

## Leave your car at home and enjoy the South Downs National Park by bus or train

Visit the astonishing places right on our doorstep, some are free and others help to support a more environmentally sustainable future by participating in **Discover More of the South Downs for Less 2-for-1**. On arrival, show a valid train or bus ticket for all members of your party and you'll get 2-for-1 entry (T&Cs apply). Check attractions' websites for opening hours, as some have limited/seasonal opening times.



Petworth is an ancient market town situated on the edge of the South Downs National Park. Its origins date back to medieval times, which is evident through its winding lanes and quaint old buildings. Visiting Petworth almost feels like stepping back in time, yet today it's a thriving town with much to offer the visitor, from its interesting antique shops and cafes to its popular and charming Cottage Museum and Petworth House itself, home to the National Trust's finest art collection.



# PETWORTH & PULBOROUGH

## SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

### THINGS TO DO IN PETWORTH



#### PETWORTH HOUSE AND PARK

**2 FOR 1 ENTRY**

The vast late 17th-century mansion Petworth House is set in a beautiful 283-hectare (700-acre) deer park, landscaped by 'Capability' Brown and immortalised in Turner's paintings.

With a history stretching from the 12th century, it houses one of the National Trust's finest collection of pictures, with works by Turner, Constable, Van Dyck, Reynolds and Blake, ancient and Neo-classical sculpture, fine furniture and carvings by Grinling Gibbons.

You can discover what life would have been like below stairs. The servants' quarters contain the main kitchen which is home to a collection of 1,000 copper pots and pans, the larder, pastry room and scullery, all cleverly laid out to make

the servants' quarters as efficient as possible. Petworth Park has dedicated pedestrian

entrances one mile north of Petworth on the A283; through the Cowyard tunnel in town and two on the A272 Midhurst Road. Boasting far-reaching views of the South Downs, the historic park is an ideal place to escape the crowds, take an invigorating walk and let the kids run wild. Petworth Park is open for you to enjoy every day from 8am to dusk (except Christmas Day and Boxing Day).

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth-house/>



#### BUSES TO PETWORTH

The No. 1 stagecoach bus connects Petworth to Midhurst heading west and to Pulborough, Storrington and Worthing heading east. No. 75 Compass service from Horsham to Petworth and No. 99 Compass service from Chichester to Petworth. Please note these bus services do not run on Sundays or bank holidays (There is a limited No. 99a Compass service from Chichester to Petworth on Sundays).



#### TRAINS TO PETWORTH

The nearest station is Pulborough 5¼ miles. You can catch the No. 1 Stagecoach bus service between Worthing and Midhurst to Petworth.



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# THINGS TO DO IN PETWORTH

## PETWORTH COTTAGE MUSEUM

**2 FOR 1 ENTRY**

It's not really a museum. It's a house that has been restored, redecorated, furnished and equipped as if it were 1910. Mrs. Mary Cummings was the tenant of 346 High Street from 1901 to 1930 and the House has been beautifully reconstructed taking into account the living memories of Mary, her Irish Catholic background and her work as a seamstress both at home and at Petworth House.



There is a cottage garden, a scullery, living room, bedroom, sewing room, attic and cellar and is run by The Petworth Cottage Trust, an independent charitable trust. It is their aim to make the place feel as if Mrs. Cummings has just stepped out. The range is lit, the table is laid for tea, the kettle boiling.

The museum is staffed by volunteer stewards who offer visitors a friendly and knowledgeable welcome.

[www.petworthcottage-museum.co.uk](http://www.petworthcottage-museum.co.uk)



## WALKING IN PETWORTH

One of the joys of this corner of West Sussex is the relaxed atmosphere, induced by the rolling countryside and open park-scapes which surround the town. This makes for ideal walking country with so much accessible land, affording a variety of views and topography around every corner. The interesting architecture and history of town of Petworth itself, as it wraps around the walls of the grand estate of Petworth House and Gardens, also offers some fascinating walking tours. Discover Petworth have highlighted a few of the best walks around Petworth on the web for you to download and print for free here:

<http://discoverpetworth.org/things-to-do/walks-around-petworth/>

# THINGS TO DO NEAR PETWORTH



## COULTERSHAW

Coultershaw Heritage site (near Petworth) includes a waterwheel, 18th century waterpump, 21st century water turbine and historic buildings set around the mill pond.

