

Historic Houses & Gardens

- Althorp (1)**
Tel: 01604 770107 www.althorp.com
On the A428 near Harlestone village. Internationally renowned Althorp has been the home of the Spencer family since 1508. Open 1st July - 30th August, exc. 31st August.
- Boughton House (2)**
Tel: 01536 515731 www.boughtonhouse.org.uk
Off the A43 through Geddington village. A vision of Louis XIV's Versailles transported to England. Grounds open 1st August - 1st September.
- Burghley House (3)**
Tel: 01780 752451 www.stamford.co.uk/burghley
Off the A43/A1 near Stamford. Considered the largest and grandest house of the first Elizabethan age. Open 1st April - 29th October.

- Canons Ashby House (4)** National Trust
Tel: 01327 860044
Signposted off the B4525/A5 in Canons Ashby village. Remarkably well preserved 16th Century manor house, once the home of the Dryden family. Open March - November.
- Castle Ashby Gardens (5)**
Tel: 01604 696696
Off the A428 at Castle Ashby village. Capability Brown parkland, Victorian gardens and lakes surrounding a magnificent castle. Open all year.
- Cotton Manor Garden (6)**
Tel: 01604 740219 www.cottonmanor.co.uk
Off the A5199 near Guilsborough village. Traditional, beautifully maintained English garden surrounding 17th Century manor house. Open March - September.

- Cottesbrooke Hall & Gardens (7)**
Tel: 01604 505808 www.cottesbrookehall.co.uk
Off the A5199 near Cretton. Off the A508 near Brixworth. Architecturally magnificent Queen Anne house, reputed to be the pattern for Jane Austen's 'Mansfield Park'. Open May - September.
- Deene Park (8)**
Tel: 01780 450278 www.deenepark.com
Off the A43 at Deene village. A medieval manor, once the home of the 7th Earl of Cardigan who led the Charge of the Light Brigade. Contact for admission dates.
- Kelmarsh Hall & Gardens (9)**
Tel: 01604 686543 www.kelmarsh.com
On the A508 at Kelmarsh village. Just off J2 of A14. Early 18th Century Palladian style house designed by James Gibbs. Hall Open Easter - September.

- Kirby Hall (10)** English Heritage
Tel: 01536 203230 www.english-heritage.org.uk
Off the A43 4 miles north of Corby. A fine Elizabethan mansion, only partly roofed, completed in 1575 by Sir Christopher Hatton. Contact for admission dates.
- Lamporth Hall & Gardens (11)**
Tel: 01604 686272 www.lamporthall.co.uk
On the A508 at Lamporth village. 16th Century house with tranquil garden setting, enlarged in the 17th century by John Webb. Home of the first garden gnome in the UK. Open certain days Easter - October.
- Lyveden New Field (12)** National Trust
Tel: 01832 205358 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden
Off the A6116 near Brigstock village. A cross-shaped Renaissance building erected 17th Century by Sir Thomas Tresham to symbolise the Passion, but never completed. Contact for admission dates.

- Prebendal Manor Medieval Centre (13)**
Tel: 01780 782575 www.prebendal-manor.co.uk
Off the A605 at Nassington village. The oldest house in Northamptonshire dating from the early 13th Century. Open Easter - September.
- Rockingham Castle (14)**
Tel: 01536 770240 www.rockinghamcastle.com
On the A6003 at Rockingham village. A royal fortress and much-loved family home, built by William the Conqueror, Rockingham is prominently sited overlooking the Welland valley. Open certain days from March - October.
- Rushton Triangular Lodge (15)** English Heritage
Tel: 01536 710761 www.english-heritage.org.uk
Off the A6 near Rothwell. Completed by Sir Thomas Tresham in 1597, symbolising the Holy Trinity, playing upon the number three. Open certain days from March - October.

