



## Enjoying your stay at The Freeth

*Everything you need to get the most out of your stay*

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# Arrival

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## Where We Are

Property Name: The Freeth  
Address: Thornbury, Bromyard  
County: Herefordshire  
Postcode: HR7 4NW

Nearest train station and distance: Worcester Shrub Hills, a 30 minute drive  
The nearest airport is: Birmingham International

## Taxis

**Bromyard & Tenbury Taxis, 1a New Road Bromyard Herefordshire HR7 4AH**

4.3 miles away/11 minute drive

Tel: 01885 482111

Tel: 01885 410444

Mob: 07971 482111

Offers 24-hour airport transfers nationwide, and also local or long distance trips.

## Check in and check out

Check in time: 4pm  
Contact name for check in: Louisa Gregory

*Due to the patchy mobile signal in the area, please call both numbers given for the contact and leave a message if necessary.*

Louisa Gregory's number for check in: 01885 488 563 or 07875 010 145

Check out time for 2 night weekend booking: 4pm Sunday  
Check out time for 3 night weekend booking: 10am Monday  
Check out time for 7 night week bookings: 10am Friday

# Getting to Us

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## Directions

The best postcode to use with satnav is: HR7 4NW

### From the M5

At junction 7, take the 3rd exit onto Whittington Road/A44 to Worcester.

Keep left to continue towards Crookbarrow Way/A4440.

Stay on the A4440 for about 5 miles, and then at the roundabout take the second exit onto the A44, towards Leominster and Bromyard.

After about 12 miles, you will be reaching the outskirts of Bromyard. Turn right onto Sherford Street/B4203, then take the first left onto Broad Street, staying on the B4203.

As you are going down the high street, you need to take a left at the end, towards Tenbury on the B4214. Stay on the B4212, and after about 2 miles take a left. Then at the next turning take a right. Then, after 1.6 miles keep a slight right and go up the one-way track, past the pink house. The Freeth will be further along this track - you will be able to see it ahead of you as you dip into the valley.

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## Local produce that the area is renowned for

Herefordshire is home to some of the best apple orchards in the country, and so the county is a-plenty with excellent cider breweries. Cider has been produced in this county since the medieval times, when land owners would produce the drink for their labour force as a contribution to their wage. Cider-makers in this region range from the multinational companies such as Bulmers to the tiny micro-breweries out the back of pubs. Be sure to try out Henny's Cider (which was a runner up in Radio 4's Food & Drink programme) and Westons Cider, whose house brew is a favourite in the Houses of Parliament. Other produce Herefordshire is also famed for is asparagus and strawberries, which are grown in abundance during seasons. The Herefordshire beef is also superb, as are all the locally reared meat around the area. Be sure to check out the information below to find our top recommendation for butchers.

## Catering Options

Many of our guests are interested in using a cook during their stay. This may be just for one special meal to celebrate a particular birthday or anniversary, to have some delicious ready-prepared food awaiting your arrival on a Friday evening, organize an amazing BBQ or to have every meal catered to give you a complete break.

We are fortunate to have a fantastic cook, James Fletcher, living on the Estate who provides these catering services on our behalf. James has managed and owned several award-winning restaurants and gastro-pubs in Scotland before falling in love with Herefordshire and has now moved here permanently. He has cooked extensively at The Hyde to rave reviews from guests. His philosophy is to use the best seasonal ingredients sourced whenever possible within a 25 mile radius of The Hyde to make the most of the fantastic local produce in the area. When this isn't feasible (the sea is further away, for instance), then he works with small-scale suppliers to provide him with top quality produce.

Included here are some example menus and indicative costs based on everyone in the party choosing the same dish for each course. However, James is very flexible and can cook whatever menu you would like or other ideas you may have (picnics, larger parties etc). He is also happy to ensure any allergies are taken into account, if applicable.

Please contact Louisa directly if you have any queries or to discuss availability.

Email: [office@netherwoodestates.co.uk](mailto:office@netherwoodestates.co.uk)

Tel: 01885 410321

## Home-Cooked Ready Meals Service

This service is designed to take the heat out of the kitchen for you. It is perfect as a meal to await your arrival or when you want a night off from cooking during your stay, but don't want a full chef service and are happy to clear up afterwards. These dishes have been selected because they are easy for you to warm in the oven (when necessary) and have a great tasting meal on the table within twenty minutes. They are delivered to The Hyde on the day you want them.

