



## **What to do or see outside of Canterbury**

Visit [www.canterbury.co.uk](http://www.canterbury.co.uk) and click on Things to Do for ideas in Canterbury and surrounding villages.

These are our suggestions:

### ***Towns/Villages with character:***

- Whitstable, Tankerton – lovely walks along the seafront with lots of independent shops, fishing harbour, beach huts, seafood stalls. Walk along “The Street”, a street that stretches for a mile out into the sea just off Tankerton (watch out for the tides). From the harbour go on board a historic Thames Barge or get a speedboat out to the WW2 forts or spot Sea Lions on the sand banks (booking is advised)
- Herne Bay sea front and Pier with beach huts, mini golf, amusements
- Chilham – walk from Canterbury or take the train, visit the Castle gardens (open days are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (closed from September until Spring), visit the haunted church and have a cream tea in the village square
- Wye – train from Canterbury. Walk up to the North Downs. Eat/drink at the Tickled Trout beside the River Stour
- Folkestone – enjoy the beach, fishing harbour. Go under the arches to the left of the harbour for a series of seafood stalls and pubs which on a Sunday play live music
- Broadstairs – park down by the harbour, enjoy the long sandy beaches (watch out for the tides), restaurants and independent shops
- Faversham – market town, visit the Shephard Neame Brewery, walk along the Faversham Creek and Oare Creek
- Margate – sandy beach, independent shops, Turner Contemporary Art Gallery, shell grotto, caves.

### ***Zoo's:***

- Howletts Zoo
- Port Lympne Zoo (including a truck safari)
- Wingham Wildlife Park
- Wildwood Zoo

### ***Castle's:***

- Dover Castle – entry to the Castle, grounds, tunnels.
- Leeds Castle – entry to the Castle, gardens, grounds (including a maze)
- Walmer and Deal Castle

### ***Gardens:***

- Chilham Castle opens its gardens up to the public
- Open gardens – this is a National Garden Scheme where private owners and country estates open up their gardens to the public on specific days of the year. Visit <https://ngs.org.uk/> to find a garden in Kent.

### ***Beaches:***

- Sandy beaches in Broadstairs, Pegwell Bay, Botany Bay, Margate
- Stony beaches in Whitstable, Tankerton, Herne Bay, Folkestone, Dover, Romney, Hythe, Dymchurch.

***Vineyards (wine tours):***

Kent has similar growing conditions to those in the Champagne region of France. French brand Tattinger has recently purchased vineyards between Canterbury and Chilham. Other Kent vineyards regularly win awards, supply to Harrods and other leading high-end stores.

- Chartham Vineyard - open Saturdays 10.30 to 5 for sales, tours, tastings & art shows
- Barnsole Vineyard (boutique award-winning vineyard, at Staple near Canterbury)
- Simpsons Wine Estate (Barham, near Canterbury)
- Biddenden Vineyard (oldest and award winning wine, the other side of Ashford)
- Chapel Down Vineyard, Tenterden (the other side of Ashford). Award winning, supplies Harrods and other prestigious venues. Offers wine, sparkling wines and now gin.

***Other:***

- Dreamland, Margate
- Turner Contemporary Art Gallery in Margate
- Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Steam Railway - <https://www.rhdr.org.uk/>
- Spitfire Museum
- Battle of Britain Memorial and Museum
- Ramsgate war tunnels
- Belmont House and Gardens, near Faversham
- Goodnestone House and Gardens
- Stodmarsh Nature Reserve

***Open Air events:***

- These venues offer outdoor cinema, theatre and music events: Leeds Castle, Chilham Castle (including horse racing – non betting racing)
- Horse racing – February and April bank holidays have Point-to-Point racing taking place at Chilham and Aldington race courses (ie in a field)

***Water Sports:***

- Sailing in Whitstable, Tankerton and Herne Bay. Possibility to hire a dinghy for the day and take part in the clubs weekend sailing
- Canoe/Kayacking – visit <https://gopaddling.info/rivers/river-stour-in-kent/> for ideas. Hire a canoe at Fordwich just outside of Canterbury at <https://www.canoewild.co.uk/>
- Sail on the historic Thames Barge from Whitstable <https://www.greta1892.co.uk/> or on another historic barge on the River Stour through the Stodmarsh Nature Reserve <http://www.groveferryrivertrips.co.uk/>
- Other boating ideas can be found at <https://www.kent-life.co.uk/out-about/places/boat-trips-and-punting-in-kent-8-of-the-best-to-try-1-6115046>

***Golf:***

- Broome Park Golf Club, Barham
- Faversham Golf Club
- Chestfield Golf Club
- Canterbury Golf Club
- Cave Hotel and Golf Resort, Boughton nr Faversham

***Sports:***

- Air Trampoline Club, Wincheap in Canterbury (group & recreational)
- Chimera Climbing wall, Wincheap in Canterbury
- Canterbury Bowling - bowling, laser tag and glow in the dark mini golf, Wincheap in Canterbury

***Cycle Hire:***

- Kent Cycle Hire, House of Agnes, 71 St Dunstons Street, Canterbury, CT28BN