- Sulgrave Manor (16)**
Tel: 01295 760205 www.sulgravemanor.org.uk
Off the B4525 at Sulgrave village. Tudor manor house sold in 1539 by Henry VIII to Lawrence Washington, an early ancestor of America's George Washington. Open certain days all year.
- Evenley Wood Garden (17)**
info@evenleywoodgarden.co.uk
www.evenleywoodgarden.co.uk
Off the A43 south of Brackley. Set amongst the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside, this 60 acre, private woodland garden offers a huge variety of plants ranging from trees, shrubs and climbers, to a wide selection of bulbs, including a substantial collection of lilies. Contact for admission dates.

- Churches**
Order your free visitor guide for full church listings
www.explorenorthamptonshire.co.uk
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre (18)**
Tel: 01604 754782
Parish Office: 01604 627988
Northampton town centre. World famous and unique. One of only four remaining round churches in the UK, the 'soldiers' church' has battle scars from the War of the Roses. Open certain days May - September.

- All Saints', Brixworth (19)**
Tel: 01604 880604
Off the A508 in Brixworth village. Built in 680 AD, acknowledged as one of the finest Anglo-Saxon churches in the country. Open all year. Heritage Centre opens at weekends afternoon only (2pm).
- St. Mary and All Saints, Fotheringhay (20)**
Tel: 01832 226243
Off the A605 in Fotheringhay village. A 15th century former collegiate church prominently sited overlooking the Nene Valley. Open all year.
- St. Mary The Virgin, Higham Ferrers (21)**
Tel: 01933 312433
Off the A6/B645 in Higham Ferrers. Spired 13th Century church with Chantry and Bede house, a unique group of ecclesiastical buildings. A key to the church can be obtained from Higham Ferrers Bookshop. Monday - Saturday.

Historic Sites

- Battle of Naseby (22)**
www.naseby.com
Off the A5199 near Naseby village. Two monuments and interpretation panels mark the site of the decisive English Civil War battle, fought on 14th June 1645, when Oliver Cromwell defeated Charles I.
- Eleanor Crosses (23)**
Off the A43 in Geddington village. On the A508 in Northampton town. Two of the three remaining 13th Century crosses, erected by Edward I to mark the places where Queen Eleanor's funeral cortege rested on its 150 mile journey to Westminster.
- Fotheringhay Castle Site (24)**
Off the A605 near Fotheringhay village. Earthwork remains of the castle beside the river Nene; birthplace of Richard III in 1452 and site of Mary Queen of Scots' imprisonment and final execution in 1587.

Museums, Galleries & Collections

- Braunston Marina (25)**
Tel: 01788 891373 www.braunstonmarina.co.uk
The Wharf, Braunston, Northamptonshire, NN11 7JH.
- 78 Derngate (26)**
Tel: 01604 603407 www.78derngate.org.uk
In the heart of Northampton town centre. Interior designed by architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Contact for admission dates.

- Fishmarket Gallery (27)**
Tel: 01604 639090 www.fishmarketgallery.co.uk
Email: admin@fishmarketgallery.co.uk
Northampton town centre. Featuring the largest gallery space outside a city in the UK this impressive building has been transformed into a hub for creative activity.
- Harrington Aviation Museum (28)**
Tel: 01604 686608
www.harringtonmuseum.org.uk
South of the village of Harrington. USAF Carpetbagger Group, Northamptonshire at War and much more.
- Kettering Museum and Art Gallery (29)**
Tel: 01536 534219
www.kettering.gov.uk/museums
Kettering town centre. The Alfred East Art Gallery and Manor House Museum have an exciting programme of permanent and temporary interactive exhibitions, family events, children's holiday activities and lunchtime talks. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9.30am - 5pm. Entry is free.

- Northampton Museum & Art Gallery (30)**
Tel: 01604 838111
www.northampton.gov.uk/museums
Northampton town centre. Displays include one of the finest collections of footwear in the world. Open all year.

