

# What will you choose to do?

## Relax

Take time out to relax by our tranquil riverside and enjoy a lazy picnic or impromptu ice-cream as you watch the ducks drift by. Visit England's tallest medieval earthwork known as Castle Hill. Touch the ancient walls of old flint cottages. Or while away an hour or two in our pretty Forgotten Garden or the popular King's House Gardens - perfect places to escape the bustle of busy life yet only minutes from the town centre.

## Shop

Thetford has a small market which is held on Tuesdays and Saturdays and a selection of individual shops as well as some of the High Street chains. And the good news is that all the parking in town is free!

## Eat & Drink

Thetford and the surrounding area have a selection of cosy pubs, small restaurants, comfortable hotels, and popular take-away outlets to satisfy your hunger pangs! Take advantage of our excellent fresh produce and sample some of our local specialities.

But it's not just the food we can shout about. The Icenis Brewery at Mundford produces a range of real-ale, lager and stout including the dark, strong and mysterious 'Roisin Dubh'!

## Sport & Adventure

Make the most of our great outdoors. With walking, cycling, visitor centre, adventure playground and the great rope course challenge as well as dozens of special events, there's plenty to keep everyone occupied however active you want to be.

This is also one of the country's best locations for walking, cycling and riding. With miles of footpaths, bridleways and cycleways through forest, heathland and quiet country lanes, you'll find plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy the countryside. For more information on exploring the Brecks area around Thetford call 01842 765400 or visit [www.brecks.org](http://www.brecks.org).



## Did you know?

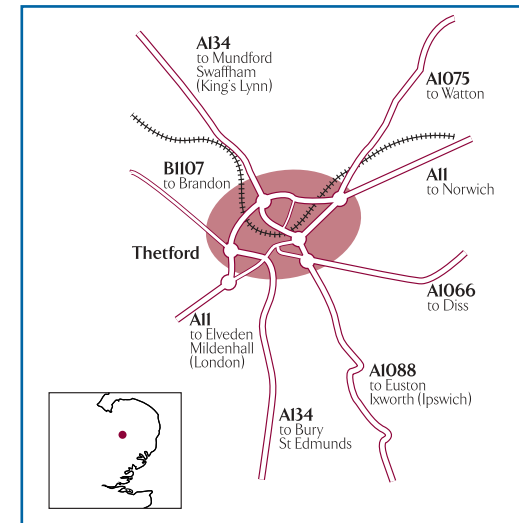
- Thetford Forest is Britain's largest lowland pine forest
- Castle Hill is England's tallest medieval earthwork
- Grimes Graves is the earliest major industrial site in Europe
- Thetford Grammar School dates back to AD631 and is one of the oldest schools in the country
- Thetford was once the capital of East Anglia
- Thetford used to mint its own coins which have been found as far away as Scandinavia
- Thetford is part of the Brecks, a unique landscape
- Boudicca led her revolt against the Romans from here
- Thomas Paine, influential and controversial writer, was born here
- The last Maharajah of the Indian Punjab surrendered his sovereign rights and came to live here
- Thetford was used as Walmington-on-Sea for the TV series Dad's Army
- The TV series 'Allo Allo' was filmed at Lynford
- Thetford was the home and manufacturing base of the world famous Burrell steam traction engines
- Thetford Treasure - a priceless collection of Roman gold and silver - was found here in 1979



## Discover more...

# If you've got the sense of adventure...

### Visitor Information Leaflet



### The trail does not end here...

For more trails and general information on things to see and do contact:

