

# Making the most of Cambridge

## Arts and culture

**University talks, exhibitions etc** [www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson/](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson/)

### Music

[www.cambridgeconcerts.com/](http://www.cambridgeconcerts.com/) Classical and jazz concerts by student and professional musicians in college chapels and city churches. There are lunchtime and evening concerts and many are free.

[www.westroad.org/](http://www.westroad.org/) West Road concert hall on the university Sidgwick site has a full programme. There are also free concerts on Tuesdays from 13.10-13.50 given by CUMS, the university music society – perfect after our NVS meeting!

[www.staplefordgranary.org.uk/](http://www.staplefordgranary.org.uk/) Concerts and art exhibitions in a beautiful building in Stapleford, within easy cycling distance of Cambridge.

### University museums

[www.museums.cam.ac.uk/](http://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/) Information about all 8 free museums.

The Fitzwilliam museum [www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/](http://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/) is the biggest and has exhibitions, talks and family activities at weekends and in school holidays (booking essential). The smaller museums are wonderful too and are all family-friendly.

### Theatre

[www.cambridgeartstheatre.com](http://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com) The Arts Theatre offers a varied programme including plays, musicals, shows for families with children and a traditional Christmas pantomime “Dick Whittington and his cat”)

[www.adctheatre.com](http://www.adctheatre.com) The ADC Theatre offers very good student productions and cheap seats

### Cinema

Arts Picturehouse [www.picturehouses.com/cinema/arts-picturehouse-cambridge](http://www.picturehouses.com/cinema/arts-picturehouse-cambridge)

Vue (in Grafton Centre) [www.myvue.com/cinema/cambridge/whats-on](http://www.myvue.com/cinema/cambridge/whats-on)

The Light (Clifton Way, near station) <https://cambridge.lightcinemas.co.uk/>

**Libraries** [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries)

Register for a library card and borrow books free. Public libraries offer fiction and non-fiction, books in different languages, travel guides, maps etc. For children there are rhyme time and storytelling activities and a great range of books to borrow. Cambridge Central Library is in the Grand Arcade shopping mall and there are many small local libraries.

## Local news and events

**The Cambridge Independent**, the local newspaper, has a good free website [www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/](http://www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/)

**Getting outdoors** **Go for a walk and enjoy the autumn colours!**

**Cambridge University Botanic Garden** [www.botanic.cam.ac.uk](http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk) You have free entry with a University card

**College gardens** You have free entry to most colleges with a University card

**Walk along the river to Grantchester** (about 45 minutes)

[www.gps-routes.co.uk/routes/home.nsf/RoutesLinksWalks/cambridge-to-grantchester-walking-route](http://www.gps-routes.co.uk/routes/home.nsf/RoutesLinksWalks/cambridge-to-grantchester-walking-route)

**Gog Magog hills and Wandlebury Country Park** [www.magogtrust.org.uk/home/](http://www.magogtrust.org.uk/home/)

[www.cambridgeppf.org/things-to-see-do-at-wandlebury](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/things-to-see-do-at-wandlebury)

Great, easy walking for those who miss hills! Free. Cycle there or get the 13 bus. Wandlebury often organises family activities.

**Walking around the city** You might like one of these books: “Walking Cambridge” by Andrew Kershman  
“111 Places in Cambridge that you shouldn’t miss” by Ros Horton and Sally Simmons

**Parks and children’s playgrounds** [www.cambridge.gov.uk/parks-and-playgrounds](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/parks-and-playgrounds) Find a park near your home

## Art and architecture

**King’s College Chapel** [www.kings.cam.ac.uk/visit/your-visit](http://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/visit/your-visit) Free entry with a University card

**Cambridge Central mosque (in Mill Road)** <https://cambridgecentralmosque.org/tours>

Opened in 2019 and shortlisted for the 2021 RIBA Stirling Prize. Visit at any time or book a free tour (Saturday and Sunday mornings at 10.00 and 11.00) to find out more about the architecture and ecological features.

**Kettle's Yard** [www.kettlesyard.co.uk/](http://www.kettlesyard.co.uk/) An art collector's house with a collection of contemporary art and changing exhibitions. Free, but book a timed ticket in advance as space is limited.

