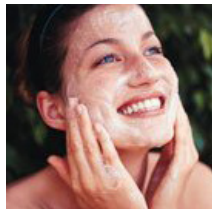
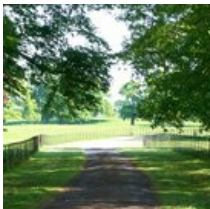


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Enjoying your stay at Cossington Park

Everything you need to get the most out of your stay

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Arrival

Where We Are

Property Name: Cossington Park
Address: Cossington
Near Bridgwater
County: Somerset
Postcode: TA7 8LH

Check in and check out

Check in time: 4pm

Contact name for check in: Lorraine Bentley
Contact number for check in: 07951 256 278

Check out time for 2 night weekend booking: 10am Sunday
Check out time for 3 night weekend booking: 10am Monday
Check out time for 7 night week bookings: 10am Friday

The best postcode to use with Satnav is: TA7 8LH

Nearest Train station and distance: Bridgwater, five miles away

Taxis are available:
A1 Ace Taxis 01823 332211
Angel Cabs 01278 422442
Bob's Taxis 01278 422422

The nearest airport is: Bristol International

Getting to us

The best postcode to use with Satnav is: TA7 8LH

Nearest Train station and distance: Bridgwater, five miles away

Directions:

From the M5:

Take the M5 ramp to The Midlands

At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto the M5 ramp to Bristol / Stroud

Follow M5 to Puriton.

At junction 23, take the A39 exit to A38 / Bridgwater / Glastonbury / Wells

At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto A39

Turn left onto Bath Rd / A39

Turn left onto Manor Rd

Turn right onto Middle Rd

Turn right

Destination will be on the right

Cooking & dining - chef services

You'll find our top recommendations below. If you do discover any other gems please do let us know and we will share them with other guests visiting the property.

Chef Services

We work closely with a variety of wonderful local cooks and West Country catering services. Do please contact any of these directly or speak to Lorraine who will help ensure that you choose the right option for your special occasion.

07951 256 278 / 0800 043 3468

Our caterers will agree the menu with you in advance, then come on the day to prepare it in the house, serve to the table and clear up afterwards.

lorraine@cossingtonpark.com

Kate Hunt

01278 662 319

Kate Hunt has been providing wonderful meals for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and other special occasions at Cossington Park for many years.

kate.a.ring1@googlemail.com

Mark Country Catering

Located just a few miles across the Somerset Levels from Cossington. Established in 1995, they specialise in West Country cooking using local and fresh produce.

info@countrycateringservices.co.uk

www.markcountrycatering.co.uk

Tea with Alice

01823 254.836 / 07591 868.507

A family run business specialising in indulgent vintage afternoon teas, beautiful country weddings and other special occasions.

teawithalice@live.co.uk

Charlotte Budd

01278 671 271

cmbudd@hotmail.co.uk

Cooking & dining - chef services

As an alternative if you would like to order home cooked meals that are frozen and you can reheat yourself you could look at www.cookfood.net a local, quality, frozen meals supplier. However, please remember that delivery needs to be arranged for after your arrival.

Local produce that the area is renowned for

Apples, Cider and Cheddar Cheese are what Somerset is most famous for. Now also the county of 'Butcombe Beer', the fastest selling bottled beer in the UK, as well as Thatchers produced in Sandford for over a hundred years. For the dairy lovers, 'Capricorn Somerset Goats Cheese' from The Lubborn Creamery situated in the beautiful valley of Cricket St Thomas and Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company, one of the only places in the country where Cheddar Cheese is still made by hand.

Why not try a Somerset cream tea with home made scones, farmhouse clotted cream and Whortleberry jam, which is unique to the Exmoor area.

With a food heritage that includes Yeo Valley yogurts, Thatchers Cider and Miles Tea & Coffee, as well as Exmoor Lamb, smoked eels and Cheddar Strawberries, there's much that Somerset has to offer.

Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

Nearest pub

The Knowle Inn, 115, Bawdrip, Somerset TA7 8PN
01278 683 330

A delightful country pub situated just a few minutes from Junction 23 of the M5 motorway in Somerset. Offering a warm friendly atmosphere coupled with an extensive menu of delicious dishes ranging from pub favourites to their daily specials.
www.theknowleinn.co.uk

Pubs

The Bicknoller Inn, 32 Church Ln, Bicknoller, Taunton, Somerset TA4 4EL
01984 656 234

Dwarfed by the stunning Quantock Hills, this 14th century thatched traditional country inn is an ideal family venue for lunches, evening meals, and Sunday roasts.
www.bicknollerinn.com/viewArticle.php?id=1

Notley Arms, Monksilver, Somerset TA4 4JB
01984 656 217

A traditional English Country Pub, on the edge of Exmoor National Park, supporting the local producers and welcoming visitors to West Somerset. This lovely pub offers traditional yet imaginative home cooking, well kept ales, ciders and good selection of wines from around the world. All in a cosy, friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Well behaved dogs are welcome in the bar area.

Blostins, 29 - 33 Waterloo Road, Shepton Mallet, BA45HH
01749 343 648

Blue Ball Inn, Triscombe, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton, Somerset, TA4 3HE
01984 618 242

Wonderful venue with excellent food. The previous owner has been on TV with this famous restaurant and has now won awards for his new restaurant, Woods in Dulverton. But the original chef is now back in the Blue Ball and so standards are high again.

The Blue Ball Inn at Triscombe is known as one of the best rural venues to dine in Somerset and was announced at The Royal Bath and West Show as the winner of Somerset Life's Best Dining Pub of the Year for 2006.

Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

Carpenters Arms, Stanton Wick, Nr Pensford, BS39 4BX
0871 811 4399

A splendid example of the Traditional English Pub, open log fires and shining brasses. Located north of Wells just off the A37.

The Carpenters Arms is a converted row of miners' cottages set in the peaceful Chew Valley countryside. It offers the hospitality of a traditional English inn, with a friendly warm welcome, good real ales, extensive wine list and comfortable surroundings. The food here has a terrific reputation and the kitchen team are constantly creating new dishes for the menu using the best fresh local seasonal produce.

The Bridge, Dulverton
01398 324 130

Just what is needed after a long walk around the Doone Valley. Excellent pub food, served at all hours. Dogs are very welcome.

The Anchor Inn, Combwich
01278 653 612
www.combwichanchor.co.uk

The Friendly Spirit, 12A Brook St, Cannington, Bridgwater TA5 2HP
01278 652 215
www.friendlyspirit.co.uk

The Orchard Inn, Hillcommon, Taunton, Somerset TA4 1DS
01823 400 295
www.orchard-inn.co.uk

Restaurants

Hood Arms, Kilve, Bridgwater, TA5 1EA
01278 741 210

Surrounded by wonderful coastal walks, The Hood Arms is a traditional 17th century coaching inn, providing friendly hospitality, with its character bars and log fires. Their chef Vanessa Eason and her kitchen team use local produce and fresh herbs from the Hood's garden to create a delicious and interesting menu, featuring dishes of local game or fish. The inn is well known for its succulent fillet steak and traditional Sunday roasts served with a special gravy, made from an old family recipe.

Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

Goodfellows Fish Restaurant, 5 Sadler Street, Wells
01749 673 866

A few steps from the cathedral and Market Square in the smallest city in England. The portions are not huge but every mouthful is a taste experience. Lunchtimes are especially good value. Open from Tuesday through to Saturday at lunchtimes from 12.00 pm to 2.30pm and evenings Wednesday to Saturday from 6.30pm to 9.30pm (last orders).

Chef Adam Fellows runs the restaurant with his team cooking modern European food, which is light but intense in flavour.

No 1 Park Terrace
01458 835 845

Is a family run licensed restaurant close to Glastonbury town centre. Ramon takes great pride in his freshly prepared evening meals. Combining local produce wherever possible with his Spanish style, he provides a varied and interesting menu.

From Glastonbury High Street go along Magdalene Street and when you reach the mini roundabout turn right. They are 50 yards on the right.