#### Thetford Tourism and Heritage Partnership

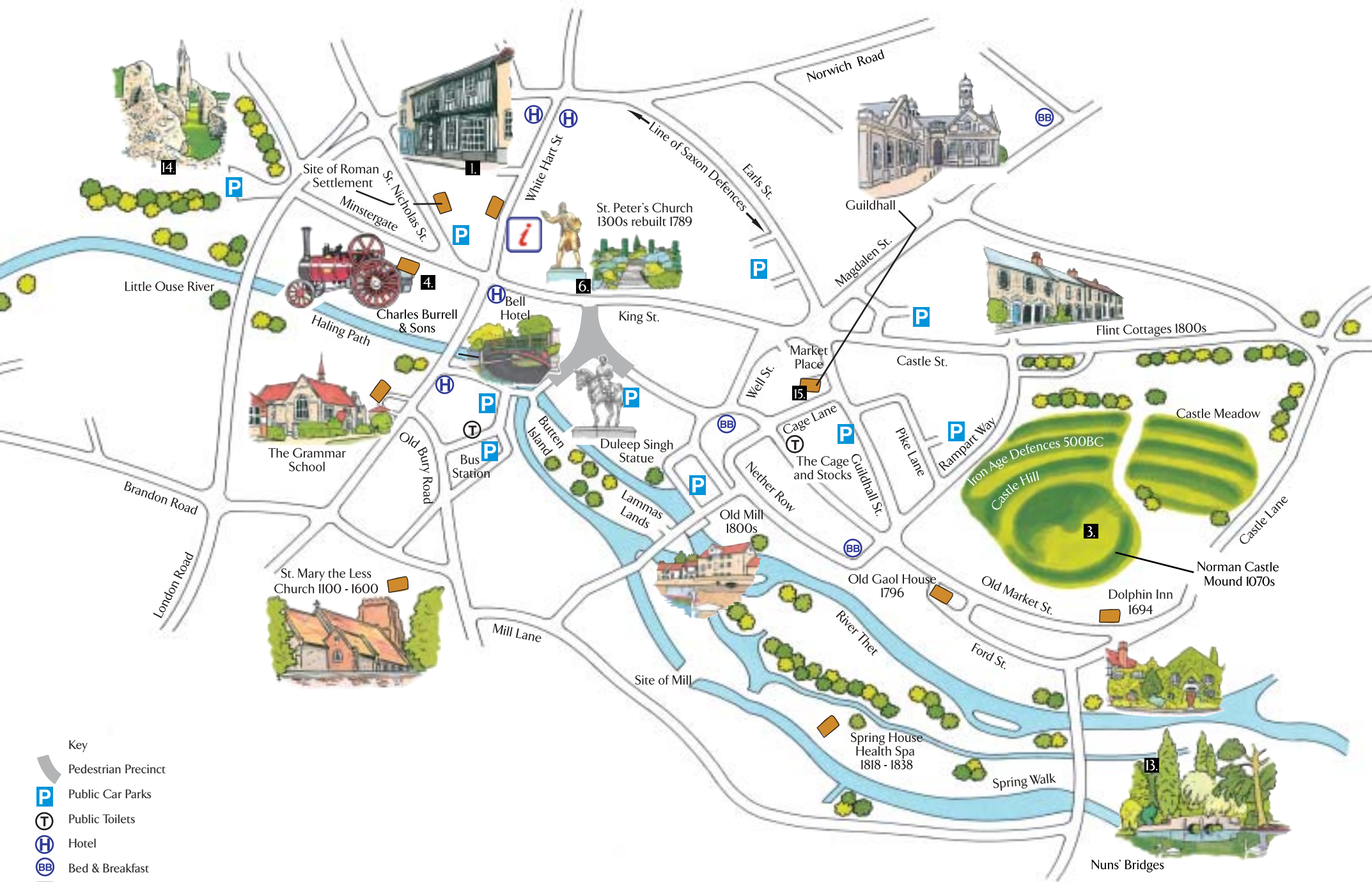
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### Town Trails

An exciting range of new town trails have been developed to help you make the most of your visit. Thetford has a wealth of interesting sights and quirky stories to tell and these free trails are the best way to get a quick taster.

Choose from the 'Dad's Army', 'Thomas Paine', 'Heritage', 'Maharajah Duleep Singh' or a special 'Haunted Trail' for those who dare explore Thetford's darker side ... ! A 'Family Activity Trail' will also be available shortly.

Contact the Tourist Information Centre for a free leaflet or visit our website, [www.explorethetford.co.uk](http://www.explorethetford.co.uk) to download a copy.

### Getting Here

Thetford is accessible by public transport with bus and rail links. For local bus information telephone Traveline on 0870 6082608. For national rail information telephone Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950.

Alternatively, contact the Tourist Information Centre at 4 White Hart Street 01842 820689.

### Further info

For more information when planning your holiday or day trip, visit our website at [www.explorethetford.co.uk](http://www.explorethetford.co.uk) or call the Tourist Information Centre on 01842 820689.

We look forward to welcoming you!