- Birmingham 30 miles and NEC**
- Coventry 14 miles**
- Warwick 16 miles**
- Stratford-Upon-Avon 24 miles**
- Leamington Spa 14 miles**
- Banbury 5 miles**
- London 58 miles**
- Heathrow, Gatwick & Luton**
- Milton Keynes 4 miles**
- Oxford 16 miles**

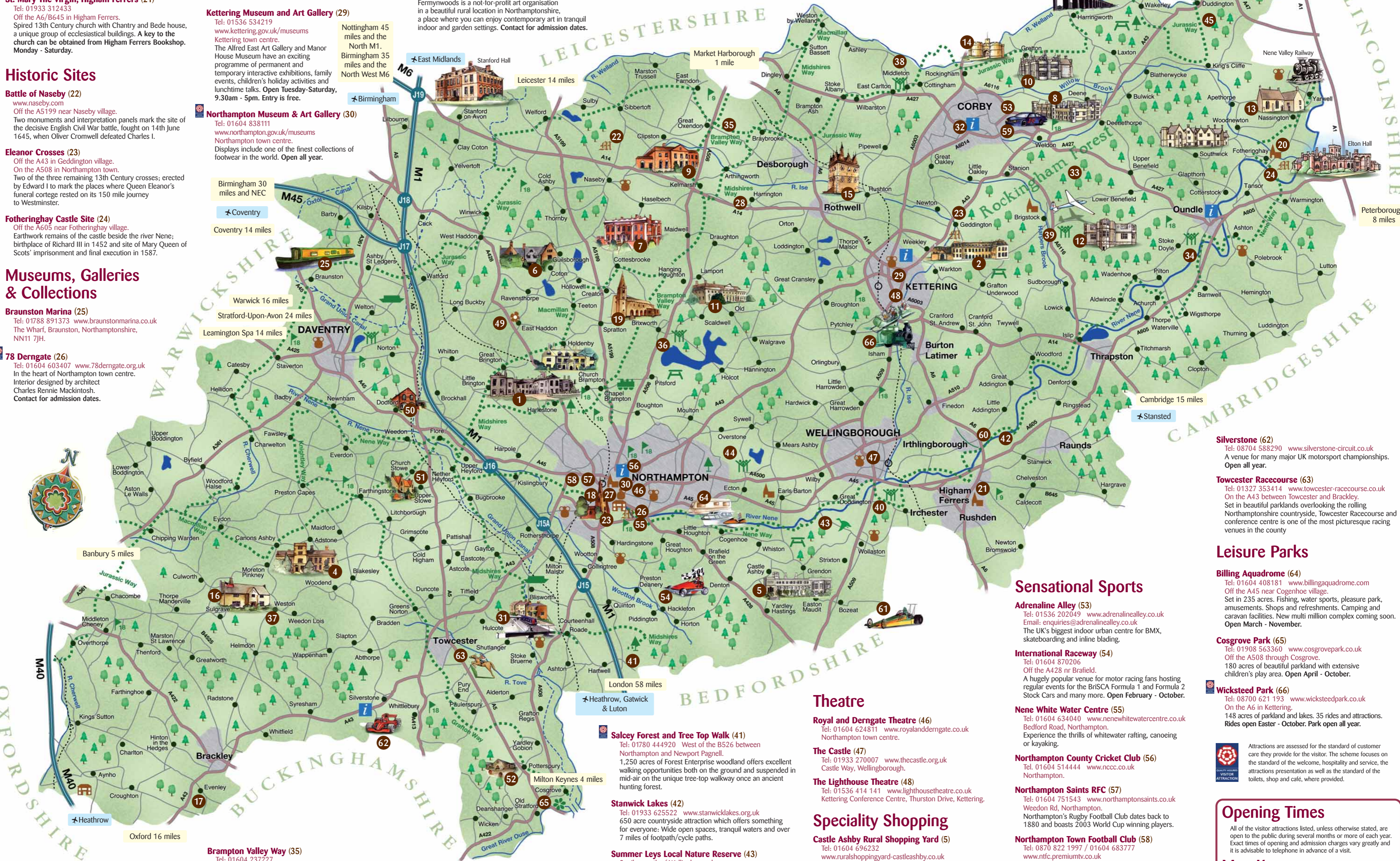
- National Waterways Museum - Stoke Bruerne (31)**
Tel: 01604 862229 - Contact for admission dates
Off the A508 in Stoke Bruerne village. Colourful interpretation of 200 years of history and traditions on the canals and waterways. Open Easter - September.
- The Willows Arts Centre (32)**
Tel: 01536 402233 www.willows-arts.org
George Street, Corby.
- Fermywoods (33)**
Tel: 01536 373469 www.fermywoods.co.uk
The Water Tower, Brigstock, Kettering. Fermywoods is a not-for-profit art organisation in a beautiful rural location in Northamptonshire. A place where you can enjoy contemporary art in tranquil indoor and garden settings. Contact for admission dates.