### Soups - £5per head

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A selection of soups served with prune and pumpkin seed bread and Netherend farm butter:

Heritage tomato topped with fresh pesto  
Roasted red pepper with anchovy salsa  
Pumpkin topped with oyster mushrooms and Stilton  
Cauliflower and Cheddar with capers  
Butternut squash and parmesan  
Courgette, basil and parmesan  
Ham hock and pea  
Cullen skink

## Sharing Platters - From £5 per head

A selection of sides of cured salmon served with sourdough bread, fresh lemon, crème fraiche and picked cucumber:

Hot Smoked Salar salmon from the Isle of South Uist  
Nick Nairn's smoked salmon  
James Fletcher's William Chase Herefordshire gin and beetroot cured salmon  
Anthony MacNeil's gravlax

## A selection of cured meats served with Peter Cook's cider crumb bread, cornichon's and piccalilli

Whole 36 month matured Iberico Bellota ham  
Whole Venison and wild boar salami  
Whole Fennel salami  
Venison and juniper carpaccio  
Whole Air dried Monmouthshire ham

## Pies: all served with seasonal vegetables - £10 per head

Herefordshire steak, kidney, oyster and Butty Batch Herefordshire ale pie topped with buttery puff pastry  
Chicken, brown cap mushroom, leek and tarragon topped with buttery puff pastry  
Fish pie: salmon, smoked haddock, prawns and mussels with topped with fluffy mash.  
Cottage, Sheppard's or Gamekeeper's pie topped with fluffy mash

## Curries - £10 per head

Thai green chicken curry served with sticky coconut rice and prawn crackers.  
King prawn laksa with rice noodles bean sprouts pak choi and prawn crackers  
Duck masaman curry with cherry vine tomatoes, pineapple, holy basil with fragrant rice and spicy crackers  
Chicken tikka marsala with pilau rice, poppadom's, mango chutney, spiced onions and riata

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## **Casseroles - £10 per head**

Beef bourguignon served with creamy mash

Lamb, chorizo and spinach casserole with creamy mash

Braised pork cheeks in cider with Stornaway black pudding and butter beans

Lemon pepper chicken with baby new potatoes and green pepper salsa

Confit duck legs with seasonal vegetables, dauphinoise potatoes and claret gravy.

## **Tarts served with seasonal leaves and new potatoes - £10 per head**

Chorizo, red onion, spring onion, red pepper, chorizo and manchego tart

Julian Swift's smoked bacon and Tim Powell's free range egg quiche

Smoked haddock leek and crème fraiche tart

Ragstone goats cheese and red onion quiche

## **Family favorites with a twist - £10 per head**

Herefordshire beef lasagne with garlic and rosemary focaccia and seasonal leaves

Meat balls made with rose veal in a rich heritage tomato sauce with fresh pasta

Macaroni cheese topped with fresh truffle

## **Desserts / Puddings - £5 per head**

Chocolate brownie and vanilla ice cream

Lemon tart with crème fraiche

Apple and bramble crumble with custard

Raspberry or strawberry pavlova

Pear and almond frangipane tart with vanilla crème fraiche

Treacle tart with vanilla pod ice cream

Sticky toffee pudding with pouring cream

Vanilla cheesecake with fruit compote

Fresh seasonal berries set in elderflower jelly with vanilla pod ice cream

## **Cheese:**

We work closely with various local, national and international cheese makers and are delighted to offer you the opportunity to taste some of the fantastic artisan cheeses during your stay. Please contact us for our latest offerings

## **Chef Service - from £35 per head including waitress service**

Many of our guests like to create bespoke menus including their favourite dishes, particularly if they are celebrating a special birthday or anniversary. James is happy to work with you to create a menu to suit your tastes and budget, A few examples of such dishes are:

### **Starters:**

Seared King Scallops with mango chutney pana cotta, curried cauliflower puree, wilted spinach and red amaranth

Ragstone goats cheese soufflé

Newlyn white crab, mango, chilli and coriander timbale topped with langoustine and caviar.