If you are looking for something different this is it. They are happy to cater for large family groups and may even give you exclusive use but best to ring and chat to them.

info@no1parkterrace.co.uk
www.no1parkterrace.co.uk

Zalshah Tandoori Restaurant, 20 College St, Town Centre, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 1AS
01278 789 116

Authentic Indian cuisine restaurant, both traditional and modern
www.zalshah.co.uk

Jade Garden Chinese Takeaway Pollard Road, Bridgwater, TA6 4YA
01278 431 400

Green Olive

Claire went to a recently opened Turkish restaurant in Bridgwater, the Green Olive on West Quay, and had an excellent meal at very reasonable cost. The staff were friendly and helpful with choice of food from what was a different menu selection.

Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

Castle Hotel, Taunton

01823 272 671

Silver service, classical cuisine in the main restaurant; the brasserie 'Brazz' is modern and stylish. The cocktail bar also offers a tempting array of reasonably priced dainty sandwiches and nibbles in sophisticated surroundings. The owner, Kit Chapman, studied Hotel & Catering Administration at the University of Surrey, as did Graham.

Castle of Comfort, Dodington, Nether Stowey, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 1LE

01278 741 264

Once described as 'a stone inn at the foot of the Quantock Hills where it is rumoured that pirates off the English coast used to dispose of their loot', this former 16th century inn is an idyllic resting-place. Dinner served Monday to Saturday from 7.00 till 8.30pm. Booking is essential.

Chantry Tea Gardens, Chantry Cott, Kilve, Bridgwater, TA5 1EG

01278 741 457

The Chantry ruins provide a wonderful backdrop for lovely cream teas and sandwiches.

Bear and Swan, South Parade, Chew Magna BS40 8SL

01275 331 100

A fair drive through pleasant countryside but the food is exceptionally good.

Best Takeaways

Canton Chinese Takeaway, 42 North Street, Bridgwater, TA6 3PN

012784 295 27

Recommended takeaway. Not open on Mondays.

Cooking & dining - shopping for food

Best local supermarket:

The Co-operative, Windmill Crescent, Woolavington, Bridgwater TA7 8HP
01278 684 361
www.co-operativefood.co.uk

Butcher & Online Food Store:

Somerset Foods Direct can be viewed online at www.sfmdirect.co.uk and they offer the very best of local food and deliver to Cossington.

Wine Merchant:

Sedgemoor Drinks, Unit 7 Barhams, Close Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4DS
01278 458 379
www.sedgemoordrinks.co.uk

PM Wine Cellars, 19 Lower Middle St, Taunton, Somerset TA1 1SF
01823 336 170
www.pmwinecellars.co.uk

Major supermarket online orders:

Tesco
www.tesco.com

Asda
www.asda.com

Things to do - activities and pampering

Our top recommendations for activities and pampering are below.

Clay pigeon shooting

A visit to the Mendip Firing Range or clay shoot (off the premises).

Mendip Shooting Range

01749 673 471

Archery

Archery can be arranged in the grounds.

Falconry

Falconry can be arranged in the grounds.

Horse-riding

Stockland Lovell Equestrian Centre, Coultings, Fiddington, Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 1JJ

01278 652 224

www.stocklandlovell.com

Fishing

Cossington Park is well situated for coarse and river fishing. Speak to the house manager to arrange tokens from West Country Angling and tuition in Fly Tying.

West Country Angling

01579 372 140

www.westcountryangling.com

Golf

For the golfing enthusiast we can arrange play at the superb championship links course at Burnham & Berrow or the traditional parkland course at Enmore. This could include a lesson with the professional and or a video replay of your match back at Cossington Park.

Things to do - activities and pampering

Burnham & Berrow, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, TA8 2PE
01278 785 760
www.burnhamandberrowgolfclub.co.uk

Enmore Park Golf Club, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2AN
01278 672 100
www.enmorepark.co.uk/pages.php/course.html

Kayaking/ canoeing

Kayaks 2 Hire, The Boardwalk, Street, Somerset, BA16 0AJ
07967 661 442
www.kayaks2hire.co.uk

Vintage Cream Tea

Tea with Alice provide a Somerset Clotted Cream Team served on the Park Lawns using vintage linen and china which can be followed by a game of croquet!

