

Suggested Weekend Break Ideas

Make a day of it and combine your visit to the Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair at Hardwick Hall with a visit to a nearby visitor attraction or shopping offer. All of the below listed are within a 20 minutes drive time from the Hardwick Estate.

Heritage Attractions:

Bolsover Castle –

A romantic residence built by Sir Charles Cavendish in 1612 and completed by his son William. Marvel at the outstanding craftsmanship everywhere - the rich panelling, elaborate fireplaces and painted ceilings. 21-22 May the Castle is hosting a meet the knight special event. For further information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/bolsover

Creswell Crags –

Creswell Crags is a world famous archaeological site, home to Britain's only known Ice Age Cave art. A new Visitor Centre opened in June 2009 providing a wide range of activities and something for everyone of all ages, as well as the exceptional cave tours for which Creswell is renowned.

For further information visit www.creswell-crags.org.uk

Renishaw Hall

Renishaw Hall Gardens are Italian in design and were laid out over 100 years ago by Sir George Sitwell. The garden is divided into 'rooms' with yew hedges, flanked with classical statues. These 'rooms' have been filled with an impressive collection of plants. The garden is set in acres of parkland with lakeside and nature walks. The kids will love the Children's Fairytale Garden and the Tree Trail or the Art and Literature Trail around the Garden.

The Vineyard at Renishaw was established in 1972 and is one of the most northerly vineyards in England. The vineyard is nurtured throughout the year and the grapes are used as the base for still and sparkling wine. In the Stable Block is the Sitwell Museum and the Performing Arts Gallery, as well as the John Piper Gallery. You can also have a meal or just coffee and a cake in the Gallery Café.

For further information visit www.renishaw-hall.co.uk

Shopping:

Dobbies Garden World, Barlborough

Dobbies Garden World is conveniently located off junction 30 of the M1 and offers a great day out to visitors. The Garden Centre has 13 dedicated retail units, a 340 seater restaurant with coffee bar and outdoor terrace, farm foodhall with delicatessen, in-house butcher and a specialist aquatics department.

For further information visit www.Dobbies.com

East Midland Designer Outlet

For the ultimate designer and high street shopping experience, with up to 60% off every day, visit East Midlands Designer Outlet. There are more than 70 stores offering fashion, shoes, accessories, sportswear, home ware and gifts including brand favourites like Next, Gap, Tula, Marks and Spencer, Bench, Clarks, Whittard Outlet, Thornton's, Jaeger, Calvin Klein, Ben Sherman and many more.

For further information visit www.eastmidlandsdesigneroutlet.com

Guided Walks

The weekend of the Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair also coincides with the local Peak District Historic Border Country Walking Festival, that takes place from 14-23 May 2011. The guided walks vary in length, themes and abilities.

For further information on the walks visit www.visitpeakdistrict.com/hbwf

For further information on things to do and places to visit alongside the Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair visit the following websites for further information:

www.visitchesterfield.info

www.visitpeakdistrict.com