

Family Fun

#3DaysinBucks

Buckinghamshire is bursting full of fun for all the family and following a trail is a great way to explore and discover some hidden gems.

Day 1

Roald Dahl, Superheroes and VIPs!

On your first day why not explore the village of [Great Missenden](#), once home to Roald Dahl. Not only did the author live in Great Missenden for 36 years but the village and countryside surroundings inspired his writing and it was here he penned titles including The BFG and Matilda from a hut in his garden.

You can retrace his footsteps and discover the locations featured in many of his much loved books by taking a short local walk on [Roald Dahl's Village Trail](#) or explore further afield as you venture into the Chilterns with [The Countryside Trail](#).



A trip to Great Missenden with the family wouldn't be complete without a visit to [The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre](#). The museum celebrates the life and works of Roald Dahl and is packed full of interactive displays. Come face to face with Fantastic Mr Fox and see Roald's writing hut. The site is a step-free making it fully accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

The museum is also home to a [café](#) where you may wish to pause for refreshments. You can choose from a tantalising array of freshly prepared food and drink and you don't have to visit the museum to use the café.

You may wish to take a break and enjoy the Buryfield open space in the village centre with its playgrounds, skateboard park and tennis courts. An ideal spot for a picnic.

In the afternoon why not travel to the market town of [Old Amersham](#) and discover its historic secrets with a [Treasure Map Trail](#). With a superhero theme follow a beautifully illustrated map to find treasure such as statues, carvings and sculptures!

For something a little different head to [Kew Little Pigs](#) for a unique experience at the beautiful micro pig farm. Kew Little Pigs is an award-nominated miniature pig business and home to some VIP's (Very Important Pigs!) who have appeared many

times in TV and media campaigns! Experiences include piggy pet and play and mini pig keeping. Visits must be booked in advance.

Day 2

Wartime Wycombe and Ramble Round The Rye

Begin your morning outside the library in the centre of High Wycombe and prepare yourself to step back in time and discover the town as it was during WW1. Follow the [Heritage Trail](#) with WW1 Soldier John who will lead you around the town with exciting insights into life in High Wycombe during the Great War.

The trail is designed for use with a mobile phone and includes videos, photos and commentary as you navigate from point to point.

You can finish the trail at [Wycombe Museum](#) which is the perfect place to break your day. This family friendly museum



explores the history of High Wycombe and the surrounding areas through hands on galleries. Entry to the museum is free. It is housed in a 17th century grade II listed building and also has a big garden to explore which is perfect for picnics. The onsite café has a selection of hot and cold meals as well as drinks and snacks. Indoor and outdoor seating is available.

For the afternoon why not retrace your steps back to The Rye and discover 100's of years of history with the treasure hunt, '[Ramble round the Rye](#)'. Download the trail sheet, follow the trail and complete the challenges along the way.

(If you prefer not to loop back to The Rye you could pause the earlier WW1 Heritage Trail at this location and compete the treasure hunt before heading to Wycombe Museum).

Trails completed The Rye is the ideal spot to spend some time relaxing. There are two children's playgrounds, an abundance of green space for picnics and games as well as rowing boats for hire in season. There are catering outlets available and the eastern end of The Rye is also home to the Wycombe Rye Lido with open air swimming pool and tennis courts.

If you fancy keeping up with the wartime theme you could head back to the town centre and visit the [Air Raid Shelter Café and Tea Room](#). Here you can grab yourselves some refreshments at the 1940's themed furnished café with menu to match!

If you are looking for further entertainment [The Wycombe Swan](#) Theatre is centrally located. It is one of the leading theatres in the UK with a varied programme of performances throughout the year.

Day 3

High Ropes and River Boats



Today's trails will take the family to new heights when you discover the treetop rope courses on offer at Go Ape with tree to tree crossings, zip wires and net adventures! With sites located at [Wendover Woods](#) and [Black Park](#) in Buckinghamshire you can choose which treetop adventure setting suits you.

With both courses set in in stunning woodland locations there are also exciting trails to discover whilst keeping your feet firmly on the ground! At [Wendover Woods](#) there are [5 trails](#) to choose from including a fitness trail and play trail. There are endless spots for den building and picnics and for lovers of The Gruffalo stories there is a spotters trail, orienteering and even a giant sculpture to seek out. Black Park covers over 500 acres of woodland, heathland and open space with miles of [tracks and trails](#) to be enjoyed. You may wish to download the [park map](#) and devise your own routes to explore. Black Park is a popular location for filming both big and small productions with scenes shot here for the Harry Potter films and Captain America: The First Avenger! Black Park has a large woodland adventure play area and other activities available include [Forest Segway](#) and [Forest Biking](#).

In the afternoon you may just have time to squeeze in one last adventure so why not explore one of Buckinghamshire's waterways? From Wendover Woods why not head to Aylesbury where you can pick up a narrowboat ride with [The Little Trip Boat](#). Take a Skippered 90-minute cruise on the Aylesbury Arm of the Grand Union Canal. Learn about the history of the canal and you may even be able to lend a hand at the locks! From Black Park take a drive to the riverside town of Marlow. The stunning Georgian town is built beside the River Thames and from the jetty in Higginson Park you can take a short trip with [Salters Steamers](#) and soak up the sights and sound of the river on a public cruise. Alternatively you may wish to take charge of the wheel (or oars) and hire a self-drive motor boat or rowing boat from [The Little Green Boat Company](#).



Aylesbury and Marlow boast a wide range of pubs, restaurants and cafes so if you are looking for a supper time treat after your days adventures you'll be spoilt for

choice. The towns both have plenty to see and do so why not come back and visit another day!

Where to Stay

Camping always guarantees fun and laughter and whether or not you are seasoned campers [Orchard View Farm Camping and Glamping](#) is just the place. Set on a family run farm it prides itself on great, affordable, hospitality and food. The stunning location affords lucky campers unparalleled views of the sun rising over the Chiltern Hills, accompanied by the sounds of the sheep, pigs and deer on the small working farm. There are camping pitches for tents, motorhomes, camper vans and glamping.

Alternatively The Holiday Inn have hotels located in [High Wycombe](#) and [Aylesbury](#) which are both well placed for exploring Buckinghamshire. Family rooms are available with comfy beds and blackout blinds to ensure a good night's sleep which will give you the rest you need to begin exploring again the next day!

Perhaps self-catering accommodation or a B&B is more to your taste – head over to our [accommodation page](#) for more options.

This is just a snippet of what can be found in Buckinghamshire. There is plenty more to discover in and around this beautiful county.

Head to our website at [Homepage - Visit Buckinghamshire](#) for more ideas and inspiration on what to see and do in Buckinghamshire and The Chilterns.