exhibits showcasing Kegworth's richly storied past. See fascinating displays and informative presentations. Seasonal opening times apply. kegworthmuseum.org.uk



30 Whatton House
Loughborough, LE12 5BG

Whatton House offers tipi venue hire, weddings and events. It is home to 15 acres of serene gardens, featuring enchanting landscapes, exotic plants and tranquil ponds. Wander through the woodland trails, explore the Japanese garden, and relax in this picturesque setting. Check the website for opening times and events. whattonhouse.co.uk



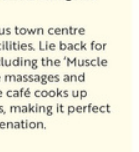
31 Calke Abbey
Ticknall, DE73 7JF

Calke Abbey is a proudly 'unusually home', alive with preserved decay and fascinating old stories! You'll find beautiful gardens and intriguing collections. nationaltrust.org.uk/calke-abbey



32 The Retreat
17 Market Street, Castle Donington, DE74 2JB

The Retreat is a luxurious town centre spa with top-notch facilities. Lie back for expert treatments including the 'Muscle Melt Ritual', hot stone massages and pedicures. The on-site café cooks up delicious refreshments, making it perfect for relaxation and rejuvenation. beautytemple.co.uk



36 Kegworth Shooting Ground
Ratcliffe Lane, Kegworth, DE74 2RG

Kegworth Shooting Ground offers excellent clay pigeon shooting with varied targets for all skill levels. Absorb expert instruction, a welcoming atmosphere and high quality facilities. The ground caters for individuals from beginners to experts, groups of friends, parties – including stag and hen parties – and work colleagues. kegworthclayshoot.co.uk

37 Greenwood Days
Fferrers Centre for Arts & Crafts, Staunton Harold, LE65 1RU

Award-winning Greenwood Days in the National Forest delivers hands-on courses in traditional woodland crafts, including green woodwork, basket making and blacksmithing. Set in beautiful woodlands, the workshops cater to all skill levels, providing expert guidance. greenwooddays.co.uk



33 Sunnyside Garden Centre & Adventures
Leicester Road, Ibstock, LE67 6HL

Sunnyside offers plenty for families, with the added draw of The Secret Garden Adventure Golf. This new 18-hole course winds through themed gardens for a fun round with family and friends. Kids can still tackle Leicestershire's largest indoor adventure play frame, while adults can enjoy the Potted Shed Restaurant and browse the high-quality garden centre. sunnysidegardencentre.co.uk



34 Elite Gaming Lounge
30 High St, Coalville LE67 3ED

Gamers will be in their element at Elite Gaming Lounge, with high-end PCs, consoles and VR setups. It's designed for video gamers, board-gamers and war-gamers, featuring a comfortable environment, competitive events and a licensed café. Ideal for gaming sessions, parties, tournaments, and social gatherings. elitegaminglounge.co.uk



16 Breedon on the Hill Church
St Mary & St Hardulph, Breedon on the Hill, DE73 8AJ

At St Mary & St Hardulph Church you get breathtaking views, ancient Anglo-Saxon carvings, and rich history. Set within an Iron Age hillfort, it features engaging limestone hilltop scenery and stunning architecture. This Grade I listed church is a must-visit for its cultural heritage and serene atmosphere. breedonpriorychurch.org

17 Cattows Farm
Sweepstone Road, Heather, LE67 2RF

Visit Cattows Farm for fresh shop produce, pick-your-own activities and delicious meals at the restaurant & tea room. Embrace activities like pumpkin picking, take in the panoramic views, and visit for events like 'Wonder Circus' and 'Halloween Farm'. This family farm, operating since 1899, gives guests a delightful countryside escape. cattowsfarm.co.uk

18 Sir John Moore Foundation
Top Street, Appleby Magna, DE12 7AH

This Grade I listed building was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and is home to a museum and Cellar Bar. It hosts regular events and is open for pre-arranged visits. sirjohnmoore.org.uk



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