

# LOCAL ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Want to venture outside of the Crafter's Retreat garden? Here are some ideas of what you can do in and around the area!



[TOWNSEND LAKES FISHERY](#) 1.4 miles 🚗 4 mins

Townsend Lakes Fishery is *the* place to work on your angling skills while staying with us at the Crafter's Retreat. Just a quick 4 minutes down the road, this willow-lined lake is beautiful. While it is popular, you won't ever find it overly busy!

[NORDELPH FISHING](#) 5 miles 🚗 11 mins

Nordelph might as well be one long river! There are all kinds of fishing spots along the tranquil river. You should check with the website linked above to see exactly where to go. The site will also tell you about any special licensing requirements you need before angling on the Nordelph waters. But we highly recommend it — even if it's just for the scenery!



[WOODLAKES PARK](#) 8.2 miles 🚗 16 mins

We know you'll be relaxing at the cabin, but if you want to further your peaceful state, head to the Woodlakes Park on the outskirts of Kings Lynn.

You can do everything and anything here. From country park walks to grabbing a bite to eat in the restaurants to fishing on the gorgeous lake!

[BLENDED MONKEY POTTERY WORKSHOP](#) 0 miles 🚗 No driving

Don't feel like driving? No problem! Just walk up the path from the Crafter's Retreat and you'll find Blended Monkey's studios where you can take a ½ day or full day pottery workshop. Learning a new skill has never been closer to home.

Please note: you'll need to book in advance as the spaces fill up fast!





[BLENDED MONKEY WOODTURNING WORKSHOP](#)

0 miles



No driving

Decided that pottery isn't for you? Try woodturning instead! Yes, in exactly the same place — no driving required.

Whether you're a beginner looking to start a new craft (or just fancy having a go) or a more experienced turner looking to hone their skills, this one-to-one class is for you.

[MARCH GOLF CLUB](#)

13.3 miles



21 mins

If you're more of a golf aficionado, you'll adore the 9-hole parkland course in March. With two ponds, tree-lined areas, dykes, and hedges, you'll feel like you've been transported to another world.

The course *does* require more brain than brawn though. But don't worry, it's well-rounded enough for beginners too.



[DENVER GOLF CLUB](#)

10 miles



19 mins

Denver Golf Club has *two* parkland golf courses that cater to both novice golfers and more established professionals. Regardless of how good you are, it's guaranteed to provide you with a fantastic day out.

They even have a café where you can watch the world go by after you've completed the course. The best part? Everything is home cooked!

[EAGLES GOLF CENTRE](#)

15.2 miles



22 mins

Situated smack bang in the middle of the Wisbech to Kings Lynn route is the Eagles Golf Centre. The 9-hole course is perfect for all levels of golfer. Since its birth in 1992, it has been a much-loved day out for the locals and tourists alike. Arguably, it is quite short compared to newer courses, but there are lots of bunkers and water stops to keep you interested.



[THORNEY LAKES GOLF CLUB](#)

18.5 miles



29 mins

Thorney Lakes has been the go-to golf course since its conception in 1995. The 6,441 yard, par 71 lakes course is challenging and oh-so memorable. There is a par-3 academy course for beginners who aren't quite ready to go all-guns-blazing into the big one. And if you've never hit a golf ball in your life, you can start on the purpose-built driving range!

### [EAGLES FOOTGOLF](#)

15.2  
miles



22 mins

Tilney Sports, located in Kings Lynn, has quite recently built a footgolf course. The centre is a whopping 30 years old, so you're guaranteed to see a myriad of mature parkland and facilities. Even if you're not a fan of golf, you'll love this football-inspired version.



### [HISTON AND GIRTON WALKS](#)

30.7 miles



49 mins

Fancy a long countryside walk? You can trudge to Girton from Histon on a pre-determined route! A simple Google search will bring up some circuits you can take. But by all means, wander about without a set route to discover all this area has to offer. We're sure you'll have a fantastic time!

### [GO APE THETFORD](#)

29.4  
miles



51  
mins

Whether you want to climb among the treetops, go for a pleasant walk, or zip around the forest on Segways, Go Ape Thetford is the place to visit. The courses are meticulously designed to unfurl the fun steadily, becoming increasingly challenging as you progress. A nature-filled day out for everybody!



### [CASTLE MOUND WALK](#)

32.9 miles



1 hr

There was uproar when the city threatened to close the Mound, so now, it still remains open to the public! You'll have a lovely time strolling across the grounds, making your way slowly up the side of the picturesque mound. It's certainly a brilliant place for a photograph or 7!

