

Dog friendly *Days Out*

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We love and welcome dogs in South Somerset and there are plenty of places to go and enjoy with your furry friends.

1. Dog friendly Accommodation



For dog friendly accommodation check out the websites below which specifically cater for taking your pooch on holiday across the UK including South Somerset. There are plenty of places to choose from and to suit all budgets.

 www.dogfriendlycottages.com

 www.dogfriendlyretreats.com

You can also search our website for accommodation, you'll just need to check those that welcome dogs in our search filter.

 www.visitsouthsomerset.com

2. Attractions & Things to Do

Blessed with acres of rolling countryside, award winning green flag country parks and mile upon mile of walking trails, you really are spoilt for choice here...

Animal Attractions & Experiences

Ferne Animal Sanctuary

Wambrook, Chard, TA20 3DH

Set in 72 acres of stunning countryside the Sanctuary is a great place to come and explore! Ferne was set up through the foresight of a local lady – the late Nina, Duchess of Hamilton & Brandon – who realised that men and women going off to war had no-one to take care of their animals so would require a temporary refuge for them. The Duchess put a call out on the BBC and legend has it that when she returned to her London home there were a number of cats and dogs on her doorstep and also a parrot! The need for caring and re-homing animals continues at Ferne. There are over 300 resident animals to see. Visitor Centre and café.



01460 65214



www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org/visit-the-sanctuary



World Horse Welfare Glenda Spooner Farm Kingsdon, Somerton, TA11 7YA

Home to around 65 horses at any one time. Meet the horses and ponies. Learn about the work of World Horse Welfare and the rehabilitation programme. The farm sits in 220 acres of unspoilt countryside and there are many opportunities to spot wildlife around the lake. Admire the amazing views. Walk the paddock trail and meet the ponies. Café. Free entry - donations to the charity most welcome.



01935 841442



www.worldhorsewelfare.org

2. Attractions & Things to Do

Countryside, Parks & Gardens

Cadbury Castle

South Cadbury, BA22 7HA

Walk up the to the ramparts to admire the fantastic views of Camelot Country. The nearby village of Corton Denham is picture perfect too and boasts The Queens Arms, an award winning country pub with a fantastic beer garden. Dogs receive a very warm welcome with plenty of water bowls to quench their thirst after those lovely scenic walks.



Chard Reservoir Nature Reserve

Car Park situated at the end of Oaklands Avenue, Chard, TA20 1HR

Peaceful countryside site of 88 acres - orchid meadows, native woodlands and excellent bird watching on open water from hide. Good surfaced pathways. Green Flag award winner. Dogs must be kept on a short lead through the woods. No dogs on shoreline.



01935 462462



www.visitsouthsomerset.com

Coates English Willow

Willows & Wetlands Visitor Centre, Stoke St Gregory, Taunton, TA3 6HY

Learn about the history and art of willow growing and basket making. A warm welcome awaits dogs and owners with access to indoor and outdoor attractions (excluding tearoom). Wonderful riverside walks and miles of footpaths. Waymarked walks with leaflet available.



01823 490249



www.coatesenglishwillow.co.uk

East Lambrook Manor Gardens

East Lambrook, South Petherton, TA13 5HH

Gardening legend Margery Fish's quintessential English cottage garden. A beautiful plantsman's paradise and specialist nursery. Café.



01460 240328



www.eastlambrook.com

Forde Abbey & Gardens

Chard, TA20 4LU

Offering 30 acres of glorious gardens surrounding a magnificent 12th century monastery. Seasonal interest all year round. Gift shop, plant nursery and café. Well behaved dogs welcome in the gardens and tearoom.



01460 221290



www.fordeabbey.co.uk

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Photo credit: Richard Cochrane

Ham Hill Country Park

Stoke Sub Hamdon, TA14 6RW

Offering incredible views of the South Somerset Moors, Exmoor and the Mendip Hills, Ham Hill is a 390 acre country park centred on a huge Iron Age hill fort. Green Flag award winner. Prince of Wales pub where dogs are positively welcomed. Dog show held every August. Dogs must be on the lead when livestock are grazing and when skylarks nesting in the summer. Check Facebook for grazing location updates and adhere to signs on gates.



01935 823617



www.visitsouthsomerset.com

Hestercombe Gardens

Cheddon Fitzpaine, Taunton, TA2 8LG

Offering 50 acres of temples, cascades, lakes and formal beds; joint works of design greats Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edward Lutyens. Dogs on short leads welcome in the gardens, shop, plant centre and café.



