



DISCOVER RUTLAND: ENGLAND'S SMALLEST COUNTY WITH BIG ADVENTURES

Tucked away in the East Midlands, Rutland may be England's smallest county, but it hides a grand ambition: to host a cycling spectacle that rivals the great classics of the Continent. And every spring, the Rutland International <u>CiCLE Classic</u> delivers exactly that. The UK's only UCI-sanctioned one-day race, it channels the spirit of the Belgian Spring Classics with its rugged farm tracks, narrow unmade lanes, steep climbs, and unpredictable terrain that tests even the toughest riders. But it's not just for the pros—amateur cyclists can ride the same routes the day before during the **CiCLE Sportif**, a perfect way to immerse yourself in the experience.



On race day, **Oakham** buzzes with activity, transforming into a festival of cycling with live music, artisan stalls, street food, and a welcoming community vibe. With over twenty viewing points along the route, spectators can follow the action up close from villages like Owstonwhere locals host barbecues and turn out in force-before catching the sprint to the finish. It's a weekend that blends high-level sport with small-town charm. Beyond the race, Rutland rewards those who linger: from lakeside walks around Rutland Water and visits to historic market towns, to enjoying locally sourced food and drink in cosy country pubs.



RUTLAND ACCOMMODATION







Easily accessible by road, rail, and air, Rutland is the ideal destination for spectators heading to a sporting event with friends, family, or colleagues. Whether you're competing, cheering from the shoreline or soaking up the festival atmosphere, Rutland offers a wide range of accommodation to suit every preference—whether you want to stay together under one roof or enjoy a bit of privacy. With options to match every budget, taste, and group size, it's the perfect base for making the most of your sporting weekend and beyond.

HOTELS

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Hambleton Hall	Hambleton	01572 756991	17	34
Rutland Hall Hotel	Barnsdale	01572 757901	66	132
The Barnsdale	Nr Exton	01572 724678	46	99
The Falcon Hotel	Uppingham	01572 823535	25	54
Wisteria Hotel	Oakham	01572 722844	25	50
The George Inn	Oakham	01572 756971	20	40

GUESTHOUSES, B&BS & INNS

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Rutland Water Golf Course Courtyard Rooms	Edith Weston	01572 737149	8	22
<u>Spanhoe Lodge</u>	Laxton	01780 450328	8	20
The Crown	Uppingham	01572 822302	6	14
The Olive Branch- Beech House	Clipsham	01780 410355	6	18

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America Lodge	Brooke	01572 723944	1	9
Broccoli Bottom Self-Catering	Manton	07702 437102	6	23
Castle Chase Cottages	Nr Uppingham	07921 108983	2	8
<u>Clematis Cottages</u>	Nr Stamford	07496 068702	4	17
Cottesmore Cottages	Cottesmore	07454 745443	2	12
Cuckoo Barn Lodge	Exton	07768 708220	1	6
Gunthorpe Hall Holiday Cottages	Gunthorpe	01572 737514	2	8
<u>Lodge Farm Cottage</u>	Edith Weston	01572 737149	1	6
Manton Lodge	Manton	01572 737269	2	5
Old Stables Retreat at Northfield Farm	Cold Overton	01664 474271	1	3
Pibbles Nook	Empingham	07703 350985	1	4
Puddle Cottage	Edith Weston	07734 175291	1	2
Rutland Hall Hotel Lodges	Barnsdale	01572 757901	31	186
Rutland Luxury Lodges	Greetham	01572 813520	6	15
Rutland Retreats at The Barnsdale	Exton	01572 724678	17	102
Rutland View	Oakham	01572 770373	1	8
Stretton Lakes	Stretton	01780 410507	7	20
The Green	Market Overton	01728 628242	1	3
The Lodge Trust Country Park	Market Overton	01572 768073	2	5
<u>Uppingham Self Catering</u>	Uppingham	07770 761237	2	5
Victory Cottage	Cottesmore	01780 410507	1	4

CAMPING, CARAVANNING AND GLAMPING

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Greendale Farm Caravan and Camping Park	Whissendine	01664 474516	12
In The Stix, Rutland Glamping Domes	Greetham	07958 378971	6
New Lodge Farm Caravan, Camping & Glamping	Bulwick	01780 450493	56
Rutland Caravan and Camping	Greetham	01572 813520	153
The Hide at Manton Bay Glamping	Lyndon	07480 236700	10
The Lodge Trust Country Park	Market Overton	01572 768073	10
The Paddock Caravan Retreat	Lyndon	07880 721638	15
Old Oak Farm	Nr Uppingham	07534 523638	8

RUTLAND ACTIVITIES





From outdoor adventure to historic charm, Rutland packs a surprising punch for such a small county. **Walk** or **cycle** the scenic trails around **Rutland Water**, try your hand at **sailing**, **kayaking**, or **fishing**, or make a splash at the thrilling **Aqua Park** in summer.

Nature lovers can spot rare birds at the Rutland Nature Reserves, while families enjoy hands-on fun at **Rutland Farm Park** or take on outdoor laser tag and escape rooms. Prefer a slower pace? Explore **Oakham Castle**, the **Rutland County Museum**, or tee off at one of Rutland's stunning golf courses.

Whether you're an adrenaline junkie, nature lover, history buff, or family looking for a day out—Rutland blends scenic beauty with activity in perfect harmony. You can cast a line, wander medieval halls, cruise the water's expanse, or escape reality in a laser-tag battleground—all in a single day.

For more information about what to do in Rutland see here.