### [UPWELL WALKS](#)

0.4 miles



1 min

Orchards, rivers, country tracks, and beautiful architecture, Upwell and Outwell have it all — and you're lucky enough to have it all right on your doorstep! Whether you walk alone all with a group, you're guaranteed a fantastic time. Plus, it's easy to come back home, put your feet up, and possibly rustle up one of our [fire pit recipes](#) to cook in your private garden!





### [THE LUXE CINEMA](#)

6.4 miles



14 mins

The Luxe, as the name suggests, is for those who like to watch the newest films in style. Complete with leather sofas and chairs, a full bar, and even seat-side service for those at the back, no other cinema will do! Once you go Luxe, you won't go back. Plus, you'll be supporting a small, independent business, and who doesn't want that?

### [THE LIGHT CINEMA](#)

7 miles



15 mins

If you just want to watch a film with none of the fancy extras, The Light Cinema is for you. This large chain of cinemas created one in Wisbech, a mere 7 miles from the cabin! You can watch all the freshest releases here. No matter the day, you're sure to find something that suits your preferences.



### [MAJESTIC CINEMA](#)

18.8 miles



31 mins

Rather travel a bit further but still attend a decent film? Head to the Majestic. Check what films are on by visiting their website (linked above, of course). You never know, you may even discover a film you haven't yet heard about! Plus, there are plenty of restaurants to visit afterwards.

### [MARMONT CANOE HIRE](#)

1.9 miles



5 mins

Depending on the route you took to reach the cabin, you may have seen the beautiful Wellcreek river running through the village. Well, Marmont Canoe Hire, located less than 2 miles away from the cabin, allows you to sail down it! There's nothing like experiencing the village from the refreshing water. You may even pass some swans, ducks, and other wildlife on your travels.



### [FOX NARROWBOATS](#)

12.1 miles



24 mins

When you want to head out of the village, do it in narrowboat style. You can hire a boat from Fox Narrowboats in March to explore Cambridge and Ely in a truly unique way. You can choose to hire a day boat or go for the weekend after your stay with us. Located in the Fenland Waterways, you'll experience nature like never before.

[ALIVE CORN EXCHANGE THEATRE](#) 19.2 miles 🚗 32 mins

Amazingly, the Corn Exchange in Kings Lynn isn't only a theatre, it is also a cinema! We recommend the theatre part though. The establishment always has amazing shows and stand-up comedians like Jack Whitehall, Nish Kumar, and so many others. You'll be spoilt for choice, we guarantee it!



[ANGLES THEATRE](#) 6.4 miles 🚗 15 mins

A bit closer to the Crafter's Retreat is the Angles Theatre, allowing you to see some amazing musicals and live performances without an arduous drive. It might not look like much from the outside, but when a show is on, it's a magical experience.

[WWT WELNEY](#) 8.7 miles 🚗 15 mins

Welney has the most amazing wetland landscape in the country. The sanctuary, placed in a prime location, allows you to watch the migrating birds in their natural habitat. Whether you're looking to stretch your legs, breathe fresh air into your lungs, or spot some rare species, you can do it all at the Welney Wetland Centre.

Tip: book online!



[WILLOWS NATURE RESERVE](#) 7.9 miles 🚗 15 mins

Situated away from the hustle and bustle of Downham Market's town centre is this stunning nature reserve complete with wildlife-filled lake. The walk takes you on a tour of the town's most beautiful, secluded spots. It doesn't matter where you start the trail, but it's always worth visiting the Downham Market Heritage Centre beforehand.

[LITTLE DOWNHAM NATURE RESERVE](#) 15.2 miles 🚗 26 mins

Set in 6.6 hectares of natural landscape, the reserve in Little Downham consists of all kinds of scenery. From Pingle Wood to Myles Meadow to The Holt, you get three nature spots for the price of one! It's a great area for photographers looking to hone their skills too. The everchanging views constantly give your lens a new outlook.





[THE RAPTOR FOUNDATION](#) 25 miles 🚗 39 mins

Focused on rescue and rehabilitation, The Raptor Foundation is a wonderful place to see bird species you'd never be blessed with otherwise. By visiting them, you are supporting the crucial work they do for the birds and other small animals throughout the country. We suggest trying the Experience Days and Falconry Courses. You'll have a load of fun. It's definitely a once-in-a-lifetime activity!

