

Discover Cheshire's Peak District

Cheshire's Peak District covers 100 square miles of inspiring scenery, brimming with dramatic landscapes, world class events, fascinating history, wonderful heritage and beautiful gardens, it has something for everyone.

The below is designed to give you a taste of just some of the things that you can do in Cheshire's Peak District.

Explore Cheshire's Peak District on foot

The landscape of Cheshire's Peak District provides an amazing choice of walks with something for all ages and abilities.

Whether you choose to follow a walking trail, discover your own route or stroll around one of the many towns or villages there is so much to see and do.

For the serious walkers out there, The Gritstone Trail is a 35 mile walking route covering wild moorland, rocky outcrops, impressive peaks and breath-taking scenery. The Trail is broken down into three sections and you can walk as much or as little as you like.

Tegg's Nose Country Park, Alderley Edge, Middlewood Way, Astbury Mere Country Park, Biddulph Valley Way and Macclesfield Forest are also great for exploring on foot with beautiful scenery and plenty of choices of routes.

Visit a Garden of Distinction

Cheshire is home to over 20 Gardens of Distinction, from stately homes and secret gardens to the quintessentially English and exotic, and Cheshire's Peak District boasts some of the finest.

Visit the Japanese Gardens at Tatton Park and the fragrant Orangery at Lyme. Walk around the spectacular herbaceous borders of Arley Hall & Gardens. Explore 18th century plants, shrubs and trees at Capesthorpe Hall. Marvel at over 70 varieties of snowdrops at Rode Hall & Gardens and discover the historic herbs and vegetables at the Apprentice House Garden, grown originally to feed and treat the child millworkers who were housed there to work at Quarry Bank.

Whatever time of year you visit there's always something to see.

Be inspired by stunning stately homes

Cheshire is well known for its historic houses many of which can be found in Cheshire's Peak District. With stunning architecture and inspiring gardens and parkland they offer a fascinating insight into the past.

Explore the neo-classical mansion at Tatton Park, set in more than 50 acres of gardens at the heart of 1,000 acres of parkland and home to one of the National Trust's finest libraries. Step back in time to the Edwardian era at Lyme where you can play the piano, read a book in the library, dress up in costumes and explore the 1,300 acre estate. Immerse yourself in living history at Capesthorpe Hall ,

which has been home to the Bromley-Davenport family since Domesday times, with antique furniture, 16th century stained glass windows and sculpture gallery there is plenty to see. Marvel at the iconic black and white Tudor design of Little Moreton Hall which has baffled engineers who can't work out how it is still standing today, or enjoy a guided tour of Adlington Hall where you can visit the Great Hall and see the Great Organ, which dates from the 17th century.

All of the stately homes in Cheshire's Peak District are unique, each has its own individual style and story to tell and many run an exciting calendar of events throughout the year.

Discover unique towns and villages

The towns and villages of Cheshire's Peak District offer a range of great shopping, wonderful cafés, restaurants and pubs, striking architecture and a warm welcome.

The historic town of Knutsford is famous for its Italianate architecture and was the childhood home of the author Elizabeth Gaskell and the inspiration for 'Cranford'. Visit Brook Street Chapel where you will get an insight in Gaskell's early life in the town, or join one of the guided tours that can be booked at the Heritage Centre to find out more.

The village of Alderley Edge is famous for being home to the rich and famous and is known as the Champagne capital of Britain. It has more than its fair share of quality restaurants and bars but that doesn't mean that a visit to the town has to be expensive. A walk up to 'The Edge' provides stunning views across the Cheshire Plain as well as an insight into the fascinating Legend of Alderley Edge.

Other towns and villages to explore include; Bollington, Macclesfield, Wilmslow and Prestbury.

Uncover a fascinating world at some of Cheshire's Peak District's attractions

Cheshire's Peak District is packed full of quirky museums, magnificent National Trust properties and a range of heritage attractions.

The Silk Museum in Macclesfield brings the story of silk to life, with compelling exhibits and hands on experiences, while a visit to Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre allows you to listen to the sound of the Big Bang and explore the invisible universe in the shadow of the famous Lovell Telescope.

A visit to the Anson Engine Museum, on the site of an old colliery, lets you see 250 working engines as well as a model village of Poynton, all painstakingly put together by a number of volunteers.

Quarry Bank, at Styal, is a popular National Trust property and one of the best preserved textile mills of the industrial revolution. Home to the largest working waterwheel in Europe it was the inspiration and setting for Channel 4's popular drama series, 'The Mill'.