There are heaps of things to do and see in and around Thetford, from gardens, museums, nature reserves and historic sites to a stately home, brewery, fun pool and leisure centre...

## 1. Ancient House Museum

This is a magnificent 15th century timber-framed merchant's house with a fine carved ceiling.

Please note the museum will be closed for a major refurbishment from 1st October 2004. See website for details of the Outreach Programme whilst the museum is closed.

Tel: 01842 752599 [www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk)

## 2. Breckland Leisure Centre

If you want to burn off some energy, this is the place to come. This is Thetford's leisure centre and fun pool featuring waves, rapids, water cannons and flume. We also have a competition-size main pool for serious swimming and teaching pool for parents with under 5s. Fitness centre, saunas, steam rooms, racket sports facilities and bar/cafe/tertia.

Charges apply. Signposted from major roads around Thetford. Tel: 01842 753110

## 3. Castle Hill

Come to admire this unusual landmark and marvel at one of man's largest achievements. This is England's tallest medieval earthwork - 81 feet high and 1,000 feet around the base. It was built after the Norman Conquest although defence works on the site date back to the Iron Age. Read the interpretation board to find out more.

Open every day. Free admission. Signposted in Thetford.

## 4. Charles Burrell and Son

Founded in the 18th century, Burrell's steam traction engines were world renowned. But the firm failed to adapt to a changing world and closed in 1928. On one side of Minstergate stand part of the old buildings with a plate by the door. Opposite, the largely wooden paint shop is now the Charles Burrell Museum.

## 5. Combat Paintball

Set in idyllic surroundings of Thetford Forest, Combat Paintball Ltd has the perfect setting for action packed days. There are multi game arenas, latest Tippman Rifles, canteen facilities, large relaxation area. Easy access just off A11. Tel: 01842 750346



## 6. Elveden Food Hall & Bistro

Browse through a wealth of produce from across the region and beyond. Why not come for breakfast, lunch or even a cream tea?

Open every day 10am - 5pm.

All year round. Tel: 01842 890790 or visit [www.elvedenfoodhall.com](http://www.elvedenfoodhall.com)

## 7. The Forgotten Garden

A quiet walled garden hidden away in the grounds of Ford Place, not far from Nuns' Bridges. The garden has recently been lovingly renovated after 30 years of dereliction and is now an organic and wildlife garden.

Open Thursday to Sunday all year 10am - 6pm. Free admission. Signposted in Thetford.

## 8. Go Ape Aerial Rope Course

This is an exciting high rope course challenge amongst the trees in the Forest. Test your skill with the network of rope bridges, trapezes and death slides. Not for the faint-hearted!

Open every day (except Xmas Day and Boxing Day) 9.30am - dusk. Admission £17 for over 18s; £12 for ages 10-17. Under 17yrs to be accompanied by adult. In Thetford Forest by the High Lodge Visitor Centre, signposted from the B1107. Tel: 0870 444 5562 or visit [www.goape.co.uk](http://www.goape.co.uk)



## 9. Grimes Graves (English Heritage)

These remarkable Neolithic flint mines are considered to be the earliest major industrial site in Europe. Descend 10 metres into an underground flint mine and discover for yourself the conditions that Stone Age Man experienced over 4,000 years ago. The site includes an interpretation centre with a small range of souvenirs.

Call for open times, admission prices and details of special flint knapping demonstrations. Signposted from the A134, 7 miles north west of Thetford.

[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)  
Tel: 01842 810656

## 10. Horse Riding

Forest Park Riding & Livery Centre  
Santon Downham Tel: 01842 815517

Visit [www.bhs.org.uk](http://www.bhs.org.uk) for information on riding holidays and riding schools.



## 11. Icení Brewery

Don't pass up the chance to see the traditional brewing process in action and experience the sights and smells of real-ale, lager and stout production. Tasting is recommended! Gift shop and hop garden.

Open all year Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm. Saturday 8.30 - 2.00pm Drop in visits are FREE. For a full tour including beer tasting, phone for prices. At Ickburgh, signposted from the A1065 between Brandon and Swaffham. Tel: 01842 878922

## 12. King's House Garden

This is an attractive mixed garden of mature tree specimens, shrubs, roses, lawns, herbaceous and formal borders.