[KINGFISHERS BRIDGE NATURE RESERVE](#) 24.8 miles 🚗 38 mins

This nature reserve was formed in 1995 and has since expanded across 250 acres of farmland and wetland. It's the number one sanctuary for saving endangered species in the Fens. The employees and volunteers here band together to also rescue the fauna and flora in the area. So far, the reserve has attracted over 210 bird species, 9 of which nest and mate there.



[RING'S END LOCAL NATURE RESERVE](#) 10.3 miles 🚗 19 mins

This 11-hectare site runs from Ring's End to the Twenty Foot Drain. While there are multiple habitats here, the main type is a huge array of drains, reedbeds, and ponds. It's owned by the Cambridgeshire County Council, ensuring the reserve is always left as untouched as possible.

[NORFOLK BOAT HIRE](#) 63 miles 🚗 1 hr 33 mins

Back to the boating! If you'd rather sail atop the Norfolk Broads instead of moseying down the Ely or Wellcreek river, you should grab yourself a boat from here. There are all kinds to choose from, including a 10-seater picnic boat, and a luxury electric launch! Whichever one you select, the scenery will definitely be the showstopper.



[SKYLARK MAIZE MAZE](#) 9.3 miles 🚗 15 mins

Despite what the name might suggest, this maze isn't *just* for kids. People of all ages can enjoy it. Keep in mind that it's not always open. But when it isn't, you can always head into the garden centre and café. You'll have a tasty treat and maybe make a few nice purchases.

## [STRIKES](#)

19.4  
miles  33  
mins

Strikes is a fantastic place to go bowling, play American pool, and chomp on some tasty food. The atmosphere is always great, regardless of how many people are playing. Not to mention the menu which has a wide array of options including pizza, nachos, burgers, fries, and loads more. They have vegan/gluten-free/vegetarian options too.



## [THORNEY HERITAGE MUSEUM](#)

18.2 miles  28 mins

With free entry, you can visit this museum over and over again without spending a penny! It's not open very often, so make sure you visit while you have the chance. Use their website to figure out the calendar to ensure you can take a look around while you're staying at the Crafter's Retreat.

## [SNETTISHAM PARK](#)

30.9  
miles  46 mins

Complete with a café, Snettisham Park has been open to the public since 1986 — and it's still going strong today. It's a working Norfolk farm that grows wheat for animal feed, sugar beet, barley, and grass for horses, ponies, ewes, and red deer living on the ground. It's set in a whopping 329 acres and you can even hop on the 45-minute safari to see the deer up close and personal.



## [GOODERSTONE WATER GARDENS](#)

21 miles  35 mins

Garden lovers and artists unite! The Gooderstone Water Gardens is a scenic reserve for you to wander around and experience both wildlife and weeping willows. It's a family maintained space too, so you're supporting a small establishment by visiting.

## [CASTLE RISING](#)

23.9  
miles  36  
mins

This English Heritage site is one of the most well-preserved keeps in England. Lord William d'Albini began to build the castle in 1138 for his wife. But in the 24<sup>th</sup> century, Queen Isabella resided here. Nowadays, it is owned and managed by Lord Howard of Rising and open to the public to experience what life may have been like hundreds of years ago.





[TRUE YARD'S FISHERFOLK MUSEUM](#) 19.1 miles 🚗 31 mins

At one point, the North End had resident boat builders, sailmakers, bakehouses, schools, chandlers, and pubs. Today, many of the buildings, including the cottages and Smokehouse are preserved for you to enjoy thanks to the Grade II listed status.

[ADRIAN FLUX ARENA](#) 18 miles 🚗 26 mins

Adrian Flux Arena is the county's (Norfolk's) premier motorsport venue. You can purchase tickets online for all the events or on the gate. However, we suggest acquiring them ahead of time so you're guaranteed access. There are all kinds of facilities including well-maintained toilets, licensed bars (4 of them!), seated grandstand, function room, BBQ outlet, and so much more.



[STONEA CAMP](#) 10.2 miles 🚗 18 mins

Ever heard of Stonea Camp? Maybe not. But it's an Iron Age hill fort smack bang in the middle of the Fens. It's absolutely worth a visit. It features a gravel bank roughly 2 metres above sea level, making it the *lowest* hill fort in the country. As you adventure around the area, you'll find boards explaining what you could've expected to see back in Roman and Medieval times.

[CAMBRIDGESHIRE MICROLIGHTS](#) 12.2 miles 🚗 21 mins

With Cambridgeshire Microlights, you can take a trial flight or participate in an all-out flying course. It's such a unique past-time that is guaranteed to keep you entertained for hours. If this is something you've always wanted to try, you simply *must* add this place to your bucket list.