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## Main Courses:

Fillet of Neville Eckley, Munderfield farm beef, bone marrow, celeriac puree, heritage carrots in star anise and claret gravy

Saddle of venison, dauphinoise potatoes, textures of parsnip, braised greens and sloe gin jus

Fillet of halibut on egg noodles with pak choi, king prawns, mussels and cockles topped with a penang foam

48 hour roasted Julian Swift pork belly with pomme puree, Stornaway black pudding fritter, braised red cabbage and Henney's cider gravy

## Desserts:

Hot chocolate fondant with pistachio soil and vanilla pod ice cream

Burnt lemon curd cream with thyme short bread

Vanilla panna cotta topped with summer berries set in champagne jelly

Peanut butter and strawberry jam parfait

## The Hyde's 'Sunday Service'

To ensure your Sunday is relaxing as it can be, we have introduced our special 'Sunday service'. Our team arrive mid-morning armed with the weekend papers clear away your breakfast things and prepare a wonderful Sunday brunch or lunch, leaving you to have time to chat, go for a long walk to build up an appetite or settle down in front of the fire with the papers. We will clear everything away, afterwards whilst you relish a long, lazy Sunday afternoon. Just how they ought to be.

### Sunday Brunch - From £12.50 per head

Jugs of freshly squeezed juices and bloody or virgin Mary's

Cafetiere's of fresh coffee and pots of English breakfast and Earl Grey

Bowls of granola with fresh fruit salad and yogurt

Freshly made porridge topped with banana and cinnamon

Full English breakfast: Fried Tim Powell free range egg, smoked Julian Swift Herefordshire bacon, Legges of Bromyard traditional pork sausage, Stornaway black pudding, plum tomato & field mushroom

Racks of toasted Peter Cooks Ledbury loaf and malthouse granary served with Netherend farm butter, marmalade and preserves

Baskets of freshly baked croissants and pain au chocolat

Eggs benedict, eggs royale or eggs flourentine

Drop scones with yoghurt cream and summer berries

Grilled kippers with lemon butter

Smoked haddock kedgeree

### 3 Course Sunday lunch - From £35 per head

#### Starters:

Ham hock terrine with lightly spiced apple chutney, season leaves and toasted brioche

Hot smoked Salar salmon on an potato pancake with horseradish crème fraiche and textures of beetroot

Shaved Herefordshire asparagus, fennel and blood orange salad



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## *Roasts:*

Rib eye of Neville Eckley Munderfield farm, Herefordshire beef

Leg of Ben James Netherwood Estate lamb

Shoulder of Julian Swift pork

Individual corn fed poussin

Served with season vegetables, cauliflower cheese, roasted parsnips and lashings of claret gravy.

## *Puddings:*

Vanilla crème brulee with cherries soaked in kirsch

Coconut bread and butter pudding

Chocolate nemesis with baileys ice cream

A taste of Herefordshire: Warm pear poached in Chase vodka with Herefordshire cassis ice cream.

# Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

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## Nearest pub

**Royal Oak, Bromyard Downs, HR7 4QP**

6 miles away/14 minute drive

Tel: 01885 482585

This country pub overlooks the quaint town of Bromyard, and is wonderfully situated on the Bromyard Downs. Children and dogs are welcome in this comfortable retreat complete with a log fire, large bay windows, and low-beamed ceilings. The food is homemade and the cider is local, fitting compliments to the excellent scenery which surrounds you.

## Pubs

**Live and Let Live, Bringsty Common, Worcestershire, WR6 5UW**

7.3 miles away/18 minute drive

Tel: 01886 821462

Found just outside Bromyard, this bustling 17th century timber and thatched pub can be found down a bumpy track (if you have a car with low suspension, leave at the top and walk down!) A cosy, comfortable affair, with a cavernous fireplace, low beams and snug furniture, Live and Let Live is the ideal place to relax after a long walk on the Bringsty Common. Food is simple yet tasty, and expect good local ciders and Wye Valley beers on tap.

**Talbot, Bromyard Road, Knightwick, Worcestershire, WR6 5PH**

9.5 miles away/20 minute drive

Tel: 01886 821235

A pub which prides itself on its self-sustainable methods, the Talbot attracts visitors and locals alike. The pub has its own brewery, organically grows its own vegetables, herbs and salads, whilst also finding time to make its own bread and black pudding. The Talbot regularly hosts a farmers market, too, so be sure to check their website to find out when the next one is: [www.the-talbot.co.uk/teme\\_valley\\_market.htm](http://www.the-talbot.co.uk/teme_valley_market.htm)

**Green Dragon Inn, Bishops Frome, Worcestershire, WR6 5BP**

9 miles away/20 minute drive

Tel: 01885 490607

Frequently voted the Best Country Pub in Herefordshire by CAMRA (their guide says this pub is "what all village pubs should be like"), The Green Dragon has a good selection of well kept local beers and ciders. Serving traditional pub food in a traditional, rustic setting, you will not want to leave this inviting pub.