Open all year 7.30am - 7pm or dusk (whichever is earlier). Free admission. Signposted in Thetford. Tel: 01842 754247

## 13. Nunnery Lakes & Nature Reserve Thetford

These lakes offer a range of wildlife habitats including woodland, reclaimed gravel pits, alder carr and heath grassland. See the wintering wildfowl and 70 breeding bird species including lapwing and kingfisher. There are 2 kilometres of footpaths with interpretation boards and an observation hide.

Open every day. Free admission. Car park upstream of Nuns' Bridges in Thetford.

## 14. Priory Ruins (English Heritage)

Here are the remains of an important 12th century Cluniac Priory founded in 1103 by Roger Bigod. The priory was disbanded in 1540 under the Dissolution and much of the carved stone was stolen and re-used in houses around the town. The ruins include cloisters, Prior's lodgings, Lady Chapel and 14th century gatehouse.

Open every day. Free admission. Signposted in Thetford. [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

## 15. Thetford Art Gallery

Work by local artists and craftspeople in a variety of media including jewellery, wood turned items and enamel work. Also has a coffee shop.

Free admission. Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10am - 3.30pm Signposted in Thetford. Tel: 01842 766599



## 16. Thetford Forest & High Lodge Visitor Centre

This is Britain's largest lowland pine forest and a great day out for all the family. The Forest has waymarked trails, organised events, cycle hire, picnic areas, an unusual squirrel's maze (one of the largest in Europe), an adventure playground and visitor centre. The Visitor Centre has refreshments, a small gift shop and toilets.

Access via Forest Drive toll road open 9am - dusk or 7pm (whichever is earlier) all year except Xmas Day. £3.50 per car. Motorbikes £2. Cyclists and walkers free. Signposted from the B1107 between Thetford and Brandon.

Tel: 01842 815434 or 01842 810271 or visit [www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)

## 17. Thetford Garden Centre

Situated on 8 acres of Norfolk parkland and has a comprehensive range of everything you could need for your garden and home. [www.thetfordgardencentre.co.uk](http://www.thetfordgardencentre.co.uk)

## 18. Thetford Golf Club

18 hole wooded Breckland course, 6849 yards SSS73. Practice ground, full catering facilities. Visitors welcome weekdays, societies Wed, Thurs & Fri. Handicap certificate required. B1107 Brandon Road. Clubhouse 01842 752258 Secretary 01842 752169 Fax 01842 766212 Steward 01842 752258 Professional 01842 752662

## 19. Thetford Warren Lodge (English Heritage)

This is one of the best-preserved examples of a two-storeyed medieval warreners' lodge. Set in pleasant woodland, the lodge was built around 1400 for the Prior of Thetford's warreners but today you can only view it from the outside.

Grounds only open every day. Free admission. Located 2 miles west of Thetford off the B1107. [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

For information on nearby attractions, see [www.visitnorfolk.co.uk](http://www.visitnorfolk.co.uk) and [www.brecks.org.uk](http://www.brecks.org.uk)

Opening times and contact details are correct at time of printing (October 2004)



# Welcome to Thetford



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Thetford is a great place for a short break. With lots to see and do, visitors can easily spend several days exploring the town and surrounding area.

This ancient market town is filled to the brim with history and heritage sites, huge earthworks, quiet gardens, open parkland and a relaxing riverside for you to enjoy.

With Thetford Forest right on our doorstep, this is also the best base for discovering the wildlife and outdoor pleasures of The Brecks ... ideal for walking, cycling, riding and action-packed adventure days!

A place to relax .... a place to explore .... a place to enjoy ....

Thetford has more than you bargained for.

## Thetford Forest

Thetford Forest is the largest lowland pine forest in Britain and it's the perfect place to get back to nature and discover animals in their natural habitat. The Forest is a rich haven for wildlife with rabbits, red squirrels, deer, pheasants, woodlarks and nightjars. And night-time is when the bats come out...

## Picnic Spots

Thetford is a wonderful place to enjoy a picnic. Sit down and relax by the riverside, at Nuns' Bridges, in King's House Gardens or at Castle Hill in town. Or if you fancy picnicking further afield, try some of the following suggestions: (All sites have toilet facilities except Lynford Arboretum).

• High Lodge Visitor Centre • Brandon Country Park • Lynford Arboretum and Lynford Stag • Mildenhall Picnic Site • St Helen's Picnic Site

## Churches

Churches have been important focal points in Thetford since Saxon times and continue to be so. Five were even named in the Domesday book. A map of church locations and leaflets giving further information are available from the Thetford Tourist Information Centre and a Spiritual Heritage Trail is in preparation.

