



Events

Stourport-on-Severn hosts a wide range of events and activities catering for all ages. Some of these are listed below. To find out more about these and other events throughout the year visit the 'Events' page of www.stourporttown.co.uk

May - Heritage Weekend

May - The Raft Race

June - Rock and Roll Festival

June - Pirates Day

July - Vintage Steam Rally

August - Country and Western Music Festival

August - Stourport Rowing Regatta

September - Stourport Land and River Carnival

September - Heritage Open Days Weekend

November - Three Kings Parade and Christmas Lights switch on

Visit www.stourporttown.co.uk for details of these events and more!



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STOURPORT -ON- SEVERN

'A great family day out'



Worcestershire



Stourport is a fascinating place to visit, with so much for the whole family to see and do.

Information

To find out more simply visit www.stourporttown.co.uk - a guide to what's on and what you can do in Stourport-on-Severn throughout the year - including places to stay, eat out and explore.

Visitor Information is available from the Wyre Forest Tourist Information Centre
Tel. 0845 6077819
bewdleytic@wyreforestdc.gov.uk



Stourport offers plenty of wide open green space at the Riverside Meadows. Why not entertain the children in the free play park or challenge them to a game of cricket on the Meadows, then tuck into your picnic. Challenge yourself or friends to the Go Karts and Crazy Golf or enjoy the thrills of the amusement park.

Water plays a key part in Stourport's history. The River Severn and the River Stour both flow through the town. In 1771 when the canal was built the tiny hamlet of Mitton became the busiest inland port in the Midlands outside of Birmingham creating a new town that needed a name. James Brindley named it Stourport.

The River Severn is the longest river in Britain and flows through the town. It starts in Wales and ends in Bristol where it flows into the sea. James Brindley designed the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal, linking the town with the heartlands of the industrial revolution.

The River and Canal continue to shape Stourport. Today it is no longer a port and industrial town but a beauty spot and tourist attraction.

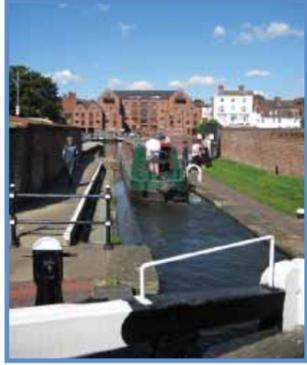
"a great family day out in Stourport"



Things to do in Stourport

Tourists have been flocking to Stourport for over 100 years. Visitors from Birmingham and the Black Country used to come on the train and tram to enjoy some fresh air and fun and still do today. The summer travelling fun fair of old is now an all year round attraction with rides ranging from traditional carousels to modern 'white knuckle' rides.

Riverside Meadows - A beautiful spot by the River Severn, with plenty of open green space. Sit on a bench overlooking the river or enjoy your picnic on the meadow. There is an exciting, modern and free children's play area, picnic area, nature reserve, and skateboard park. Major events are held at the Riverside Meadows throughout the year including Stourport Carnival, an annual flower show and musical events.



Canal Basins - Traditionally the canal boats would moor up to load and unload their goods. There are five historic basins and many listed Georgian houses, offices and warehouses. Stourport Basins provide a home for nearly 100 narrow boats and yachts. You can watch boats travelling through the locks. The basins provide a great place to wander at leisure and explore. The abundance of water creates an air of peace and tranquillity. For further information and details of events and activities (e.g. costume guided walks, heritage afternoons)

and heritage room opening dates see www.stourporttown.co.uk or call Stourport Forward on 01299 822827.



The Town Centre - The town provides a wide range of shops, cafés and pubs and restaurants. Most of the shops can be found on Bridge Street, York Street, High Street and Lombard Street and they sell everything you could possibly need.

Stourport Steamer Company - Take a leisurely riverboat trip along the beautiful River Severn or hire a small self-drive boat. Book on the day at the kiosk by the bridge or in advance on tel. 01299 871177 - www.riverboathire.co.uk



Playland - Enjoy a range of activities for adults and children including crazy golf, a putting green, go-karts and many other amusements located by the river.