**Three Horseshoes, Little Cowarne, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4RQ**

10 miles away/21 minute drive

Tel: 01885 400276

Another 17th century inn that houses some excellent local beers and ciders, the Three Horseshoes is a bustling inn surrounded by beautiful countryside. Decked with upholstered settles, wooden chairs and tables, and hop-draped beams, the pub is run by friendly staff who are always eager to make you feel at home. In summer it is the perfect place for you to relax outside, as they have a lovely terrace with plenty of tables that overlook a pretty lawn.

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## Restaurants

**Mr Underhill's, Dinham Weir, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1EH**

21 miles away/40 minute drive

Tel: 01584 87443

web: [www.mr-underhills.co.uk](http://www.mr-underhills.co.uk)

If you fancy a splurge, this beautiful restaurant is situated in the picturesque town of Ludlow (about a 40 minute drive away). Awarded with a Michelin star, Mr Underhill's is perfectly located, lying on the banks of the River Teme and underneath the majestic Ludlow Castle. The restaurant itself has a courtyard that is awash with colourful flowers that give off wonderful aromas, while inside the décor is minimal and stylish. Offering nine courses from a menu that changes daily, which range from wild venison from the Mortimer Forest situated just over the river, to locally made cheeses and sour doughs, you can be sure that all the food has been sourced within a stone's throw away. As eating at this restaurant is so desirable, we advise you book months in advance to avoid disappointment.

**La Bécasse, 17 Corve Street, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1DA**

19 miles away/37 minute drive

Tel. 01584 872325

web: [www.labecasse.co.uk](http://www.labecasse.co.uk)

Another superb dining experience located in the town of Ludlow, La Bécasse is an award-winning restaurant run by a passionate team. Head chef Chris O'Halloran has made an eclectic menu that brings together the best of British produce with a strong French influence. Again, we advise you to book well in advance for a table.

**Foxy's Steak Bar 49 High Street, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4AE**

4 miles away/10 minute drive

Tel: 07977773872

[www.foxyssteakbar.com](http://www.foxyssteakbar.com)

A restaurant with its hands on some of the best of Herefordshire's beef, Foxy's is a relaxed place, with exceptionally friendly staff and a head chef that can cook steaks exactly to your requirements.

## Best Takeaways

**Mahis Indian Restaurant, 22 High Street, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4AA**

4 miles away/10 minute drive

Tel: 01885 488668

An authentic Indian restaurant that also do deliveries, Mahis is well regarded as being a place of fine Indian cuisine.

**Lin's Wok, 8 High Street, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4AA**

4 miles away/10 minute drive

Tel: 01885 488690

# Cooking & Dining - Shopping for Food

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## Best local supermarket

Co-operative Food, Tenbury Road, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4LW

4 miles away/10 minute drive

Tel: 01885 488808

web: [www.co-operativefood.co.uk](http://www.co-operativefood.co.uk)

## Supermarkets

Morrisons, Barons' Cross Road, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8RN

14 miles away/28 minute drive

Tel: 01568 610387

web: [www.morrisons.com](http://www.morrisons.com)

ALDI, Dishley Street, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 8NY

12 miles away/24 minute drive

Tel: 0800 042 0800

web: [www.aldi.co.uk](http://www.aldi.co.uk)

## Butchers

Legges of Bromyard, Tenbury Road, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4LW

4 miles away/10 minute drive

Tel: 01885 482417

email: [info@leggesofbromyard.com](mailto:info@leggesofbromyard.com)

web: [www.leggesofbromyard.com](http://www.leggesofbromyard.com)

Legges is the best butcher around. They also stock locally sourced and produced cheeses, breads and other deli items, as well as ready meals made on site. They have been awarded the Heart of England Best Retailer award, and they also provide an online food ordering service including fantastic fish and meat boxes and can deliver to The Freeth.

## Wine Merchant

Tanners Wines, 4 St Peter's Square, Hereford, Herefordshire HR1 2PG

Tel: 01432 272044

email: [hereford@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:hereford@tanners-wines.co.uk)

web: [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/our-branches/hereford](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/our-branches/hereford)

The best wine merchant in the area is Tanners. Do not hesitate to contact them for further information about deliveries to The Freeth.