At Coultershaw you can:

- Watch the waterwheel drive the Beam Pump to produce an impressive water spout.
- Learn how the Beam Pump was installed in 1782 to pump water to Petworth House and town, 1 ½ miles to the north.
- See the Archimedes screw turbine using water to generate electricity.

- Visit the Engine House, and try pumping water with the hand pumps.
- Walk around the canal basin to see the remains of the 18th century lock, canal warehouses and stables.
- Look out for the wide variety of wildlife and you may see fish climbing the fish ladder!
- Explore the site using our FREE family nature trail.

[www.coultershaw.co.uk](http://www.coultershaw.co.uk)



## UPPERTON VINEYARDS

The Rogers family have come a long way since they planted their first 1,000 vines on the fertile slopes below Tillington in 2005. Today there are 32,000 vines on 20 acres at Upperton Vineyard, and on the racks of the newly-converted wine cellars, thousands of bottles of wine lie waiting for their labels.

The family have been producing vintage blends from harvests of their pinot noir, pinor meurnier and chardonnay grapes for several years holding tastings and selling them from Upperton Vineyard since 2012. In 2014 they launched their first-ever Blanc de Blanc vintage sparkling wine, Alia.

A new visitor's centre opened in 2015 which includes a shop, conference room and marquee area which will feature a cafe on selected dates. Offering spectacular views of the South Downs, take a tour of the vineyard and sample some of their award-winning wines. Check website for tour and tasting dates.

[www.uppertonvineyards.co.uk](http://www.uppertonvineyards.co.uk)

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Pulborough is a large village on the River Arun with some fine examples of Georgian architecture around the Church. It is thought that the Romans used Pulborough as a key stop on Stane Street – the Roman road from Chichester to London. Later the Saxons built the village’s first stone bridge over the river.



### BUSES TO PULBOROUGH

Compass Bus 100, from Burgess Hill to Horsham, serves the stop immediately outside the RSPB Pulborough Nature Reserve. It is a request stop, so you will need to ask the driver to drop you outside the reserve when you board. The No. 1 stagecoach bus connects Pulborough to Petworth and Midhurst to the west and to Storrington and Worthing heading east. The nearest stop is at Pulborough Station, then a 2 mile walk to the reserve.



### TRAINS TO PULBOROUGH

The nearest station is Pulborough. It is a 2 mile walk from the station to the nature reserve. Pulborough is on the London Victoria to Portsmouth line.

## THINGS TO DO IN PULBOROUGH

### RSPB PULBOROUGH

Pulborough Brooks is set in the sheltered Arun Valley within the South Downs National Park.

The Visitor Centre and reserve is open all year and boasts a great variety of habitats including wetlands, woodland, and heathland. Pulborough Brooks is a haven for a wide range of wildlife, and a fantastic day out for people of all ages.

Walks lead through hedge-lined paths to viewing areas and hides where volunteers are often on hand to help point out the wildlife. If you’re new to nature, introductory events, guided walks and courses are held throughout the year.

In winter, the flooded meadows teem with ducks, geese and swans, whilst in spring, wading birds, such as lapwings and redshanks, breed amongst the pools and ditches, and nightingales sing from the hedgerows.

Then in the height of summer, butterflies and dragonflies take centre stage, flitting around the sunny hedge lined nature trail and ponds.

A heathland restoration project is already attracting woodlarks and nightjars, adding to the sheer variety this reserve has to offer.

[www.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoy/nature/seenature/reserves/guide/p/pulboroughbrooks/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoy/nature/seenature/reserves/guide/p/pulboroughbrooks/)



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