01823 413923



www.hestercombe.com

Sherborne Castle & Gardens

New Road, Sherborne, DT9 5NR

A fascinating castle covering 400 years of history set in beautiful landscaped gardens. Discover walks around the lake to garden features such as Raleigh's Seat and the Cascade and Fossil House. Other walks take you to the courtyard garden, the Ginkgo Lawn and Orangery, the boathouse and pier where there are wonderful views of the old castle ruins. Gift shop and café.



01935 813182



www.sherbornecastle.com

Swell Wood Nature Reserve (RSPB)

A378, Taunton, TA3 6PX

An ancient oak woodland extending to 10 miles (15km) along a ridge. Nature trails and bird hide. Fantastic views over the Somerset Levels. Spot roe deer, woodland birds and butterflies. Hear a cacophony of nesting herons. Heronry hide.



01458 252805



www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/swell-wood

The Bishop's Palace & Gardens

Wells, BA5 2PD

Explore 14 acres of beautiful gardens located in the heart of the historic city of Wells. Formal Dutch gardens and fine specimen trees with diverse and luxuriant borders, complete with restored 19th century picturesque style planting surrounding the Palace and the ruins of the Great Hall. Café.



01749 988111



www.bishopspalace.org.uk

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Yeovil Country Park

Brunswick Street, Yeovil, BA20 1QZ

Green Flag award winning countryside site covering 127 acres. Woodlands and grasslands. River and lakes including Ninesprings Valley Gardens. Dog friendly Ninesprings Café. No dogs zone around the lake.

 01935 462462

 www.visitsouthsomerset.com

National Trust

Many National Trust properties have shaded parking areas and while dogs are generally not allowed in the properties themselves there are great walks on the estates.

 www.nationaltrust.org.uk



Barrington Court

Barrington, Nr Ilminster, TA19 0NQ

An atmospheric fragment of old Somerset: an empty Tudor manor house, beautifully restored in the 1920s, with farm buildings, abundant flowers and orchards. Gift shop and café.

 01460 241938

 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/barrington-court

Lytes Cary Manor

Nr Somerton, TA11 7HU

This intimate medieval house, once home of a Tudor herbalist, was lovingly restored in the early 20th century, when its magical garden was created. Riverside walks and trails, children's play area. Gift shop and café.

 01458 224471

 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lytes-cary-manor



Photo credit: Brian Mounsher

Montacute House

Montacute, Nr Yeovil, TA15 6XP

Once seen, never forgotten; the first glimpse of this golden Elizabethan masterpiece, glittering with windows and bristling with chimneys, is breathtaking. Gift shop and café.

 01935 823289

 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/montacute-house

2. Attractions & Things to Do

Museums

Chard & District Museum

Godworthy House, High Street, Chard, TA20 1QB

The museum exists to help today's community uncover yesterday's heritage, history and hidden stories. The collection dates from around 1880. Exhibits tell the story of the town and there are significant displays on notable people with connections to the town including John Stringfellow, who with another local man William Samuel Henson achieved the first powered flight in 1848, in a disused lace factory, with a 10 foot (3m), steam driven flying machine.

 01460 65091

 www.chardmuseum.co.uk

Dawe's Twineworks

94 High Street, West Coker, BA22 9AU

Explore the only surviving Victorian Twineworks with original working machinery. 10am to 4pm, fourth Saturday of each month, or by appointment. Groups welcome.

 01935 862938

 www.westcoker.net/home-page/ropewalk

3. Trails and Pathways



There are several long distance footpath routes through South Somerset. Details can be found on Idwa's website and The Leland, The Liberty and The River Parrett Trails listed below can also be downloaded from our website.

 www.idwa.org.uk

 www.visitsouthsomerset.com

The Leland Trail

The Leland Trail is a 28 mile regional footpath route which uses definitive rights of way, tracks and lanes, following the footsteps of John Leland who travelled through South Somerset at some time during the period 1535-1543.

The Liberty Trail

The Liberty Trail is a 28 mile footpath from Ham Hill in South Somerset to Lyme Regis in Dorset using definitive rights of way, tracks and lanes. It follows the route which villagers walked to join Monmouth at Lyme in June 1685.

The Macmillan Way West

The Macmillan Way West is a long distance footpath in Somerset and Devon. It runs for 102 miles from Castle Cary in Somerset to Barnstaple in Devon. It is one of the Macmillan Ways and connects with the main Macmillan Way at Castle Cary.

 www.macmillanway.org

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The River Parrett Trail

The River Parrett Trail follows the River Parrett for 80km from its source near Chedington in the Dorset hills through tranquil Somerset countryside to its mouth at Steart Point on the Bristol Channel. There are many welcoming pubs and cafés along the route to enjoy local food and drink.

