

Entertainment

Warwick hosts a lively events programme every year, celebrating the town's rich heritage and showcasing its unique venues. Annual highlights include:

May	Warwick Racing Carnival Warwick Food Festival
June	Two Castles Run
June / July	Warwickshire Open Studios
July	Warwick Court Leet, Beer, Cider, and Music Festival Warwick Thai Festival Warwick Folk Festival Smith Street Party Warwick Rocks Chilli Festival
August	Retro Classic Horticultural Show Warwick Rocks Fringe Festival Summer Band Concerts in the Park
September	Heritage Open Days
Sep / Oct	Warwick Rocks Oktoberfest
October	Warwick Words Warwick Mop Fair
November	Warwick Town Bonfire Warwick's Victorian Evening Warwick Rocks Chocolate Festival
December	Carols at the Castle



Regular plays are held at the Bridge House Theatre and Playbox Theatre and classical concerts at St Mary's Church. www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk
www.playboxtheatre.com
www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

Warwick Castle and Hill Close Gardens host special events throughout the year. www.warwick-castle.com
www.hillclosegardens.com

The Warwick Racecourse 2016 fixture list sees an action-packed card from Jan to May and from Sept to Dec with a mix of midweek, weekend, afternoon and evening racing. www.warwickracecourse.co.uk



To view details of the town's accommodation call in at the Visitor Information Centre for a free booking service or visit www.visitwarwick.co.uk

Warwick has a good selection of quality independent hotels and guest houses in the town centre, a few larger chain hotels on the edge of town and some beautiful properties in the surrounding countryside.

Accommodation

For more information contact the Visitor Information Centre. www.visitwarwick.co.uk



Warwick is blessed with beautiful parks and gardens, all within easy walking distance of the town centre. Visit St Nicholas Park, Priory Park, Hill Close Gardens, Mill Garden and St Mary's Lands.

Parks & Gardens

How To Get Here

At the heart of the country, Warwick is easily accessible and provides the perfect base to explore Warwickshire and the Midlands.

By Train Use Warwick Town station for visiting Warwick Castle and the town centre. Warwick Parkway is approximately 2 miles from the town centre. Direct trains are available from Birmingham, Leamington Spa, Stratford-upon-Avon, Banbury and London Marylebone. Visitors from Coventry and Oxford will need to change at Leamington Spa.

By Car Leave the M40 at Junction 15 and take the A429 to Warwick. Town centre and Warwick Castle car parks are highlighted on the map overleaf.

By Coach There are coach drop-off points at the bus station (stand E) and St Nicholas Park. Coach parking is available at St Mary's Lands Area 1 car park past the racecourse on the A4189 Hampton Road. Coaches can also drop off and park at Warwick Castle, subject to availability.

By Bus Warwick's bus station is conveniently located in the town centre. Stagecoach operate regular services throughout Warwickshire www.stagecoachbus.com 01788 535555.

Warwick Visitor Information Centre
The Court House, Jury Street, Warwick, CV34 4EW
01926 492212 info@visitwarwick.co.uk
www.visitwarwick.co.uk



WARWICK Shakespeare's ENGLAND



Smith Street, between the Eastgate and St John's Museum, is bursting with character and is the oldest shopping street in Warwick with a unique mix of independent shops and restaurants. There are attractive parades of shops on the West Street and Coten End approaches to the town centre and a cluster of more familiar high street names can be found around Market Street.



You will find a wealth of quality independent shops and fine restaurants nestled amongst Warwick's stunning historic buildings. Market Square is at the heart of the town hosting a variety of cafes, shops and pubs as well as a thriving market every Saturday.

Swan Street is the town's main shopping street and always a hive of activity.

Shopping & Eating Out

WARWICK Visitor Guide



We look forward to welcoming you to Warwick soon



There are many attractions to visit, beautiful parks and gardens and buildings of outstanding quality from every period of the last 1100 years. Warwick's mainly independent businesses offer an enticing blend of the old and the new – from gift shops, antique centres and traditional tea rooms to trendy boutiques, art galleries and fine restaurants. This guide presents just some of the highlights to visit during your stay in the relaxed and picturesque town of Warwick.

Warwickshire's county town is world-famous for its magnificent castle and historic charm.

WARWICK Welcome to

1 Market Place

Market Hall is a 17th century building in the centre of Warwick. Here you'll find displays on the geology, natural history and early history of the county. Highlights include the Sheldon Tapestry Map of Warwickshire, our Live Observation Bee Hive and our famous (tweeting) Giant Irish Deer. The museum also hosts temporary exhibitions and exciting events throughout the year.