**Heong Gallery** [www.dow.cam.ac.uk/cultural-life/heong-gallery](http://www.dow.cam.ac.uk/cultural-life/heong-gallery)  
Small, changing exhibitions of paintings and sculptures in Downing College.

**New Hall Art Collection** <https://art.newhall.cam.ac.uk/>  
A permanent collection of contemporary works by women artists at Murray Edwards College. Free, open every day, no booking.

**People's Portraits Exhibition** [www.girton.cam.ac.uk/about-girton/art-artefacts/peoples-portraits](http://www.girton.cam.ac.uk/about-girton/art-artefacts/peoples-portraits)  
The National Society of Portrait Painters' collection of paintings of ordinary people from all walks of life displayed at Girton College (Huntingdon Road). Free, open every day, no booking required.

**Churchill College Sculpture Trail** [www.chu.cam.ac.uk/media/uploads/files/CH\\_SculptureGuide\\_2015.pdf](http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/media/uploads/files/CH_SculptureGuide_2015.pdf)  
Modern sculptures in the extensive grounds of Churchill College (Storey's Way, off Huntingdon Road). Free, open every day.

**Sculpture Trails around Cambridge** [www.cambridgesculpturetrails.co.uk/?page\\_id=103](http://www.cambridgesculpturetrails.co.uk/?page_id=103)  
Three sculpture trails around the city with details of all the works you see.

## Getting around: Transport information

**Cycling** Maps of cycle routes in and around Cambridge: <https://cambridge.cyclestreets.net/> or [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/cycling/cycle-routes-and-maps](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/cycling/cycle-routes-and-maps)

**Bus information and timetables** [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/buses/bus-timetables/](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/buses/bus-timetables/)

**Train information and timetables** [www.nationalrail.co.uk/](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/)

**For trains to London** use the National Rail Journey Planner ([www.nationalrail.co.uk/](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/)) to check times and fares and buy tickets. Trains are operated by 2 different companies: Great Northern trains go to King's Cross (more expensive but usually faster), Greater Anglia trains go to Liverpool Street (cheaper but usually slower).  
From Monday-Friday it's always much cheaper to travel outside the rush hour with an off-peak day return ticket.

**Railcards** [www.nationalrail.co.uk/times\\_fares/National-Railcards.aspx](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/times_fares/National-Railcards.aspx)

If you are planning to travel a lot by train, consider buying a railcard. There are different ones based on age (16-25 or 26-30) or groups (Two together, Family and friends). They are valid for a year and give you 1/3 off most train tickets.

**2for1 tickets** [www.daysoutguide.co.uk/](http://www.daysoutguide.co.uk/)

If 2 people travel by train to London (or some other cities), they can both visit many of the top attractions for the normal price for one person eg the Shard, the London Eye, St Paul's Cathedral. Fill in the form and show your train tickets on arrival.

**Long distance bus and coach travel** [www.nationalexpress.com/](http://www.nationalexpress.com/)  
Cheaper than trains but usually much slower.

## Days out from Cambridge

**Ely** [www.visitely.org.uk/](http://www.visitely.org.uk/) and [www.elycathedral.org/](http://www.elycathedral.org/)  
A lovely small town with a beautiful cathedral, just 15 minutes away by train

**Anglesey Abbey** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill)

**Wimpole Hall** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wimpole-estate](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wimpole-estate)

If you are interested in English country houses and gardens, think about joining the National Trust. You can join for a month or a year and have free entry to hundreds of beautiful places all over England.

**Zoos** [www.lintonzoo.com/](http://www.lintonzoo.com/) Get the 13 bus from Cambridge to Linton (get off at Linton police station)  
[sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk/](http://sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk/) By Shepreth station, just 12 minutes by train from Cambridge

**Mountfitchet Castle** <https://mountfitchetcastle.com/> Reconstruction of a medieval castle and village aimed at families with children aged 6-12. By Stansted Mountfitchet station, 35 minutes by train from Cambridge

**Enjoy your time in Cambridge!**