## Heritage

Learn about the priceless Thetford Treasure. Hear about the colourful characters that shaped the town's history. Explore the romantic ruins of the 12th century Cluniac Priory. Visit the 15th century timber-framed Ancient House Museum or admire the majestic Burrell Steam Engines. And nearby, descend 10m into an underground flint mine and discover for yourself the conditions that Stone Age Man experienced over 4,000 years ago.

## Events

There's always plenty going on in and around Thetford and a lot of it is free! See [www.explorethetford.co.uk](http://www.explorethetford.co.uk) for our diary of main events and check with the Tourist Information Centre for other ideas and up-to-date information on 01842 820689.



# Accommodation (In Thetford)

## Hotels

<b>The Anchor Hotel</b> Bridge Street, Thetford IP24 3AE	16 rooms 01842 763925
<b>The Bell Hotel</b> King Street, Thetford IP24 2AZ AA ★★★ ETC ★★★ Hotel	47 rooms 01842 754455
<b>The Historical Thomas Paine Hotel</b> 33 White Hart Street, Thetford IP24 IAA AA ★★ ETC ★★ Hotel	13 rooms 01842 755631
<b>Wereham House Hotel</b> White Hart Street, Thetford IP24 IAD ETC ♦♦♦ Guest Accommodation	8 rooms 01842 761956

## Bed & Breakfast

<b>The Old Rectory</b> 30 Raymond Street, Thetford IP24 2EA	3 rooms 01842 765419
<b>The Pink Cottage</b> 43 Magdalen Street, Thetford IP24 2BP	3 rooms 01842 764564
<b>The White House</b> 4 Raymond Street, Thetford IP24 2EA	6 rooms 01842 754546

## Campsites

<b>The Dower House Touring Park</b> West Harling, Thetford NR16 2SE ETC ★★★★★ Silver David Bellamy Award	Campsite and Bar. 160 pitches - Tourers/Tents 01953 717314
<b>Poppyfields</b> Thetford Rd, Santon Downham, Brandon IP27 OTU	Basic Touring Site, 134 pitches 01842 751042
<b>Puddledock Farm Campsite</b> Great Hockham, Thetford IP24 IPA	Touring site - 30 pitches Toilets/Shower. No electric 01953 498455
<b>Thorpe Woodlands Campsite</b> Shadwell, Thetford IP24 2RX	Basic Touring Site, 134 pitches 01842 751042

# Accommodation (Surrounding Areas)

## Hotels

<b>Crown Hotel</b> Crown Rd, Mundford, Thetford, Norfolk, IP26 5HQ	01842 878233
<b>Lynford Hall Hotel</b> Lynford, Thetford, Norfolk, IP26 5HW	01842 878351
<b>Brandon House Hotel</b> High St, Brandon, Suffolk, IP27 OAX AA ★★ ETC ★★ Hotel	01842 810171

## B&Bs

<b>Colveston Manor</b> Mundford, Thetford IP26 5HU ETC ♦♦♦♦	01842 878218
<b>The Glebe Country House B&amp;B</b> London Road, Elveden, Thetford IP24 3TL ETC ♦♦♦♦	01842 890027
<b>Grove House</b> Crown Rd, Mundford, Thetford, Norfolk IP26 5HQ	01842 878232
<b>Riverside Lodge</b> 78 High Street, Brandon IP27 OAU AA ♦♦ Guest Accommodation	01842 811236

## Self-Catering

<b>Burnside</b> Alderwood, Hopton Road, Garboldisham, Diss IP22 2RQ ETC ★★★★★	01953 688376
<b>Old School Cottage, Great Hockham</b> c/o Beechwood House, Wretham Road, Great Hockham, Thetford IP24 INY ETC ★★★★★	01953 498277
<b>Deacon's Cottages</b> 81 South Street, Hockwood, Thetford IP26 4JG ETC ★★	01842 828023

For a full list of accommodation, please visit [www.explorethetford.co.uk](http://www.explorethetford.co.uk) or contact the Thetford Tourist Information Centre Tel. 01842 820689 or email [info@thetfordtourism.co.uk](mailto:info@thetfordtourism.co.uk)