The Market Hall Museum is currently closed for refurbishment work. We hope to re-open after September 2016.

01926 412501 (museum)
01926 412827 (office)
www.warwickshire.gov.uk

12 Saltsford Canal Centre

The Saltsford Arm of the Grand Union Canal has been transformed by volunteers from a site of dereliction into peaceful moorings set in a series of gardens and orchards.

Originally constructed in the 1790s as the terminus of the Warwick and Birmingham Canal, today the Saltsford Canal Arm offers a tranquil green oasis with a contemplation area and sensory garden.

Light refreshments and day boat hire are available at the shop in the converted canal-side warehouse. The Cedar Room is available for hire for meetings.

The centre is open every day. The shop is closed at weekends from November - February.

01926 490006
www.saltsfordcanal.co.uk

11 Warwick Racecourse

Racing has been part of Warwick life since 1707 and the course still hosts a full programme of jump racing throughout the year.

Visit the website for dates and details of each race day.

The Racecourse encircles the Lammas Field Common on St Mary's Lands where there are large expanses of grassland rich in wildlife.



01926 405560 | www.warwickracecourse.co.uk

2 Collegiate Church of St Mary

St Mary's is a beautiful church that dominates Warwick's skyline.

Marvel at the magnificent 15th century Beauchamp Chapel and climb the 134 foot tower for stunning views of the town, the castle and beyond.

Open every day except Christmas Day and Good Friday
April - September, 10am - 6pm
October - March, 10am - 4.30pm

01926 403940
www.stmarys-warwick.org.uk

3 Smith Street

Head down Jury Street and through the historic Eastgate to discover Smith Street's unique mix of independent shops and restaurants.

Untouched by Warwick's Great Fire of 1694, many of Smith Street's medieval buildings still survive.

The street is bursting with character and a range of quality restaurants maintain activity into the evening.

www.smithstreet-warwick.co.uk

4 St John's House

Two fascinating museums are set in a fine 17th century Jacobean house with a peaceful garden. The social history collection at St John's Museum reflects the lives of Warwickshire people over the last 300 years. The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Museum tells the story of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment from 1674 through to the Fusiliers of today.

Winter: Tuesdays - Saturdays, 10am - 4pm
Summer: Mondays - Saturdays, 10am - 5pm
Bank Holidays: 10am - 5pm
April to September: Sundays, 11.30am - 5pm
Free admission

St John's Museum: 01926 412132 (museum)
01926 412069 (office) www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Museum:
01926 491653 www.warwickfusiliers.com

5 St Nicholas Park

Popular park offering broad swathes of grass, floral displays, riverside walks, boating, amusements, children's play areas, a café and a leisure centre.

www.stnicholaspark.co.uk

6 Mill Street and Garden

At the end of Mill Street famous for its 15th and 16th century buildings is where you will find the Mill Garden renowned for the quality of its planting and breathtaking position on the banks of the River Avon, lying beneath the walls of Warwick Castle.

Open daily April - October, 9am - 6pm.
Access the garden from Mill Street.
Entrance fee £2.50, accompanied children free.

7 Warwick Castle

Celebrate over 1,100 years of history at Warwick Castle! A Grade I listed building and Scheduled Ancient Monument, Warwick Castle has played a prominent role in English history for 11 centuries. Visitors can explore Mediaeval Towers and Ramparts, roam grounds designed by famous landscaper Capability Brown - 2016 being the 300th anniversary of his birth - and marvel at the Great Hall and State Rooms. Open 364 days a year, guests can enjoy attractions that bring history vividly to life!

Open every day except Christmas Day.
0870 442 2000 | www.warwick-castle.com

8 The Court House

Designed and built by Francis Smith in 1725, the recently restored Court House is a fine example of the elegant Georgian buildings that replaced those devastated by Warwick's Great Fire of 1694. The magnificent Ballroom and historic Council Chamber are available to hire for weddings, private hire and community events.

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Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum displays uniforms, swords, arms and a field gun taken in the charge at Huj. Open Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, Easter to October 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm
01926 492212 | www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk

9 Lord Leycester Hospital

Beautiful 14th and 15th century timber-framed buildings clustered around the Norman gateway into Warwick. For nearly 200 years the buildings were the base for Warwick's medieval guilds before they became a rest home for retired servicemen which they remain today.

