

# Enjoy Sussex . . . family fun

## Do you long to enjoy some great family entertainment?

Looking for things to do with the children, and making the most of your time together? Then look no further than Wealden District – the perfect choice for the ideal day out for all the family. You could start the day with an exhilarating ride on a vintage steam train, then visit a unique hands on science centre or motor museum, and finish the day at an award winning children's zoo park.

### Arlington Spedeworth – Stock Cars, Bangers and Hot Rods

Short circuit motor racing at its best. The mind-bending speed of the hot rods and stock cars; the hilarious antics and crasherama of the bangers. Great family entertainment! This quarter-mile raceway is situated in lovely open countryside with car park and covered stands.

**Location: Near Hailsham. Tel: 01252 322920. On Raceday Tel: 01323 841642**  
[www.spedeworth.net](http://www.spedeworth.net)

### Ashdown Forest Llama Park

In the heart of the beautiful Ashdown Forest, visitors can see one of the largest herds of breeding llamas in the country. Now over 100 llamas and alpacas can be seen at the Park. Free admission to café and gift shop.

**Location: Wych Cross, Forest Row**  
**Tel: 01825 712040**  
[www.llamapark.co.uk](http://www.llamapark.co.uk)

### Bentley Wildfowl & Motor Museum

Bentley has everything you need for a wonderful day out. A lovely country house surrounded by lakes, themed gardens and woodland; a rare collection of vintage cars and motorcycles; over 100 species of ornamental waterfowl; an adventure playground; tea rooms and picnic area.

**Location: Halland, near Lewes**  
**Tel: 01825 840573**  
[www.bentley.org.uk](http://www.bentley.org.uk)

### Blackberry Farm

Spend the day following the farm programme which gives you something to do every half an hour or so, from egg-collecting to bottle feeding the baby animals and even pony rides on the Shetlands. Take a ride aboard the 1947 Grey Ferguson Tractor and enjoy the beautiful countryside. The play area will keep you busy with the big inflatable slide, digger sand pit, swing boats, toddler area and much more!

**Location: Whitesmith (on A22)**  
**Tel: 01825 872912**  
[www.blackberry-farm.co.uk](http://www.blackberry-farm.co.uk)

### The Bluebell Railway

Experience the great age of steam. Take a nostalgic trip through the tranquil Sussex countryside from Sheffield Park, to Kingscote, on Britain's only all steam dedicated railway. Visit the locomotive sheds at Sheffield Park which houses engines dating from the 1870s-1950s, and see the collection of railway memorabilia. Various special events are timetabled throughout the year including 'A Day Out With Thomas!'.

**Location: Sheffield Park**  
**Tel: 01825 722370**  
[www.bluebell-railway.co.uk](http://www.bluebell-railway.co.uk)



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*Journey into the past at Yesterday's World*



*Meet the meerkats at Drusillas Zoo*



*A chance to see the vintage cars at Bentley Motor Museum*

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## Yesterday's World

Discover the magic of the past, when you journey into yesteryear. Experience the sights, sounds and even smells of a bygone age with nostalgic shop and room exhibitions dating from 1850 to 1950. There is a penny arcade, hands on activities, a children's play village and over 100,000 fascinating exhibits all in this lovely medieval Wealden Hall house.

**Location: Battle**

**Tel: 01424 775378**

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

## Drusillas Park

Drusillas is no ordinary zoo! With hundreds of fascinating and entertaining creatures you can be certain there will be plenty of 'animal magic' to enthrall and excite everyone from the youngest to the oldest visitor! Other attractions include Playland, Toddler Village and Zoolympics.

**Location: Alfriston**

**Tel: 01323 874100**

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

## Evolution Indoor Climbing

Evolution provides a safe climbing environment for both experienced climbers and those who just want to have a go. The centre incorporates a variety of climbing areas from an extensive bouldering area to roped climbing and a training wall. Welcomes all from 6 years+.

**Location: Lye Green, near Crowborough**

**Tel: 01892 862924**

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

## Groombridge Place Gardens & Enchanted Forest

Award winning Groombridge has the ancient 'Enchanted Forest' where you discover mystery, magic and excitement to challenge the imagination of young and old alike. Set on the hillside overlooking Groombridge Place, there are exciting playgrounds, stunning views, unusual animals, fun activities, huge swings, strange plants and shy deer.

**Location: Groombridge, Kent**

**Tel: 01892 861444**

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

## Heaven Farm

This is a unique place to visit where you can walk along the Bluebell Nature Trail through beautiful and peaceful Sussex woodland. Visit the craft shop and at weekends, the ancient farm museum. Then finish with a traditional Sussex cream tea in the stable tea rooms.

**Location: Furners Green, Uckfield**

**Tel: 01825 790226**

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

## The Observatory Science Centre



Hands-on Science for all the family at the former home of the Royal Greenwich Observatory. Explore science, space and astronomy with over 100 exhibits and travelling exhibitions. The popular 'Discovery Park' is the Observatory's outdoor science playground. There are many exciting giant sized interactive exhibits for a real hands-on experience. Why not book a telescope tour which are organised daily.

**Location: Herstmonceux**

**Tel: 01323 832731**

**[www.the-observatory.org](http://www.the-observatory.org)**



*Experience some animal magic at Drusillas Zoo.*



*Medieval knights battle it out at Herstmonceux Castle*



*Magic and enchantment for all at Groombridge Place & Enchanted Forest*

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## Knockhatch Adventure Park

Let their imagination run wild! Adventure Park with Playgrounds, Birds of Prey, Rowing Boats, Animals, Reptiles, Giant Sky Leap Slide, Indoor Soft Play, Toboggans, Trampolines, Crazy Golf, plus lots more. At extra cost and weather permitting, Go-Karts, Laser Adventure Game and Rodeo Bull.

**Location: Hailsham**

**Tel: 01323 442051**

**www.knockhatch.com**

## Newhaven Fort

Step into wartime Britain and follow in the footsteps of people who lived during the first and second World Wars. The massive walls, exhibitions, tunnels, recreated air raid shelter and gun emplacements will fire the imagination.

**Location: Newhaven**

**01273 517622**

**www.newhavenfort.org.uk**

## Seven Sisters Sheep Centre

This farm is packed full of animals and with loads of things to do. With over 40 breeds of sheep, one of the largest collections of sheep in the world. Come and feed the lambs, see the pigs, goats, rabbits and chicks then hop on the tractor trailer ride. From July through to September watch sheep being milked, cheese making, spinning and sheep shearing.

**Location: East Dean,  
near Beachy Head**

**Tel: 01323 423302**

**www.sheepcentre.co.uk**

## Sussex Farm Museum

The museum and nature trails show country life as it was 100 years ago. Inside are areas displaying agricultural tools, stable equipment, the dairy, forge and countryside sports. The domestic side is in room settings from Victorian times to more recently. Very suitable for grandparents to show their grandchildren.

**Location: Heathfield**

**Tel: 01435 812597**

**www.enjoyengland.com/attractions/**

## Wilderness Wood

61 acres of beautiful and peaceful woodland. Trails, playground, picnic places and exhibitions. Something to enjoy throughout the seasons, from bluebell time to the Christmas tree harvest.

**Location: Hadlow Down**

**Tel: 01825 830509**

**www.wildernesswood.co.uk**



*Take to the river at Knockhatch*



*Remembering the past, a traction engine on display at Hadlow Down*



*Book a telescope tour at The Observatory Science Centre*



*61 acres of woodland at Wilderness Wood*

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