

"Best Parks in Stratford-upon-Avon"

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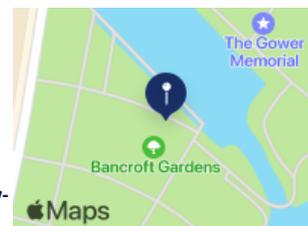


by Stratford on Avon District Council

Bancroft Gardens

"Lazy Days Riverside Gardens"

For those who like their leisure activities passive, this is an ideal spot to relax. Feeding the ducks at the water's edge is about as energetic as it gets! However, there are lots of things to see including the colorful narrowboats moored in the canal-basin and the impromptu street-entertainers. And that is not all. On one side of the gardens is the splendid Royal Shakespeare Theatre, and on another is the truly inspirational Gower Memorial. The Gardens are also just a short walk from the town center, making them particularly popular with visitors recovering from whistle-stop tours of Stratford's heritage sites.



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Bridgefoot, Statford-sur-Avon

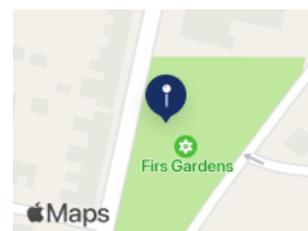


by Elliott Brown

Firs Gardens

"Philanthropic Gift to the Town"

Firs Gardens, a triangular-shaped garden, bound by Evesham Place and Grove Road, is named after Grove House that stood nearby. Despite the hum of passing traffic, Firs Gardens retains an air of peace and tranquility. What is more, as they are a little way away from the town center, they are rarely crowded. If you find yourself meandering here, look out for the rose bed which is dedicated to the memory of the "Red Beret" airborne divisions.



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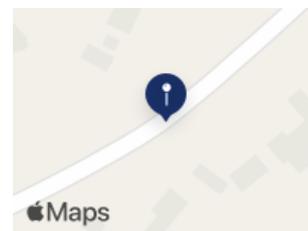


by Mark Bold

The Welcombe Hills

"Panoramic Picnicking in Historical Setting"

The Welcombe Hills is a delightful area. Not far from Stratford-upon-Avon town center, it is best approached on foot from the parking area in Ingon Lane just off the Warwick Road. From here it takes about ten minutes to reach the obelisk (erected in the 1870s in memory of a former owner of the Welcombe estate) where you will be rewarded with panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. The hills cover about 72 acres of land, providing habitat for an abundance of flora and fauna. Picnic tables and a viewing point have been provided for the additional enjoyment of visitors. Although not visible from here, the road that now forms the driveway to the Menzies Welcombe Hotel & Golf Course was once a track used by the Romans for transporting salt across the Welcombe Hills. A further point of local historical interest is that Shakespeare once purchased a share in the local tithes here, and was subsequently involved in a dispute concerning the enclosure of common land.



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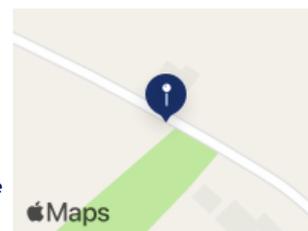


by Michelle Walz Eriksson

Anne Hathaway's Cottage

"Rich in Romantic Shakespearean History"

Originally the home of Shakespeare's parents-in-law, Anne Hathaway's Cottage is a charming, half-timbered, thatched-roof farmhouse. Inhabited by descendants of the Hathaway family until the 19th Century, the cottage still contains items of furniture that used to belong to them. Outside is a fantastic traditional English cottage garden complete with an orchard. Take a stroll through this idyllic setting, perhaps stopping to buy plants and herbs grown by the property's gardeners en route. The Tea Garden provides light refreshments and is open from March to October. Note too that Guide Friday Tours stop at the cottage.



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Cottage Lane, Statford-sur-Avon

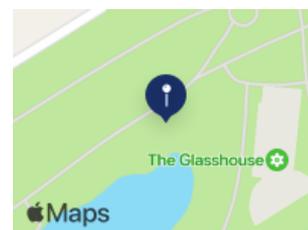


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Jephson Gardens

"Fun Day's Out"

Winner of the Green Flag and Green Heritage Award, Jephson Gardens are an extremely picturesque garden located in the heart of Leamington. With a gamut of attractions and activities to pursue, the gardens offer the perfect day out for the whole family. The various attractions to visit include the Glasshouse, which houses interesting tropical plants and a goldfish pond. You can also go boating on River Leam or explore massive collection of trees and plants. A one of a kind Sensory garden is also a must visit here and it includes plants to touch and smell.



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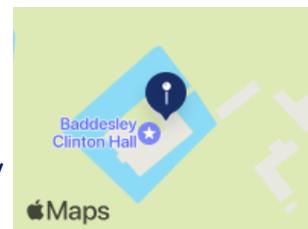


by Tony Hisgett from Birmingham, UK

Baddesley Clinton

"Wonderful Manor House of Warwick"

Baddesley Clinton is a lovely manor house dating back to the 13th Century. This beautiful house is known to be the home of the Ferrer family for over 500 years. The garden of the manor house and the lake in the vicinity simply add to the beauty of the place. The Baddesley Clinton house is open to visitors throughout the year and is disabled friendly too. The beautiful gardens are also a treat to explore. The place is managed by the National Trust.



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