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Guide to the best things to do whilst on holiday at Mazzard Farm

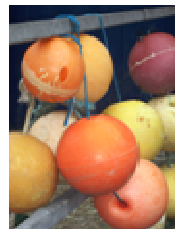
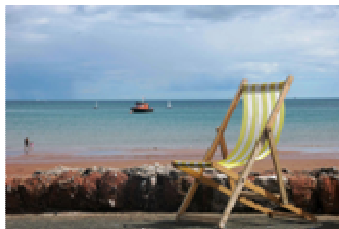
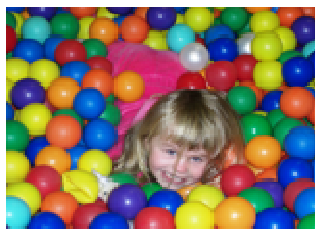
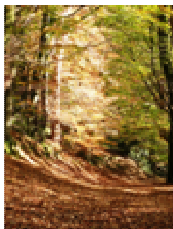


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Welcome to Mazzard Farm

In this booklet, we have tried to compile a guide to things you could do whilst staying with us at Mazzard Farm. We have done this by listing local attractions, pubs, restaurants and other things to do. Where possible, we have provided a qualitative view on what we, and many others who have stayed here, believe is good and therefore worth a visit. We hope you will enjoy Mazzard Farm and its surroundings as much as we do.

To help you, we have categorised the various things to do under a number headings, such as 'Towns and Villages', 'The Seaside', 'Pubs and Restaurants', 'Children's Attractions', 'Walks and Bike-Rides', 'Pretty Journeys You Can Make', 'Stately Homes and Gardens', 'Arts, Crafts and Culture', 'Special Events' and 'Sundry Activities'. Except for '*Pretty Journeys You Can Make*', everything listed is within a 30 minute (car) journey from Mazzard Farm. We do however end with a brief chapter listing some rather special attractions outside of this 30-minute zone that we believe merit travelling a bit further. Or you may wish to include some of them as part of your journey to/from Mazzard Farm.

As an additional way of making the absolute most of your time here, at the end of this guide you will also find a section listing all attractions grouped in a slightly different way. These are presented as 'Top 5 things to do.....'

1. ...when it rains
2. ...on a tight budget
3. ...with young children
4. ...with older children
5. ...that will keep you busy the whole day
6. ...by taking the train
7. ...without the need for a making a journey

We trust you will enjoy using this whilst planning your holiday. By doing so ahead of your stay here, not only will it help get you in the holiday mood, it also ensures you are will have the best time ever from the minute you arrive.

Needless to say, we welcome your feedback on this document, and your input on what you and your party enjoyed best during your stay here. And please do tell us if you have discovered a hidden gem we have not mentioned. Because only with your help can we keep this document fully up-to-date.

Enjoy!

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Towns and villages

Introduction

We have many lovely towns and villages on our doorstep. Varying from traditional seaside towns to small market-towns inland, and of course the rather cosmopolitan city of Exeter. The descriptions that follow should help you decide which places you may wish to visit while here with us at Mazzard Farm.

1. **Sidmouth** - A Regency seaside town, Sidmouth is an interesting place. Pretty and genteel, a little old-fashioned, but with plenty to see and do. The beach is great, especially when the tide is out a little so the sandy beach is revealed at Jacob's Ladder. And some of the shops alone make a trip to Sidmouth worthwhile. Walk into Fields of Sidmouth and imagine yourself at the set of '*Are you being served*', and Trumps is a great delicatessen. Furthermore, there is an abundance of small independent shops selling crafts, jewellery and unusual gifts. There is also a covered fish market (get there early in the day if you are after fresh fish. It closes in the afternoon).

Sidmouth has a nice selection of tea rooms, pubs and restaurants, and some great ice cream parlours. Our favourite is Kendricks in Old Fore Street.

Finally, don't forget to explore Connaught Gardens. These can be found on top of the rock that separates the two Sidmouth beaches, locally referred to as Jacob's Ladder. Not only are the gardens very pretty, they also offer some marvellous views across the English Channel. And there is a good tea room.

2. **Lyme Regis** - Lyme Regis is a real gem. With its beautiful seafront, the Cob, sandy beach, pretty gardens, quirky shops and old fashioned cinema (the '*Regent*'), the 25-minute or so car journey is well worth it, whatever the weather. Lyme Regis is also a great base from which to make geology trips, with various shops selling fossils, and organising exploring trips and walks.

When in Lyme Regis, make sure you don't miss Coombe street. A little bit hidden from view, Coombe street offers some interesting shops, galleries and some wacky restaurants. You find Coombe street by getting to the bottom of Silver street (the main street down to the Cob), turning left almost immediately as soon as you reach the sea front.

3. **Topsham** - Topsham is on the Exe estuary. It boasts many great places to eat and drink (see later under 'Pubs and Restaurants'), and is generally a nice small town to wander around. Whatever you do, don't forget to bring your wallet to Topsham, as it offers many opportunities to spend money. Boutiques, small little knickknack shops, galleries; you name it, Topsham has it.
4. **Exeter** - If the lazy pace of life in and around Mazzard Farm leaves you in need of a quick fix of 'large town hustle and bustle', then head for Exeter. Centred around a gorgeous cathedral, it offers fantastic shopping, a nice studenty atmosphere and plenty of eating and drinking opportunities.

Besides the Cathedral, places not to miss include the caves (tours are organised), the little streets that make up the historical shopping area and the old quay side.