'Walking the Hills and Vales around Yeovil'

A collection of nine circular walks, between 3 and 7 miles discovering the countryside around Yeovil. A handy leaflet is available to download from our website, or you can pick up a copy at our South Somerset Visitor Information Centre, Cartgate Picnic Site on the A303.

OS Explorer Maps

OS Explorer Maps, 4cm to 1km are ideal for planning walking routes and now include mobile downloads. Map 129 Yeovil & Sherborne and 128 Taunton & Blackdown Hills cover the South Somerset area. A full range of OS maps are available from our South Somerset Visitor Information Centre at the Cartgate Picnic Site.

The Countryside Code

Please follow the Countryside Code when walking and please be responsible and do not let your dog foul a public right of way or open access land. Please clear up after your dog and dispose of in bins provided or safely at home by double wrapping and putting it in your standard household refuse.



www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code



www.somerset.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/public-rights-of-way/

4. Places to Eat & Drink



A Paw-fect Afternoon Treat

Saville Row Hounds

The Emporium, 39 Princes Street, Yeovil, BA20 1EG

If you're looking for something rather decadent for your special pooch, then this doggy boutique will delight. Filled with handcrafted luxury dog coats, bandanas, bow ties, collars, leads and much more. Ask about their incredible paw-fect afternoon tea events for you and your dog. A quintessentially English affair.



07930 633722



www.savillerowhounds.com

Cow & Apple

8-10 Church Street, Yeovil, BA20 1HE



01934 433292



www.cowandapple.co.uk/yeovil-restaurant

Farm & Field Café

Frogmary Green Farm, West Street, South Petherton, TA13 5DJ



01460 242775



www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

Lord Poulett Arms

High Street, Hinton St George, TA17 8SE



01460 73149



www.lordpoulettarms.com

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Ninesprings Café

Yeovil Country Park, Brunswick Street, Yeovil,
BA20 1QZ



www.facebook.com/Ninesprings-Cafe-Yeovil-Country-Park-BA20-1QZ-684789788302310



Pip's Railway Carriage Café

Lopenhead, South Petherton, TA13 5JH



www.pipsrailwaycarriage.co.uk

The Bridge Bakery & Canteen

Westover Trading Estate, Langport, TA10 9RB



01458 897100



www.thebridgelangport.co.uk

The Camelot

Chapel Road, South Cadbury, Yeovil, BA22 7EX



01963 441685



www.camelotpub.co.uk

The Halfway House

Pitney Hill, Langport, TA10 9AB



01458 252513



www.thehalfwayhouse.co.uk

The Helyar Arms

Moor Lane, East Coker, Yeovil, BA22 9JR



01935 862332



www.thehelyararms.com

The Kitchen at the Wharf

Great Bow Wharf, Bow Street, Langport, TA10 9PN



01458 254354



www.kitchenlangport.co.uk

The Masons Arms

41 Lower Odcombe, Yeovil, BA22 8TX



01935 862591



www.masonsarmsodcombe.co.uk

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The Muddled Man Inn

West Chinnock, Crewkerne, TA18 7PT

 01935 881235

 www.themuddledmaninn.co.uk

The Prince of Wales

Ham Hill, Stoke sub Hamdon, TA14 6RW

 01935 822848

 www.princeofwaleshamhill.co.uk

The Queens Arms

Portman House Estates Ltd, Strawberry Hill, Corton Denham, DT9 4LR

 01963 220317

 www.thequeensarms.com

The Red Lion

North Street, Babcary, Nr Somerton, TA11 7ED

 01458 233230

 www.redlionbabcary.co.uk

The Rose and Crown

Silver Street, East Lambrook, South Petherton, TA13 5HF

 01460 240433

 www.roseandcrowneastlambrook.com

Of course there are plenty more places to discover while you are here and for more inspiration, please visit our website.

 www.visitsouthsomerset.com

5. Additional information



South Somerset Map



Download a copy of the South Somerset map from our website or pick one up from our Tourist Information Centres.



www.visitsouthsomerset.com

South Somerset Visitor Information Centre & Gift Shop



South Somerset Visitor Information Centre & Gift Shop

Cartgate Picnic Site, A303/A3088, Stoke sub Hamdon, TA14 6RA

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