# Things to do - activities and pampering

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Our top recommendations for activities and pampering are below.

## **Golf**

**Sapey Golf Club, Upper Sapey, Worcestershire WR6 6XT**

**8 miles/17 minute drive**

**Tel: 01886 853288**

Set in the rolling hills on the Herefordshire/Worcestershire border, this course accommodates any style of play. Sapey has both a 9-hole and an 18-hole course which are nestled in beautiful woods and pastures that are teeming with local wildlife. The helpful team of professionals are also on hand to provide any advice or assistance.

## **Cycling**

**Phil Prothero Cycles, 91-93 Etnam Street, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8AF**

**12 miles away/25 minute drive**

**Tel: 01568 611222**

**web: [www.cyclesofleominster.co.uk](http://www.cyclesofleominster.co.uk)**

Catering for all types of cyclists, this bike shop hires out men, women and junior road and off-road bikes. The bikes are of high quality, offering Dawes, Merida and Claud Butler. For more information visit their website and fill in an email enquirey form or ring the shop with the number we've provided.

## **Horse Riding**

**Tipton Hall Riding School, Tedstone Delamere, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4PR**

**7 miles away/17 minute drive**

**Tel: 01885 488791**

**Mob: 07792 358741**

**web: [www.tiptonhallridingschool.com](http://www.tiptonhallridingschool.com)**

A family-friendly equestrian centre that, for over 35 years, has offered qualified horse riding tuition to both children and adults. As well as lessons, Tipton Hall also grants the opportunity to go on 'hacks' (rides in the countryside); situated deep in the Herefordshire countryside means that there are miles of bridleways and plenty of sleepy lanes for you to explore.

## **Quad biking**

**Peachley Quad Trekking, Peachley Lane, Lower Broadheath, Worcestershire, WR2 6QR**

**16 miles/31 minute drive**

**Tel: 01905 641309**

**web: [www.peachleyquadtrekking.co.uk](http://www.peachleyquadtrekking.co.uk)**

Quad bikes suitable for 6 years and over. Instruction provided. 350 acres of trails to explore.

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## Mountain boarding

Court Farm Mountain Board Centre, Court Farm, Tillington, Herefordshire, HR4 8LG

23 miles away/41 minute drive

Tel: 07766693829

email: [ironsidescourtfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:ironsidescourtfarm@hotmail.com)

web: [www.ironsidescourtfarm.co.uk](http://www.ironsidescourtfarm.co.uk)

A young and passionate team which offers lessons to those wanting to learn or perfect the exciting sport of mountain boarding. All safety gear, including helmets, gloves and pads, are provided, with both children and adults are welcome.

## Hot Air Ballooning

With its patchwork green pastures, pockets of forests, and quiet, unspoilt tudor villages, there is no better way to see Herefordshire than from up above. Once you are high above the county, you can see far into the distance, with the Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons dominating the Western landscape.

Virgin Balloon Flights operate within Herefordshire, with a launch site from Berrington Hall, near Leominster, 14 miles away, or about a 30 minute drive from The Freeth. The journey will take you over the wonderful estate of Berrington Hall, a national Trust property, and then depending on the wind, over the the rooftops of Leominster or over the medieval town of Ludlow. Be sure to check out their website to find out more information about booking and weather: [www.virginballoonflights.co.uk/locations/launchsite/Berrington-Hall-nr-Leominster](http://www.virginballoonflights.co.uk/locations/launchsite/Berrington-Hall-nr-Leominster) or ring their flight information line: 08445 760230.

## Fishing

Kingfisher Trout Lake, Home Farm, Green Lane, Bromyard, Herefordshire HR7 4SZ

7 miles away/17 minute drive

Tel: 01885 488464

A well established fly-fishing lake which is highly regarded by locals, Kingfisher lake offers both sporting and kill tickets, rod hire and also lessons for beginners.

## Kayaking and canoeing

Kayaking and canoeing is a prominent activity around Herefordshire, especially on the River Wye. Famed for its gorgeous sweeping bends and idyllic, crystal-clear waters, there are numerous outfits that hire out Canadian canoes and kayaks on this river. Below are just some of the centres that offer services around Hereford. (If you were looking for different stretches of the river look for centres around Ross-on-Wye or Symmonds Yat, which are a little further away but operate on more lively stretches of the Wye).