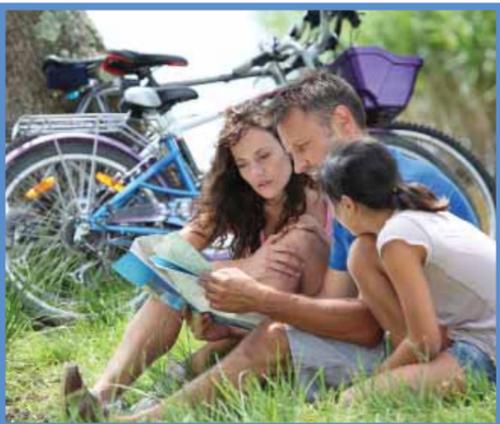
Treasure Island Amusements - This lively amusement park offers a wide range of fairground rides, including a Ferris wheel, dodgems, a small roller coaster, an amusement arcade, river cruises and much more. Enjoy a ride on the historic 1907 carousel or the new 'Freak Out' ride. Tel. 01299 877377. www.treasureislandamusements.co.uk

The Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal - Enjoy a leisurely canal side walk or cycle along the towpath and enjoy the wildlife and scenery. Canal & River Trust - tel. 03030 404040. www.canalrivertrust.org.uk

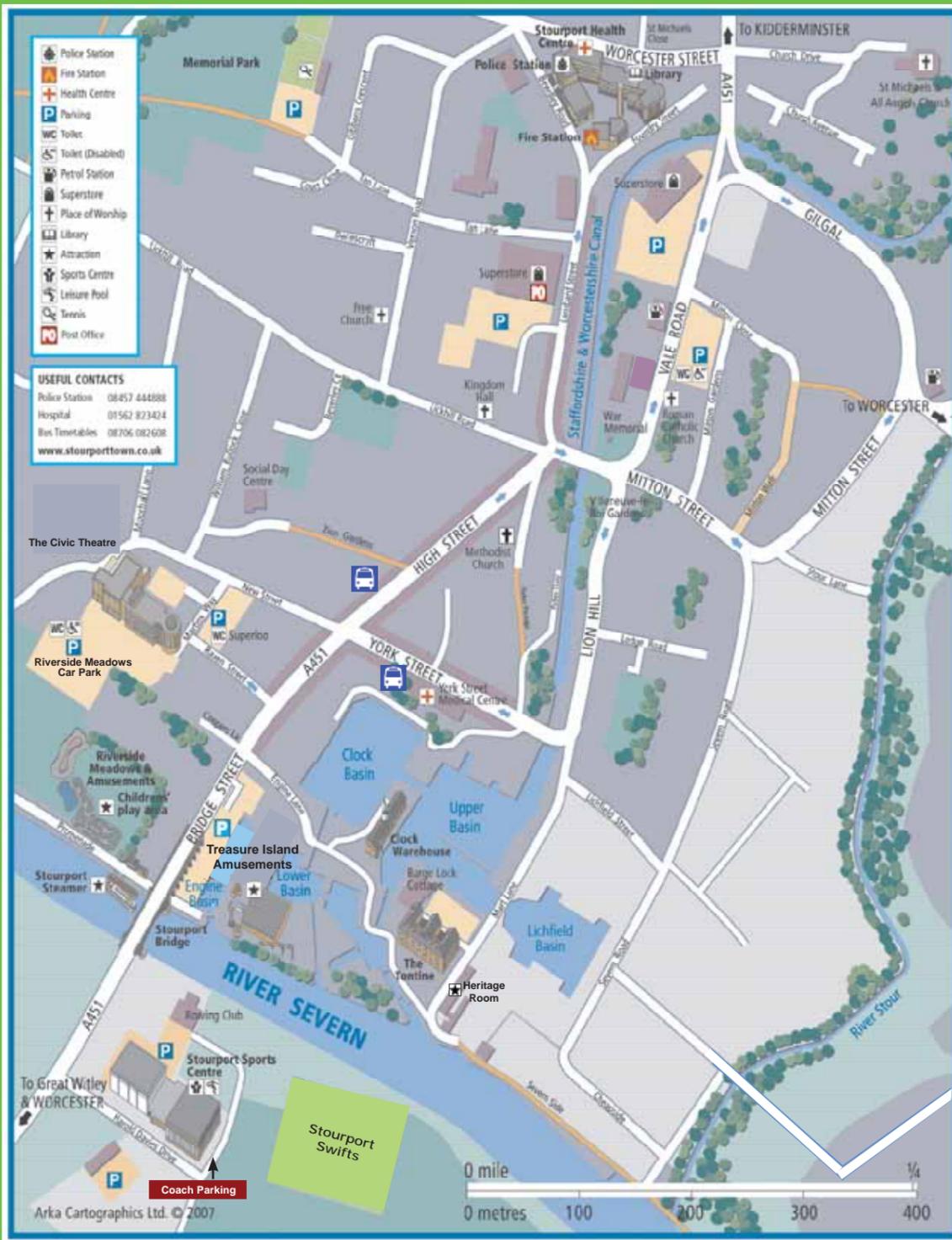
Why not stay a little longer?

