

THESE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE THINGS TO DO AS A FAMILY

Cycling in The New Forest

The New forest is literally outside the front door with miles of off-road tracks and low speed-limit roads, where you can enjoy easy cycling and see thousands of free-roaming ponies and cattle. Bike hire is available and free cycling routes available. The cottage has a shed which will hold 2 bikes and an outdoor lockable rack for four more. Bring a lock.

Furzey Gardens

Beautiful and informal woodland gardens offering peaceful walks with views across to the Isle of Wight, It also offers fun for the whole family, including hidden fairy doors, tree houses and adventure play areas. There is also a coffee shop for drinks and light snacks.

www.furzey-gardens.org

Salisbury Day Trip

Salisbury is a medieval cathedral city and only 45 minutes' drive away. The city boasts the iconic prehistoric stone circle at Stonehenge, the city's ornate 13th-century cathedral which has a 123m spire, a working 14th-century clock and an original copy of the Magna Carta. A market town with an array of shops and restaurants this is an excellent day out. A guided tour of the cathedral is a must and they even take you up to the foot of the spire for a spectacular view.

Mudeford Beach

The sandiest and cleanest beach we have ever been to which took us many years to find. A great family fun day out - there is crabbing, fishing, playgrounds, cafes and ice cream. Dogs are also welcome on many parts of the beach. Access by foot only, you can park in Mudeford Quay Car Park.

Day Trip to Dorset

Just over an hour away and plenty to do and see including a visit to the Tyneham Ghost Village where time stopped in 1943. The famous Durdle Door – a natural limestone arch on the Jurassic Coast, Lulworth Cove – a leisurely walk along the Natural World Heritage Coastline and the challenging hills, Corfe Castle – a thousand-year-old royal castle shaped by warfare with lots of activities for all the family.

Burley Village

Witches, smuggling and dragons form part of Burley's unique character, a small village in the heart of the New Forest. Burley has lots to offer including a cycle hire centre and cycle shop, cider farm, tea rooms, gift shops, art galleries and a pick-your-own farm. Not forgetting the best fudge ever from the local fudge shop.