Hereford Canoe Hire, Lucksall Park, Mordiford, Herefordshire HR1 4LP

21 miles away/ 40 minute drive

Tel: 01432 873020

[www.herefordcanoehire.com](http://www.herefordcanoehire.com)

This outfit offers trips for families and novices. As this stretch is safe and aimed there for relaxing, unfortunately no stag parties are allowed. The team will be happy to collect you from your destination and take you back.

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Left Bank Canoe Hire, Bridge View Offices, Bridge Street, Hereford, HR4 9DG

19 miles/40 minute drive

Tel: 01432 264 807

web: [www.leftbankcanoehire.co.uk](http://www.leftbankcanoehire.co.uk)

Offers trips for all types of groups, from family adventures, to corporate team-building exercises and stag and hen parties. Again, this company will be happy to collect you from your destination and return you to your car. Be sure to contact them on their website for more information, by filling out an email form, or ringing them up on the phone number we've given you.

## **Pampering**

For pampering in the comfort of your property, there is a range of treatments available from a local therapist including massage, pedicure, manicure, etc. Please book well in advance.

Please enquire via My Personal Sanctuary ([www.mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk](http://www.mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk)) via telephone number 01625 540 557 or email [enquiries@mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk).

# Top things to do with children

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Our top recommendations for outings with children are below.

## **Go Ape! Wyre Forest, Callow Hill, Bewdley, Worcestershire, DY14 9XQ**

**19 miles away/35 minute drive**

**Tel: 0330 134 7332**

**web: [www.goape.co.uk/days-out/wyre](http://www.goape.co.uk/days-out/wyre)**

Set in 6000 acres of ancient woodland, the Wyre Forest is the perfect setting for Go Ape! Full of hire-wires, wobbly crossings and heart-stopping zip-lines, Go Ape! is adrenaline-fuelled day out that caters for families, corporate teams, children's parties and stag and hen dos. Booking can be done on the phone or on their website, and we advise you to do it sooner rather than later in the busy spring and summer months to avoid disappointment. Minimum age: 10; minimum height: 1.4m; maximum weight: 20.5 stones.

## **Ludlow Castle, Castle Sq, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1AY**

**20 miles away/40 minute drive**

**Tel: 01584 873355**

**web: [www.ludlowcastle.com](http://www.ludlowcastle.com)**

This enchanting medieval castle, once described by Daniel Defoe as 'the very perfection of decay', is an archaic place where time really has stood still. Once an active fortress which was built to ward off Welsh invaders, the site is, for the time being, safe from attack. You can take part in guided tours led by professional local historians, or you can choose to wander around the crumbling walls yourselves.

## **West Midland Safari Park, Bewdley, Worcestershire, DY12 1LF**

**23 miles away/45 minute drive**

**Tel: 01299 402114**

**email: [info@wmssp.co.uk](mailto:info@wmssp.co.uk)**

An award-winning family attraction, West Midland Safari Park has a 4 mile self-drive safari experience, where you can get up close and personal with some of the most exotic animals on earth, including Persian fallow deer, Congo buffalo, rhino, white tigers, cheetahs, and African elephants (to name just a few). On top of that, there are regular sea lion shows, a reptile house, and rollercoasters and thrill rides. With so much to see and do, you can be sure that you'll be busy all day.

## **Shortwood Farm, Pencombe, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4RP**

**10 miles/25 minute drive**

**Tel: 01885 400205**

**email: [janet@shortwoodfarm.co.uk](mailto:janet@shortwoodfarm.co.uk)**

**web: [www.shortwoodfarm.co.uk](http://www.shortwoodfarm.co.uk)**

Just outside Bromyard, and located on 150 acres of beautiful Herefordshire countryside lies Shortwood Farm, which welcomes families to come and see how a real farm operates. They offer tours around the site, let you and your children feed pigs, hand-milk cows, bottle-feed lambs (when in season), cuddle guinea pigs and chicks, collect eggs, go on a tractor ride even watch some pig racing! They also have a tea room that serves light lunches and wonderful cakes. Be sure to ring them before you visit to check their opening times as times can change depending on the season.



