

Visit Cannock Chase



Your guide on getting more from your visit to **Cannock Chase**

Cannock Chase District is nestled on the edge of the West Midlands, in the county of Staffordshire. We are an historic, proud District spanning three town centres: Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley.

Visit us to enjoy incredible shopping at the McArthurGlen Designer Outlet West Midlands, only a 20 minute walk from Cannock town centre and only 10 minutes walk from Cannock Rail Station. Take time to explore, walk and mountain bike in the Cannock Chase National Landscape - less than 20 minutes drive from our three town centres.



There are several visitor centres and places of interest around the district. These offer a great starting point for self-guided walks and family day trips.

Visitor Centres

Birches Valley Visitor Centre
Marquis Drive Visitor Centre
Museum of Cannock Chase
National Trust Shugborough Estate
Chasewater Country Park
The Wolseley Centre - Staffordshire Wildlife Trust HQ

Places to visit within the District

McArthurGlen Designer Outlet West Midlands
Cannock Chase National Landscape
Go Ape
Hednesford Hills Raceway
Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery
Planet Ice Skating Rink
Cannock Cinema
Prince of Wales Theatre
The Rugeley Rose Theatre
Cannock Chase Leisure Centre and Golf Course
Rugeley Leisure Centre

Within the County

Drayton Manor Theme Park
SnowDome
Alton Towers Resort
Trentham Estate - Shopping, Monkey Forest and Gardens
National Memorial Arboretum



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A well connected place...

By road

The A5 and A34 trunk roads, M6 and M6 toll provide east-west and north-south routes and being close to the M54, provide rapid access to Telford and beyond. The M6 toll is a free-flowing route in and around Birmingham, whether you're driving long distance or heading in to the heart of the Midlands.



By bus and coach

Bus links to all local and surrounding areas as well as wider areas including Birmingham and Walsall.



Parking

There is ample car parking across the town centres. Cannock Chase Council operated car parks are free if you hold a valid disabled badge.

For parking locations, [see page 6](#)

By rail

Cannock Chase is serviced by rail stations in Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley. Rugeley Trent Valley is one of two stations serving Rugeley, the other being Rugeley Town.

The Chase Line runs from Birmingham New Street to Walsall then Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley Town, with fast, regular access to Birmingham in 35 minutes. The Chase Line joins at the Rugeley Trent Valley Line. Trains run direct from Rugeley Trent Valley to London in 1 hour 45 minutes.

Cannock Rail Station is a 10 minute walk from Cannock town centre and only a 5 minute walk from McArthurGlen Designer Outlet.



Cannock Chase Heritage Trail

Cannock Chase Heritage Trail is a 10-mile route linking the towns of Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley.



The trail passes through, or close to sites of historic or environmental interest, with interpretation boards along the way that tell the story of each location. Intended to support a healthy lifestyle, the trail is a facility for walkers and cyclists, offering walks and off-road cycle routes.

The trail was initially funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and project partners in 2008.

The trail consists of mixed surfaces of tarmac, gravel and concrete. Gradients in some rural sections of the trail can be difficult for manual wheelchairs and buggies.



Take on the
**Cannock Chase
Heritage Trail Challenges**
with the
Cannock Chase Can App!

Cannock Chase Can is an exciting health and wellbeing programme to help you make healthier lifestyle choices with a variety of wellness challenges which can be undertaken as an individual, group or family.

Download the
Cannock Chase Can App
for **FREE**



For more information visit
www.cannockchasecan.co.uk

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Scan the QR code or visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/heritagetrail
to download a digital map of the **Cannock Chase Heritage Trail**



Map of Cannock Chase

Location of Visitor Centres

- 1 Birches Valley Visitor Centre
- 2 National Trust Shugborough Estate
- 3 Chasewater Country Park
- 4 Marquis Drive Visitor Centre
- 5 The Wolseley Centre - Staffordshire Wildlife Trust HQ
- 6 Museum of Cannock Chase

For more information visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/visitorcentre

Other Attractions

- 7 Go Ape
- 8 Cannock Chase German Military
- 9 Hednesford Hills Raceway
- 10 Cannock Cinema
- 11 Cannock Chase Leisure Centre & Golf Course
- 12 Rugeley Leisure Centre
- 13 The Rugeley Rose Theatre
- 14 Prince of Wales Theatre

Map 'Not to scale'

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| ★ Police station | 🚐 Motor home |
| 🚂 Train station | 🚐 Caravan |
| 🚂 Train line | 🚐 Static caravan |
| H Hospital | ⛛ Camping |
| P Parking locations | ✝ Church |
| i Information point | |



For more information about our town centres or town centre parking visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/towncentres

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Cannock Chase is the premier location for mountain biking in the West Midlands.

We have biking routes to suit all abilities and ages, from relaxing family rides around the Fair Oak Pools and through the picturesque valleys on the Sherbrook Trail, to two red graded trails 'Follow the Dog' and 'The Monkey Trail', built for those serious mountain bikers seeking an adrenaline rush or to barrel through the trees.



What is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC)?

The heathlands across Cannock Chase are among Europe's rarest habitats and home to some of our most endangered animal and plant species. Special areas of conservation (SAC's) are strictly protected sites. Many of these habitats and species are legally protected and a great amount of work is being done to safeguard their future.



Accessible countryside

For information about accessibility to the countryside, details of disabled sport, support, carers and family organisations visit **www.accessiblecountryside.org.uk/staffordshire**

What to do if you hit a deer on Cannock Chase

If you hit a deer or see one injured on the road side please call **Staffordshire Police** on **999** if it is causing a hazard or is still alive.

Contact Us

Email **visit@cannockchasedc.gov.uk**

