

## **Fifty fun things to do from Breach Farm**

### **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. Visit the ancient market town of Wirksworth. Explore The Dale with all its secret passages and discover The Star Disc
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 meal or pint in The Miners Arms in Carsington
8. Visit the Northern Lights Cinema in Wirksworth, independent, quirky, plus bar and food
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. Stroll along the Cromford Canal to the steam driven pump house
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. The Artisan Bar, Ashbourne. Lovely little bar, great selection of real ale and gins
17. Go buy a hat in Pachacuti -The Fair Trade Panama Hat Specialist
18. Selection of independent shops –especially for the girls (if needed on a wet day)
19. Visit the Old Dog pub at Thorpe, perfect for a drink after a day exploring Dovedale
20. While at Dovedale scale Thorpe Cloud for the view, it's a classic Peak District mini mountain
21. Visit charming Tissington village and its tea room, candle workshop, old fashioned sweet shop
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. Hire a bike at Waterhouses (Browns Farm) for a traffic free ride along the Manifold Valley

### **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. Call in at the market town of Leek, buy some oatcakes and discover the Butter Market

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 in the world UNESCO 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 (N T) for the Museum of Childhood Exhibition of toys through the years,

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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in August

48. Enjoy a day at Ashbourne Show in August

49. RHS Flower Show at Chatsworth House in June

50. The Y Not music festival at Pikehall in August