

Places to visit in Tewkesbury

Tewkesbury Abbey

Founded in 1087 by Benedict Monks, this is one of the most beautiful Norman Abbeys and second largest parish church in the country. It houses a fine collection of medieval tombs and monuments, as well as many stained glass windows including the 14th Century choir window.

Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5RZ

Tel 01684 850959 www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk

Open Mon – Sat 8.30am-5.30pm. Sun 7.30am-6pm Donations welcome.

Guided tours can be pre booked and are available all year round £5 per person

Guided Tower Tours £7 adults Children aged 8-16 £5 (weather dependent)

Dogs allowed. Fully accessible for disabled visitors.

Guided Town Walks

Town walks can be arranged through the Cotswold & Gloucestershire Tourist Association <http://cotswoldguides.org.uk/>

Regular walks during the summer months and private tours are available all year. Prices vary depending on group size and time.

Tewkesbury Alley Revival

Regular walks in and out of Tewkesbury's historic alleyways during the summer months. Private guided tours can be arranged. Contact Tewkesbury Museum for details Tel 01684 292901

Guided battlefield Walks

Organised by Tewkesbury Battlefield Society, regular guided tours take place all year. For private tours contact <http://tewkesbury.org.uk/>
Battletrail leaflet available from Tewkesbury TIC - £1.00

Tewkesbury Heritage Centre

Restored 17th Century building. Learn about Tewkesbury's earliest settlers, through the Wars of the Roses, the Civil War and the industrial revolution and

into the present day. Using the portable media players, you will meet Mr Bartholomew Reed, a 17th Century merchant who will introduce you to his own life and times. Games, discovery sheets, trails and dressing up.

100 Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5AB Tel 01684 855040

www.tewkesburyheritage.co.uk

Wheelchair access using semi automatic door. Access to all floors using the 2 lifts in Heritage centre. Disabled friendly toilet. Dogs allowed

Tewkesbury Town Museum

Local history museum. Collection from Roman, Battle of Tewkesbury, Antarctic exploration and Mop Fair. **Free Admission**

64 Barton Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5PX Tel 01684 292901

www.tewkesburymuseum.org

March to September Weekdays 1pm - 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am - 4pm

Not accessible for wheelchair users or visitors with walking difficulties.

Severn Ham

Ham derives from the Saxon word 'Hamm' meaning 'meadow in the bend of the river', 'water meadow' or 'flood plain'. Now owned by Tewkesbury Town Council the site covers 175 acres. Walk around the Ham is just over 2 miles.

2 crossings – one Mill Street (off Church Street) at the Abbey Mill the other off Back of Avon (off High Street) near Healings flour Mill.

Riverside & Ham walking leaflet available from TIC - £1.00

Both bridges have kissing gates but are accessible for wheelchair users or people with pushchairs/ buggies using a RADAR key

Boat Trips

35 minute town boat trips run April to September (October weekends depending on weather) First trip 12noon. Adults £5, Children 3-15 £4.

Maximum 12 passengers.

Tewkesbury to Twyning Ferry (via Croft Farm) May and September weekends only. June, July and August operate Wednesday to Sunday.

Adults £5, children upto 16 £4.00

www.severnleisurecruises.co.uk/tewkesburyboats

Dogs welcome but no wheelchair access onto boats

Tewkesbury Nature Reserve

Explore and discover the wildlife of Tewkesbury in this haven for nature. The 114-acre site is situated on floodplain and the River Swilgate runs through the middle.

You can access the site from numerous points around the town and are access in only a few hundred yards from any of the towns' car parks.

Dogs are welcome but please keep them under control around livestock. Dog bins are situated close to most entrance/exits.

Please note also that most of the paths on the reserve are natural grass paths, which can be muddy at all times of the year depending on the weather: please wear appropriate footwear. The reserve is liable to flooding following heavy rain and can become inaccessible

Wheelchair users - Kissing gates are accessible with a RADAR key.

www.tewkesburynaturereserve.org.uk

John Moore Museum and Merchants House

A Countryside collection displayed to honour the prophetic writing on nature conservation of the late John Moore, a local writer and naturalist.

Merchants House – 15th Century Tudor Home and shop. Contains bedroom, living hall and workshop. Audio wands help you learn about the past and present.

41 Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5SN Tel 01684 297174

www.johnmooremuseum.org

Open Tuesday – Saturday 1st April to end October 10am-5pm closed 1pm-2pm for lunch. Open most Saturdays in winter (check website for details)

Not accessible for wheelchair users or visitors with walking difficulties

Old Baptist Chapel

Starting life in the fifteenth century as a medieval house, it was a roomy dwelling for an affluent Tewkesbury family. It is thought that by the mid-seventeenth century, the house had become the location for a Nonconformist group, the Baptists, to hold their meetings.

1 April to 31st October Tuesdays & all Saturdays plus bank holidays, 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm (last entry at 4.30pm).

Weds – Fri: If we have staff available, we will happily open the Chapel for you, please ring before you visit

Winter (1st November to 31st March)

Open most Saturdays and school holidays – contact museum for details

The main John Moore Museum & Merchant's House are unsuitable for wheelchair users or visitors with walking difficulties.

Old Baptist Chapel. The ground floor of the building is fully accessible, however, the upstairs can only be reached by stairs.

Additional information for visitors

Disabled toilets are located at Spring Garden car park, Oldbury Road and at Gloucester Road car park. A RADAR key is needed, if you require a key they are on sale at the Tourist Information centre, 100 Church Street.

A disabled accessible toilet is also available on request at the Tourist Information centre

Disabled car parking

Please contact the Tourist Information centre, who can provide you with a list of car parks and advise you on Blue Badge on street parking