



# ACTIVITIES

# GUIDE







# RUTLAND ACTIVITIES



# ADRENALINE ADVENTURES

## Aqua Park Rutland

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Show off your flips and tricks from the Tornado Tower and explore the course that features climbing walls, trampolines, slides, and some of the biggest blast bags making it the ultimate day out for groups. Wetsuits can be hired or purchased on the day. Buoyancy aids are included.



## One Way Out Escape Rooms

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Get the team working together to solve a range of puzzles at One Way Out Escape Rooms; recommended for anyone aged eight and over. Eight games; three permanent, three seasonal, two portable -there's something for everyone!

## Rumble Live Action Gaming

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Based on the shores of Rutland Water, Rumble offers live-action gaming, taking key features from video games like Call of Duty and Fortnite into the real world. Whether guests are eight or eighty; this is a great way of bringing the team together, available from March to November.



## Rutland Watersports

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Rutland Watersports Centre is on the North shore of Rutland Water Park at Whitwell and offers sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, canoeing or stand-up paddle boarding, catering for beginners and experts, it makes the perfect team building or party activity.



# EAT (AND DRINK) LIKE A LOCAL

## Hoggy's Grill

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Join Matthew Hoggard at his grill school, teaching all there is to know about BBQing, whilst being entertained by the host! Their courses require a minimum of eight attendees, with their Ultimate Burger Class having a maximum capacity of 16 and their Basic & Gourmet classes having a maximum capacity of 12.



## Mallard Point Vineyard & Distillery

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Mallard Point is a family-run Single Estate Vineyard and Distillery located in Essendine, Rutland, offering tours and creating a range of local gins and still and sparkling wines. From field to glass, their approach to producing fantastic local beverages is conscientious and sustainable. All of the drinks are made in small batches with minimal intervention, to respect the natural flavours.

## The Great Grainstore Brewery Tour

[info@grainstorebrewery.com](mailto:info@grainstorebrewery.com)

Every day starts with a welcome on arrival from the tour host, followed by the guided tour, lasting approximately one to one and a quarter hours and takes guests through the brewing process of Grainstore Beers.



## The Rutland Vineyard Tour

[info@therutlandvineyard.com](mailto:info@therutlandvineyard.com)

Enjoy a tour of The Rutland Vineyard, the only UK vineyard to have a Master of Wine conducting the tour! After a walk among the vines, enter the tasting barn to try some wines hosted by their very own resident Master of Wine, John Atkinson. They can host 15-25 people per tour.



# MAGNIFICENT MANORS, CASTLES AND STately HOMES

## Belvoir Castle

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Belvoir Castle is the ancestral home of the Duke of Rutland. The castle is open to the public for certain days throughout the year. There are many walks through the formal gardens on the castle terrace and into the woodland.



## Burghley House

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Burghley is one of the grandest houses of the first Elizabethan Age. Visitor facilities include the Orangery Restaurant, Gift Shop, Garden of Surprises and beautiful walks around the parkland.

## Oakham Castle

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Oakham Castle is one of the oldest surviving aisled stone halls in the country. Inside the Castle, visitors can see 240 presentation horseshoes hanging on the walls. The Castle is a popular place for Civil Weddings, meetings and special events. Admission is free and there is also a cafe on the grounds.



## Rockingham Castle

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Rockingham Castle's ancient rooms and stunning grounds provide the perfect setting for a whole range of corporate and private events. Take a tour of the Castle then explore the formal gardens.

## Stapleford Estate

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The Stapleford Estate is a large rural estate on the borders of Leicestershire and Rutland. Nestled in the beautiful, unspoilt countryside between the market towns of Melton Mowbray and Oakham and close to Uppingham and Stamford. The Gretton Family (Barons Gretton of Stapleford) became its custodians in the 19th century and since then the estate has seen many changes to its focus and make-up.





# CULTURE VULTURE

## Tolethorpe

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Enjoy a picnic on the beautiful grounds, then take a seat in the 600-seat covered auditorium, protected from summer showers, and see an open-air stage like no other with amateur productions from the extremely talented Stamford Shakespeare Company.



## Nene Valley Railway Ltd

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Experience the thrill of riding a steam engine, learn about the railway's history and explore the picturesque surroundings of the Nene Valley area. Nene Valley Railway is the UK's leading international steam attraction, based at Wansford Station, and covering the stations of Overton (for Ferry Meadows), Orton Mere, Yarwell Junction, and Peterborough.

## Rocks By Rail: The Living Ironstone Museum

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Rocks by Rail is an outdoor living museum covering 19 acres of reclaimed quarry and railway tracks to offer a journey back in time. Situated 4 miles from Oakham, explore fascinating nature trails, take a train trip, drive a classic loco and tour the workshop. View the ironstone exhibition and learn about its importance throughout history. Then sit back with a cuppa in a 1960s-style café.