Why not plan to stay a little longer in one of the hotels, B & B's, caravan and camping parks or pubs and see just what Stourport has to offer.

Walking and Cycling - The area has many walking and cycling routes for everyone to enjoy. An eight mile circular route starts in Stourport taking you along the River to Blackstone Rocks, through Burlish Camp and back along the canal to Stourport. Why not



walk along the river to Bewdley (3 miles), and walk back on the other side, rewarding yourself with a delicious pub meal when you return. Take a gentle stroll around the canal basins following Brindley's Brainwaves trail map or learn about the history of Stourport from the town trail, both available from The Windlass Cafe at the canal basins.



With a wide range of nearby attractions, why not use Stourport as a base to explore the beautiful Wyre Forest and Severn Valley.

Arley Arboretum - One of the oldest Arboretums with more than 300 species of trees. Rare and exotic trees in the Severn Valley. Tel: 01299 861368. www.arley-arboretum.org.uk - DY12 1XG.

Astley Vineyard - A working vineyard which has produced award winning white wines in delightful natural surroundings and also offers a vineyard trail and shop. Tel. 01299 822907 - DY13 ORU.

Bewdley Museum - Set in a historic Butchers Shambles. Fascinating displays give an insight into the trades and crafts of the area. Hands-on activities and regular craft demonstrations. Tel. 01299 403573. www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/museum - DY12 2AE.

Bodenham Arboretum - A collection of 2700 trees set in 156 acres of countryside with four miles of footpaths and a working farm. Tel: 01562 852444. www.bodenham-arboretum.co.uk - DY11 5SY.

Hartlebury Castle - The County Museum tells Worcestershire's story from prehistoric to twentieth century and is housed in the magnificent surroundings of Hartlebury Castle. Tel. 01299 250416. www.worcestershire.gov.uk/museum - DY11 7XZ.

Kidderminster Museum of Carpet - A museum devoted to the world famous carpet industry of Kidderminster, including stories of wealth, poverty and the ingenuity of the people who created the carpets. Tel. 01562 69028. www.carpetmuseum.co.uk - DY10 1AZ.

Severn Valley Railway - This beautifully restored steam railway offers a 16 mile journey through the glorious countryside of the Severn Valley from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth. Tel. 01299 403816. www.svr.co.uk - DY10 1QX.

West Midland Safari Park - Go wild on a four mile self drive safari to see giraffes, elephants, rhino, white lions, tigers, and much more. The amusement area also offers a host of rides and live shows. Tel. 01299 402114. www.wmsp.co.uk - DY12 1LF.

Witley Court - This spectacular ruin was one of England's great country houses and is surrounded by magnificent gardens. Tel. 01299 896636. www.english-heritage.org.uk - WR6 6JT.

Wyre Forest - A short drive away (5 miles) you will find the Wyre Forest, one of the largest surviving original woodlands in the UK. There is a visitor centre, walking and cycling routes, café, children's play area. **Wyre Forest Go Ape** - 3 hours of high wire tree top forest adventure. (Booking is essential. Tel. 0845 643 2038. www.goape.co.uk - DY14 9XQ.)