# Top places to visit and shop nearby

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## Hereford

About 19 miles south (a 40 minute drive) lies the trading city of Hereford, where cider, leather, and meat and poultry are still exchanged fervently. Throughout its time Hereford has grown in size and now houses a healthy mix of independent and high-street shops. Cider lovers should check out The Cider Museum (Tel: 01432 354207, Postcode: HR4 0EF, web: [www.cidermuseum.co.uk](http://www.cidermuseum.co.uk)) where you can learn more about the history and processes of making Herefordshire's tastiest drink.

**Westons Cider Mills, H Weston & Sons Ltd, The Bounds, Much Marcle, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2NQ**  
22 miles away/40 minute drive  
Tel: 01531 660108  
email: [enquiries@westons-cider.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@westons-cider.co.uk)  
web: [www.westons-cider.co.uk](http://www.westons-cider.co.uk)

If you were looking to visit a working cider mill, then look no further than Westons. Formed in 1878 by Mr Henry Weston, the cider mill is still located in the sleepy village of Much Marcle, and remains a family-run business. Tours led by a passionate team will take you around their centuries-old farmhouses, and will show you how cider is produced, from the planting of orchards to the moment of pouring, with free cider and perry tasting for adults. There is also a wonderful restaurant onsite that serves excellent locally-sourced meals. To book a table, ring: 01531 660626.

## Worcester

About 20 miles away (a 45 minute drive) lies this ancient cathedral city steeped in exciting history. **Worcester Cathedral** is well worth a visit, where you can climb the tower and look out over Worcester on the same spot where Charles II watched his troops being devastated during the Battle of Worcester, the last battle of the Civil War. There are other museums dotted around town, such as the **Museum of Royal Worcester** (Tel: 01905 21247, web: [www.museumofroyalworchester.org](http://www.museumofroyalworchester.org)) which houses the largest display of Worcester porcelain in the world and offers family craft events and workshops - check their website for upcoming events. If retail therapy is what you need, however, then Worcester has a number of independent shops and a nice array of high-street stores.

# Useful information

## The Freeth at a glance

### Bedrooms and Bathrooms

- Sleeps up to 18
- 9 bedrooms
- Bedrooms 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 have space for a cot or extra pop-up bed
- Shower room with WC on the ground floor and in the pool house
- Bedrooms without en-suites have easy access to shared bathroom

Bedrooms	Sleeps	Beds	Features
Bedroom 1	2	Double	En-suite
Bedroom 2	2	Double / Twin	Adjacent family bathroom shared with Bedroom 3
Bedroom 3	2	Double / Twin	
Bedroom 4	2	Double	En-suite
Bedroom 5	2	Double / Twin	Adjacent bathroom shared with 7 & 8
Bedroom 6	2	Double	En-suite
Bedroom 7	2	Double	Shares bathroom on floor below with 5 & 8
Bedroom 8	2	Twin	Shares bathroom on floor below with 5 & 7
Bedroom 9*	2	Twin	

\* Shown on floor plan as “store room”

### Cooking and Dining

- Dining table seats 16 guests comfortably
- 4 door AGA

### Electric oven and hob

- Barbeque
- Great dining nearby
- Online deliveries

### Children Welcome

- Toys and books for children
- Swings
- Two cots available

### Where We Are

- The postcode is HR7 4NW
- The nearest town is Bromyard

# Useful information

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- The nearest train station is Worcester Shrub Hills, a 30 minute drive
- The nearest airport is Birmingham
- Parking for up to 8 cars

## Things to do Inside

- Heated indoor pool
- Home cinema
- Satellite TV
- Sky package
- DVD player
- iPod Dock
- Wi-fi

## Things to do Outside

- Games room
- Pool table
- Table tennis
- Swings

## Activities

- Country pursuits available, such as clay pigeon shooting
- Quad biking
- Fishing
- Pampering available at the house

## Top Things to do with Children

- West Midland Safari Park
- Ludlow Castle
- Hereford Cathedral

## 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

- Up to two well behaved dogs, downstairs only
- Noise policy in place
- Not suitable for stag parties
- Hen parties welcome

## Arrival and Departure

- Check in 4pm
- Check out 5pm Sunday
- Check out 10am other days

# Guest Reviews

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## Guest Reviews

'Would stay here again in a heartbeat, such a beautiful house. The rooms are spacious and beautifully decorated.' - **Louise**

'Our first stay here and it certainly won't be our last! Peaceful and utterly charming, with beautiful gardens' - **Stephen**