Wine Tasting Evening

Enjoy an evening presentation of glorious wines courtesy of Christopher Staniland of Quantock Abbey Wines. This event provides an opportunity to extend your knowledge of wine and perhaps arrange for home delivery of your favourite wine.

Pampering

Our beauticians and aroma-therapists offer relaxing beauty treatments at Cossington Park, followed by a glass of Champagne.

Top things to do with children

Our top recommendations for outings with children are below.

Cheddar Caves

Discover the breathtaking splendour of Britain's most beautiful stalactite cavern where Cheddar Man, Britain's oldest skeleton, was found. Audio guides bring the cave to life for kids and adults, telling the fascinating story of its Ice Age creation, Stone Age occupation and Victorian exploration.
www.cheddargorge.co.uk/explore

Cheddar Gorge

Explore Britain's biggest gorge from the dramatic cliffs rising 450ft to the stunning stalactite caverns. This world-famous site is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, reveals many fascinating stories of our prehistoric ancestors, and is an international centre for caving and rock climbing.
www.cheddargorge.co.uk

The Dinosaur Museum, Icen Way, Dorset, DT1 1EW

The only museum on mainland Britain solely devoted to dinosaurs, the award-winning Dinosaur Museum is a treat, especially for children. The museum combines life-sized reconstructions of dinosaurs with fossils and skeletons to create an exciting hands-on experience.
www.visit-dorset.com/things-to-do/attractions/the-dinosaur-museum-p139603

Court Farm Country Park

Have a great family day out at Somersets top award winning farm attraction. At different times of the year they have a range of baby animals on show including lambs, calves, piglets, horses and foals, cows, goats, donkeys, red deer, chickens, ducks and geese. They also run milking and feeding sessions during the day.

For activities, from indoor play and sandpits to outdoor castles and animal shows - enough to tire out the most energetic of kids.
www.courtfarmcountrypark.co.uk

Top things to do with children

Wookey Hole

A unique Somerset family attraction. Listed below are a few of the things the family can do.

Wookey Hole Caves

Somerset, in the South of England, is a land of mysteries. Here at Wookey Hole, where a river flows out of the underworld, pagan and Christian legends intermingle.

www.wookey.co.uk/wookeyholecaves

Victorian Penny Arcade

Wookey Hole has the biggest collection of original Edwardian Penny Arcade machines in the country, and visitors can play them with real old pennies!

www.wookey.co.uk/victorian-penny-arcade

Magical Mirror Maze

The Magical Mirror Maze is a modern version of the old mirror show that occasionally accompanied travelling fairs. This creates the impression of a huge colourfully-vaulted crypt.

www.wookey.co.uk/magical-mirror-maze

Cave Museum

The Wookey Hole Caves site has provided rich pickings for archaeologists and anthropologists over the years, and several exciting excavations have been undertaken.

In 1912 an archaeologist Herbert Balch found the almost complete skeleton of an old woman, the remains of some goats, a dagger, some household items and a polished alabaster ball among Iron Age remains.

www.wookey.co.uk/cave-museum

Pirate Zap Zone

Become a Pirate of the River Axe and join our crew and set sail in our indoor Pirate Zap Zone!

Fire cannon balls at your friends or family or test your skill with our revolutionary air jet blasters!

www.wookey.co.uk/pirates-of-the-river-axe

Top places to visit and shop nearby

Poets Walk

Poet's Walk can be found to the west of Clevedon and is owned by North Somerset Council. Many poets and writers have visited Clevedon, including Coleridge in 1795 and Tennyson in 1834 and it is from this that Poet's Walk received its name.

www.avonlocalnaturereserves.org.uk/reserve.asp?id=26

Sand Point, North Somerset

The stunning stretch of coastline around Sand Point and Middle Hope sits north of Weston-Super-Mare. It's one of the most beautiful parts of North Somerset, and it's a wonderful place for a picnic, as the views are spectacular.

