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THINGS TO DO:

OUTDOORS

WALKS:

Take in the beauty.

The Chilterns Area, in Buckinghamshire is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and perfect to stroll around and simply take in the surroundings. The Amersham to Chalfont St Giles walk, through the Chiltern Hills (approximately 9 miles) is a popular choice. The walk starts at Amersham station – reachable from the Metropolitan Line from Baker Street, or Marylebone Station.

The Chiltern Hills are just to the north. From the 'Time Out Country Walks near London' book you can choose to complete the whole 'Marlow Circular' of a short or medium length version. The guide gives some historical background as well as spots of natural interest. A description of the Henley walk can be found at:

www.walkingclub.org.uk

The Ashbridge Estate is on the Herts and Bucks border, between Aylesbury and Hemel Hempstead. Vast swathe of woodlands and chalk downland at the north end of the Chiltern Hills. Including panoramas from Ivinghoe Beacon and the Duke of Bridgewater Monument, with extensive networks of footpaths and bridleways to explore, including easy access trails, a rich variety of wildlife to spot, like red kite and fallow deer, ancient woodlands with carpets of spring bluebells and fine autumnal displays and the historical remains from Iron Age to Victorian era.

Ashridge Estate Visitor Centre, Moneybury Hill, Berkhamsted

Hertfordshire HP4 1LX

T: 01442 851227 (Visitor centre and box office)

GARDENS: The Savill Garden is a mile from Englefield Green and 4 miles from Windsor Castle. It is open all the year round, except Christmas Day. Part of the Royal Landscape, the Savill Garden is one of Britain's greatest ornamental gardens, enjoyed by horticulturalist and enthusiasts alike. Set in 35 acres, the garden mix native and exotic species and has bred many important garden hybrids. www.theroyallandscape.co.uk

INDOORS

Amersham museum, a 'family-friendly museum' in a restored 15thC hall house with plenty to entertain the children. With displays on local history, people and places and plenty of photos to flick through, Amersham museum enables its visitors to get a full insight of the town through the ages.

The museum is open weekends and Bank Holidays, Easter to October plus Wednesday and Thursday from May to September, 14:00-16:30.

49 High Street, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 0DP

Tel: 01494 723700

The Hughenden Manor, part of the National Trust properties is the perfect escape on a rainy day. It was the country home of the Victorian statesman Benjamin Disraeli, Queen Victoria's favourite prime minister, and houses memorabilia, personal belongings, furnishings and paintings. The original colourful gardens designed by Disraeli's wife Mary Anne have been recreated, and the grounds include an riverside park and woodland trails with views over the Chilterns. 'Tracker Packs' can be provided for children to bring the history to life.

The Hughenden Manor, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP14 4LA
T: 01494 755565

Claydon House offers 18th-century English interiors in an idyllic country setting. It is a Georgian country house, with fine Chinoiserie and rococo decorations, intricate wood carvings and spectacular parquetry staircase.
Florence Nightingale, who was once a regular visitor. All Saints Church in the grounds is also open to the public.
Middle Claydon, nr Buckingham, Buckinghamshire MK18 2EY
T:01494 755561

Enid Blyton's House is open for visitors from May 26th – August 27th, on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am – 5pm. A lovely lace to enjoy tea and home-made cakes.
Old Thatch, Coldmoorholme Lane, Well End, Bucks, SL8 5PS
T: 01 6285 2718

The Stanley Spencer Galley displays work by this official war artist, who loved his home; the village of Cookham where he exiled in drawing and painting. The gallery space is a former Methodist Chapel, with two exhibitions held each year.
Opening times: Summer: March 21st - November 2nd 2008
Daily 10.30 - 5.30
Winter: November 3rd - April 5th 2009
Weekend and bank holidays only 11.00 - 4.30
The Kings Hall, High Street, Cookham, Berkshire, SL6 9SJ
T: 01628 471 885
www.stanleyspencer.org.uk

CHILDREN

Odds Farm Park

Get close up to animals. All year round activities including piggy's tea time, milking demonstrations to sheep racing. Outdoor activities include pedal go karts, sand pits and diggers to tractor and trailer rides. If it's chilly, there's a heated play barn.
Open 7 days a week
Wooburn Common, Wooburn, High Wycombe, Bucks., HP10 OX
01628 52018
www.oddsfarm.co.uk

Bekonscot Model Village and Railway

This unique piece of our heritage depicting Rural England in the 1930s is just waiting to be explored by the family. There are ultimate train-set runs round the village, and there is a sit-on miniature railway at weekends and holidays. Remote controlled boats, refreshments, and picnic areas.
Opening times – 10.00-16.00

Roald Dahl Golden Ticket Trail

Rootle out the magic of Buckinghamshire's Roald Dahl country, and discover how the area was woven into *Matilda*, *Danny Champion of the World*, *Fantastic Mr Fox* and other fantabulous tales.
The Roald Dahl Golden Ticket Trail reveals the secret of where to go and what to see for an absolutely fascinating family day out. The trail starts at Great Missenden, Roald Dahl's home town. This is where Dahl lived for thirty years and wrote the books which, in his lifetime, made him the most popular children's author in the world.
Carrying on your journey, you will discover just the sort of intriguing, exciting, places that Dahl himself would have been influenced by...get set for a journey that will take you under the hills, into the woods, through the farmyard and into other secret or unlikely places. Start your adventure at The Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre, close to Dahl's former home in Great Missenden. Gipsy House Garden opens periodically through the National Gardens Scheme and for Family Fun Days in aid of The Roald Dahl Foundation. It is here, that you will be able to see the caravan from *Danny, Champion of the World*.

The Roald Dahl Children's Gallery in Aylesbury's Buckinghamshire County Museum, allows you to make discoveries with Willy Wonka; investigate minibeasts inside the giant peach; crawl along Fantastic Mr Fox's tunnel; see the Twits' upside down room; and even explore sounds with the BFG.

For further information on the surrounding area:

www.chilternsaonb.org