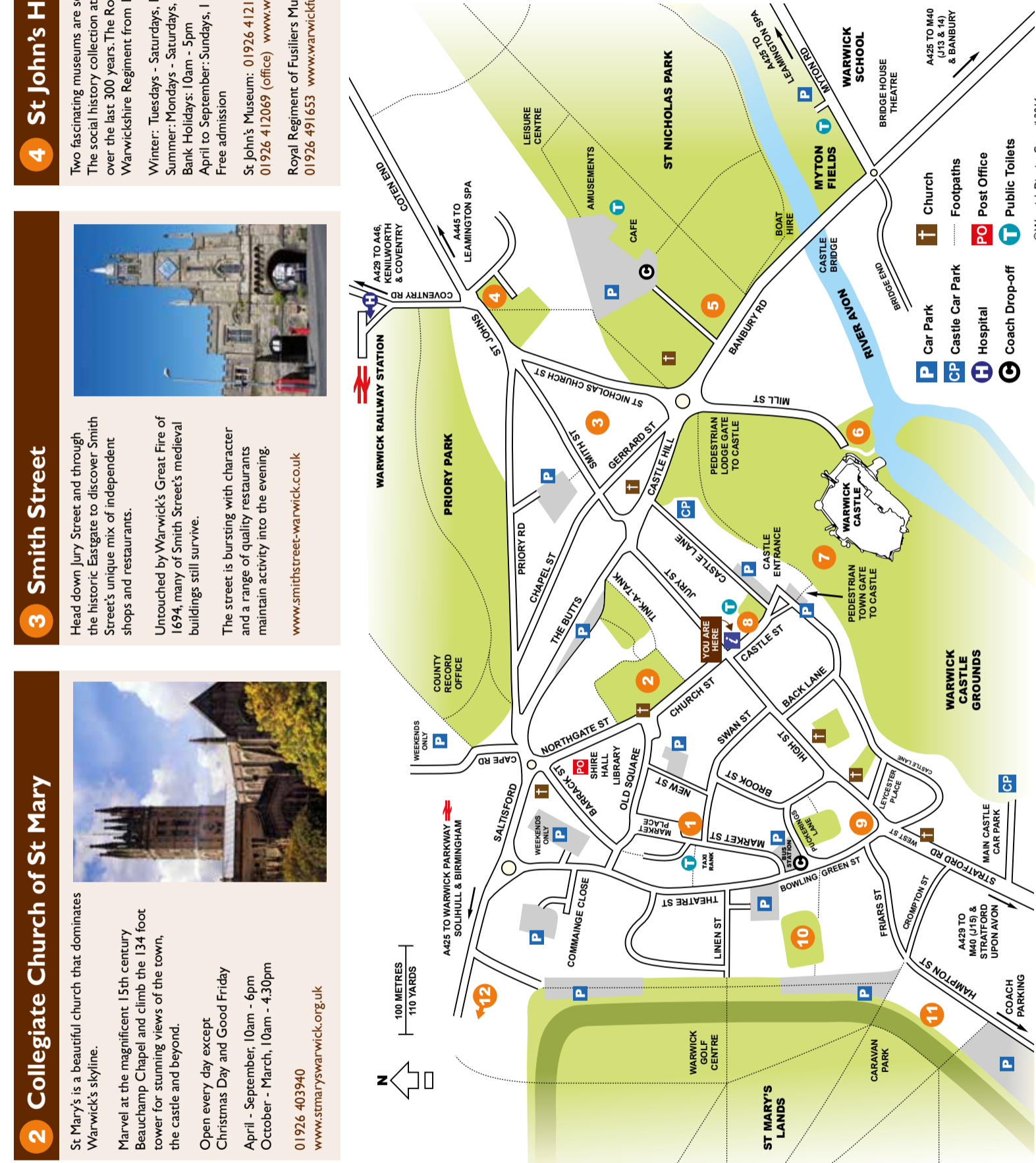
Hidden behind the ancient buildings is the delightful Master's Garden. The Queen's Own Hussars Museum tells the story of the West Midlands' Cavalry Regiment.

Refreshments in the Brethren's Kitchen.
Tuesday to Sunday and Bank Holidays
Summer: 10am - 5pm
Winter: 10am - 4pm
01926 491422 | www.lordleycester.com

10 Hill Close Gardens

The hidden hedged gardens at Hill Close were used by Victorians living above their businesses to escape from the crowded town. Their owners went there after work and on Sundays to tend their plots or just to relax. The sixteen gardens, including several attractive summer houses, have been restored to their Victorian splendour. Teas, gifts and plants are available in the modern Visitor Centre.

April - October, 11am - 5pm every day
November - March, 11am - 4pm weekdays only
Cafe open weekends & Bank Holidays
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