



50 Fun Things To Do...

Within 5 miles of Carsington

1. Relax and enjoy the views from Breach Farm
2. Walk or cycle the trail around Carsington Water (8 miles)
3. Explore the ancient market town of Wirksworth
4. Walk over the hill for a pint in the Old Gate Inn Brassington
5. Try windsurfing or canoeing on Carsington Water. Let the children explore the play area and then go for an ice cream or cream tea.
6. Catch a train on the recently restored Ecclesbourne Valley Railway in Wirksworth (sometimes a Steam train) or book a day to drive the engine
7. Enjoy a glass of wine in the Mistral Wine Bar Wirksworth
8. Take a craft course at Zantium Studios – mosaic, stained glass, willow weaving etc
9. Hire a boat on Carsington Water – maybe catch a trout
10. Explore Hopton Hall's garden – snowdrops in the spring, roses in the summer.
11. Have a day cycling on the High Peak Trail
12. Have a pint in the Barley Mow Pub Kirk Ireton, one of the finest unspoilt pubs in England
13. Pass the hours in Scarthin Books in Cromford, a traditional book shop

Ashbourne Area

14. Skip over the stepping stones at Dovedale
15. Browse the Antique shops in Church Street Ashbourne
16. Enjoy the coffee and view the art at The St John Street Gallery
17. Remember that Thursday and Saturday is market day in town
18. Selection of independent shops –especially for the girls (if needed on a wet day)
19. Go buy a hat in Pachacuti – The Fair Trade Panama Hat Specialist
20. Visit charming Tissington village and its tea room, candle workshop, old fashioned sweet shop.
21. Also at Tissington the White Peak Butchers, go and buy a selection of delicious homemade sausage
22. Wander by the river at the National Trusts Ilam Hall
23. Call in at the Cheese shop Hartington and sample the wide variety of cheeses
24. Lunch or supper at the George Inn Alstonfield (worth the drive)
25. Check out Wild Park at Brailsford – paintballing, laser tag and quad bikes



A Little further Afield

26. Go to Bakewell and enjoy a taste of an original Bakewell Pudding
27. Explore the National Trusts Calke Abbey – the house time forgot
28. Spend a day riding the trams at Crich Tramway Museum
29. Fish and chips at Longnor
30. Cycle through the tunnels on the Monsal Trail
31. Marvel at Chatsworth – a must for the House, Gardens, Grounds, Restaurants, Farm Shop, Farmyard and Adventure Playground
32. Monday is Market Day in Bakewell – traditional market and livestock
33. History comes to life exploring the world Heritage Sites along the Derwent Valley Mills Trail
34. Dare yourself to try the rides at Alton Towers
35. Enjoy an evening's entertainment at Buxtons wonderful Opera House
36. Roam the Dark Peaks
37. Try Buxtons spa water in the Crescent
38. Sudbury Hall (National Trust) for the Museum of Childhood Exhibition of toys through the years, many hands on toys to try.
39. Ride the cable cars in Matlock Bath
40. Discover the tranquillity of Lathkill Dale
41. Take a boat down the Speedwell Cavern at Castleton
42. Wander Medieval Haddon Hall with its scented Elizabethan gardens

Special Events

43. Ashbourne Shrovetide football – madness in the streets
44. Raft race at Matlock Bath on Boxing Day
45. Derbyshires Famous Well Dressings from May to September
46. Wirksworth Art and Architecture Festival in September
47. The world famous Bonsall Hen races on the 1st Saturday in August
48. Enjoy a day at Ashbourne Show in August or the Highlands Games Festival in July
49. Watch the Mappleton bridge jump on New Year's Day
50. The Y Not music festival at Pikehall in August