## Rutland County Museum

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Rutland County Museum contains exhibitions of archaeology and rural and social life. The museum hosts an exciting programme of events including Cinema for Rutland, an initiative organised by Arts for Rutland. Screenings take place on the first Thursday and the third Friday of every month.



# RUTLAND IN BLOOM

## Barnsdale Gardens

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Barnsdale is home to 38 pocket-sized, themed garden 'rooms', built in his trademark, practical style, and full of inspiration for garden lovers of all ages. Visitors will be inspired with great ideas for their own outside spaces or simply have fun exploring- there magical hidden corners, ponds full of tadpoles and newts, and an allotment with chickens and giant organically grown veg.



## Gates Garden Centre

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Gates Garden Centre has been in the Gates family for more than half a century. Since then it has become an unmissable attraction – one that is loved by people of all ages. Located just 4 miles from the delightful market town of Oakham, and on the county boundary between rural Rutland and Leicestershire, they offer a huge range of everything for the garden and much more besides. With Lakeland, Mountain Warehouse, Cotton Traders, Aquatics, Pavers and a farm shop also on site.

## Rutland Garden Village

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With their newly renovated Cakery & Radish Restaurant, Rutland Garden Village provides the perfect relaxed locations for a small or large gathering with outdoor and indoor seating available. Radish is open to enjoy a hot meal, including gorgeous breakfast/brunch platter boards, a delicious selection of summer salads and much more! Other retail units are also on-site alongside a children's play area.



## Rutland Nursery & Café

[info@rutlandnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@rutlandnursery.co.uk)

This family-run garden nursery and café is situated on the south shore of beautiful Rutland Water. The nursery has been in existence for over thirty years, growing and nurturing plants for the gardens of Rutland and beyond. They've evolved in more recent years to become a destination of true inspiration for plants, architectural shrubs and trees, houseplants, cacti, outdoor furniture and interiors.



## **The Grange**

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Award-winning family-run Garden Centre for all things plants, food, lifestyle, garden and home. This family business is growing from strength to strength, with the original Garden Centre near Asfordby offering a Lifestyle Store, the popular Mountain Restaurant and Caravan Park and a new Garden Centre at The Engine Yard at Belvoir Castle.



## **Welland Vale Garden Centre**

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Their passion is plants. The team at Welland Vale aim to offer sound advice that 50 years of experience brings, all in a friendly relaxed environment. With strong links with local landscapers, designers and specialists who offer a wide list of contacts, their reputation has spread by word of mouth (always the best recommendation) bringing those in search of quality plants to our plant-based hub.





# SOMETHING DIFFERENT

## Rutland Water Cruises

[info@rutlandwatercruises.com](mailto:info@rutlandwatercruises.com)

A cruise aboard the Rutland Belle allows guests to enjoy the sights of Rutland Water whilst listening to commentary highlighting points of interest. The Rutland Belle can carry up to 110 passengers, with 60 places in the under-cover saloons. Drinks are available on board. Open: April to October



## Rutland Cycling

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Twenty-three miles of beautiful traffic-free trails around Britain's largest man-made lake, make a day at Rutland Water a real countryside delight, pedalling through the beautiful countryside with spectacular views over the water. Whatever the age or ability, we've got just the bike from hybrid and mountain bikes to the latest electric bikes, tandems and kids' bikes, tag-a-longs, child seats and buggies – all current season models, replaced every year.

## Fineshade Wood

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A hidden gem in the countryside south of Rutland! Located between Stamford and Corby, Fineshade Wood provides a picturesque setting for the next family adventure. Whether guests are looking for a leisurely wander through the trees, get the kids to let off some steam at one of the exciting play areas, or go on a family bike ride (bike hire is available), Fineshade Wood is bursting with opportunities to explore the great outdoors.





## ANIMAL MAGIC

### **Rutland Farm Park**

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A short walk from Oakham High Street, family-owned Rutland Farm Park has loads of friendly animals and birds to feed, as well as rabbits and guinea pigs to cuddle before thoroughly washing hands and tucking into a tasty treat at Daphne's Tea Room.



### **Rutland Water Nature Reserve**

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This internationally famous nature reserve is managed by the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust in partnership with Anglian Water and provides one of the most important wildfowl sanctuaries in Great Britain, regularly holding over 25,000 waterfowl.

## TIME FOR TEE

### **Rutland Water Golf Course**

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With Panoramic views of Rutland Water, visitors have a choice of the challenging 18-hole Championship Normanton course or nine par 3 holes on the Hambleton course. There is always expert advice available from one of the pros and the pro-shop is fully stocked with all the latest equipment. After the game, enjoy the fully licensed bar, cafe & restaurant.



### **Mini Golf at Ferneley's**

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Ferneley's Adventure Golf Course is suitable for all weather conditions and has a fun farm theme. The course is made up of 9 holes and takes about 30 minutes to complete a round. There is a £10 booking fee to prebook a time slot. Also on site are the café and play areas, plus their renowned ice cream.