Dunster Castle

01643 821 314

An ancient castle and comfortable country home with dramatic vistas and subtropical gardens. Dramatically sited on a wooded hill, a castle has existed here since at least Norman times, with an impressive medieval gatehouse and ruined tower giving a reminder of its turbulent history.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunster-castle

The Quantocks

Are an area of wilderness and tranquillity. Panoramic views lead you through coast, heath and combe.

www.quantockhills.com

Mendips and Brendon Hills

The limestone Mendip Hills with the lakes of the Chew Valley is a stunning landscape of steep slopes and undulating plateau punctuated by spectacular gorges and rocky outcrops. On the hilltops there are hundreds of ancient monuments, whilst on steeper slopes flower rich grasslands and wooded combes offer varied habitats for a wide variety of wildlife.

www.mendiphillsaonb.org.uk

Bath

There is always something happening, always something to see and hear. Art exhibitions and festivals are staged throughout the year with the main event being the International Music Festival usually held in June, with the opening night staging free events through the city centre, ending with a spectacular firework display.

www.visitbath.co.uk

Top places to visit and shop nearby

Wells

Wells lies sheltered beneath the southern slopes of the Mendip Hills, and combines a wealth of historic interest and beautiful architecture. Wells qualifies as England's smallest, and Somerset's only city.

www.visitsomerset.co.uk/explore-somerset/wells-p500273

Useful information

Cossington Park at a glance:

Bedrooms and bathrooms

- Sleeps 12-16 guests (maximum 14 adults, plus up to two infants)
- Six bedrooms, three are ensuite
- One shared bathroom and separate downstairs WC

Cooking and Dining

- Oak dining table seats 14
- Extra tables are available to seat an additional 12
- Chef available
- Drop-off meals available
- Electric range cooker and microwave/combination oven
- Two dishwashers
- Pantry/breakfast room
- Large fridge freezer
- Washing machine and tumble dryer
- Barbecue area
- Online deliveries

Children Welcome

- Children's books and DVDs
- Nintendo Wii games console
- Toy cupboard and board games
- Fort and Wendy house
- Swing and Slide
- Basketball hoop
- Football goals
- Cots available
- Two high chairs available

Where We Are

- The postcode is TA7 8LH
- The nearest town is Bridgwater, five miles away
- The nearest station is Bridgwater, five miles away
- The nearest airport is Bristol International
- Taxis available
- Parking for plenty of cars

Useful information

Things to Do Inside

- Flatscreen TV
- Sky TV
- Wi-fi
- DVD player and DVDs
- Nintendo Wii games console
- iPod dock
- Large library with an open fire
- Card tables
- Board games
- Piano available

Things to Do Outside

- 22 acre grounds
- Formal and walled gardens
- Orchard
- Games field
- Various ponds
- Croquet

Activities

- Country pursuits available nearby, including clay pigeon shooting and archery
- Falconry
- Fishing
- Golf
- Beauty treatments at the house

Top Things to Do for Children

- Middlemoor Waterpark
- Brean Sands Funpark
- Animal Farm Adventure Park

Payment process

- We take a one third deposit at the time of booking
- The balance is due three months before the date booked

Cautionary deposit

- £500 refundable deposit

House restrictions

- No fireworks permitted
- Smoking is not permitted in any part of the property
- Noise policy in place
- Additional guests are not permitted to stay overnight

Useful information

Arrival and Departure

- Check in 4pm
- Check out 10am

What's included

- Linen
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Welcome Hamper
- Wi-fi
- Utilities
- Logs
- Extra housekeeping available on request

Guest Reviews

“Beautiful house – felt so at home and had a relaxing time. Archery was a highlight. Food from Jackie was amazing. Thank you Cossington” - **Abigail**

“A fantastic Christmas – three feasts including two birthdays and one Christmas dinner” - **Stuart**

“We’ve had six magical visits. The care and thought that goes into making your house warm, deeply comfortable and inviting is hugely appreciated by us all” - **Jessica**