- East Carlton Countryside Park (38)**
Tel: 01536 779777
Off the A427 in East Carlton village. 100 acres of parkland with nature trails, overlooking the Welland valley.
- Brixworth Country Park (36)**
Tel: 01604 883920
Off the A508, south of Brixworth village. With stunning views over Pitsford Water, this park is a national showpiece for accessible countryside. Open all year. Designated site of scientific special interest.
- Fermy Woods Country Park (39)**
Tel: 01780 444394
Brigstock bypass (A6116), 4 miles south east of Corby. 2 miles south of Wellborough.
- Irchester Country Park (40)**
Tel: 01933 276866
Off the B570 south of Wellborough. 200 acres of beautiful mixed woodland with Sparrowhawks and Woodpeckers in abundance.

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- Barnwell Country Park (34)**
Tel: 01832 273435
Barnwell Road, Off A605 nr. Oundle. 15 hectares of lakes, ponds, riverbank and meadows, Waymarked water trails and a wealth of wildlife. Close to the market town of Oundle. Open all year.
- Catanger Llamas (37)**
Tel: 01295 768676 www.llamatrekking.co.uk
20 mins from J15a M1, 15 mins from J11 M40
Llama trekking across the Northamptonshire countryside.

- Brampton Valley Way (35)**
Tel: 01536 237227
Boughton Crossing to little Bowden crossing, Mkt Harborough. "Linear park", rich in natural and historical heritage, surrounded by beautiful scenery. Train rides and 14 miles of accessible walking/cycling. Open all year.

- Salcey Forest and Tree Top Walk (41)**
Tel: 01780 444920 West of the B526 between Northampton and Newport Pagnell. 1,250 acres of Forest Enterprise woodland offers excellent walking opportunities both on the ground and suspended in mid-air on the unique tree-top walkway once an ancient hunting forest.
- Stanwick Lakes (42)**
Tel: 01933 625522 www.stanwicklakes.org.uk
650 acre countryside attraction which offers something for everyone: Wide open spaces, tranquil waters and over 7 miles of footpath/cycle paths.
- Summer Leys Local Nature Reserve (43)**
Designed specifically for wetland wildlife, the site offers the opportunity for quiet enjoyment of wildlife. Open all year.
- Sywell Country Park (44)**
Tel: 01604 810970
Close to Earls Barton off the A4500. A beautiful reservoir and surrounding meadowland with a 3 mile waterside walk.
- Fineshade Woods (45)**
Tel: 01780 444920 www.forestry.gov.uk/toplodg
Follow the Top Lodge village sign off the A43 between Corby and Stamford.

- Castle Ashby Rural Shopping Yard (5)**
Tel: 01604 696232
www.ruralsoppingyard-castleashby.co.uk
Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire, NN7 1LF.
- Haddonstone Show Garden (49)**
Tel: 01604 770711 www.haddonstone.co.uk
Signposted off the A428 at East Haddon village.
- Heart of the Shires Shopping Village (50)**
Tel: 01604 864624 www.heartoftheshires.co.uk
Located on the A5, 2 miles north of Weedon, Northamptonshire, NN7 4LB.
- Old Dairy Farm Centre (51)**
Tel: 01327 340525 www.old-dairy-farm-centre.co.uk
Upper Stowe, Near Weedon, Northamptonshire, NN7 4SH.
- Wakefield Country Courtyard (52)**
Tel: 01327 811493 www.wakefieldfarmshop.co.uk
A5 Watling Street, Pottersbury, Northamptonshire, NN12 7QX.

Theatre

- Royal and Derngate Theatre (46)**
Tel: 01604 624811 www.royalandderngate.co.uk
Northampton town centre.
- The Castle (47)**
Tel: 01933 270007 www.thecastle.org.uk
Castle Way, Wellingborough.
- The Lighthouse Theatre (48)**
Tel: 01536 414 141 www.lighthouse-theatre.co.uk
Kettering Conference Centre, Thurston Drive, Kettering.

Speciality Shopping

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Sensational Sports

- Adrenaline Alley (53)**
Tel: 01536 202049 www.adrenalinealley.co.uk
Email: enquiries@adrenalinealley.co.uk
The UK's biggest indoor urban centre for BMX, skateboarding and inline blading.
- International Raceway (54)**
Tel: 01604 870206
Off the A428 nr Brafield. A hugely popular venue for motor racing fans hosting regular events for the BriSCA Formula 1 and Formula 2 Stock Cars and many more. Open February - October.

- Nene White Water Centre (55)**
Tel: 01604 634040 www.nenewhitewatercentre.co.uk
Bedford Road, Northampton. Experience the thrills of whitewater rafting, canoeing or kayaking.
- Northampton County Cricket Club (56)**
Tel: 01604 514444 www.nccc.co.uk
Northampton.
- Northampton Saints RFC (57)**
Tel: 01604 751543 www.northamptonstains.co.uk
Weedon Rd, Northampton. Northampton's Rugby Football Club dates back to 1880 and boasts 2003 World Cup winning players.

- Northampton Town Football Club (58)**
Tel: 0870 822 1997 / 01604 683777
www.ntfc.premierintv.co.uk
Sixfields Stadium, Northampton.
- Rockingham (59)**
Tel: 01536 500500 www.rockingham.co.uk
Nr Corby. The newest, fastest and most revolutionary circuit in the UK. Open May - December.
- Rushden and Diamonds FC (60)**
Tel: 01933 652936 www.thedimondsfc.com
Nene Park, Irthingborough. Rushden and Diamonds Football Club dates back to 1889.

- Santa Pod Raceway (61)**
Tel: 01234 782828 www.santapod.com
Podington nr Wellingborough. Plays host to the FIA European Finals. Open January - November.
- Silverstone (62)**
Tel: 08704 588290 www.silverstone-circuit.co.uk
A venue for many major UK motorsport championships. Open all year.
- Towcester Racecourse (63)**
Tel: 01327 353414 www.towcester-racecourse.co.uk
On the A43 between Towcester and Brackley. Set in beautiful parklands overlooking the rolling Northamptonshire countryside, Towcester Racecourse and conference centre is one of the most picturesque racing venues in the county.
- Wicksteed Park (66)**
Tel: 08700 621 193 www.wicksteedpark.co.uk
On the A6 in Kettering. 148 acres of parkland and lakes. 35 rides and attractions. Rides open Easter - October. Park open all year.

Opening Times

All of the visitor attractions listed, unless otherwise stated, are open to the public during several months or more of each year. Exact times of opening and admission charges vary greatly and it is advisable to telephone in advance of a visit.

Map Key

	Motorway		Church
	Main Road		Museum, Gallery or Collection
	Secondary or minor road		Historic Site
	Railway track		Local Nature Reserve
	Railway Station		Leisure Park
	Rivers		Woodland
	Canal and Grand Union Canal Walk		Footpath
	Canal locks		Country Park
	Canal Tunnel		Golf Course
	Tourist Information Centre		Picnic Site
	Historic House		Canal Boats
	Garden		Steam Railway