

Things to do in Retford

Check out the Historic Market Square with grand buildings and a market on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Visit the Museum of Bassetlaw to discover an area steeped in Viking and Roman heritage with artefacts from the lost Roman city of Segelocum to an Iron Age boat.

A famous Russian Canon, dragged back 2000 miles from Sevastapol after the Crimean War is located next to the Hub, the tourist centre where you can learn about the Pilgrim Fathers who came from this area.. From here you can also pick up local guides, the Heritage Trail, children's activities and details of local attractions. The centre also contains art and artisan crafts from over 140 local people. Retfordhub.org

After lunch in one of the many cafes and bars, walk through a town full of local independent shops to the award winning Kings Park where a splash park is also located. It is here that once a year the town celebrates its Charter and where a duck race with thousands of ducks takes central stage attracting over 30,000 spectators.

There are many other annual events including an Arts Festival with venues all over town, a Heritage Day with many historic buildings open, a spectacular Christmas Tree festival lighting up St Swithuns with over 100 trees, a Pilgrim Festival celebration, which leads up to the Annual Christmas Market and light switch on, a Farming Festival, a Beer Festival and a Train Fair. The town has two theatres and a wide range of clubs and societies with productions and activities on most days. Details of all these and events happening across the North of Nottinghamshire can be found on innorthnotts.co.uk.

Where to eat in Retford

For a truly spectacular setting head to Spencer's in the Square. The impressive building was once an auction house and it is now open from morning coffee, lunches, dinner and through to evening drinks. Deli & Dine is another popular, modern eating place. But you will find a wide choice, The Bay Tree, overlooking the Chesterfield Canal, Harry's by the Cannon, the Opera Tea Rooms with its giant glass atrium and many more.

Where to stay in Retford

Retford is blessed with a myriad of small, unique accommodation providers and the only big chain accommodation at the West Retford Hotel. For a top quality stay, visit Ye Olde Bell, in Barnby Moor, located in an old coaching house, but some 7 miles away. Within walking distance however are No4, The Elms, The Lawns, Old Coach Inn, Tanamara.

If you have any specific questions that can't be answered on the Internet please contact the Tourist Office at the Hub 01777 860 414 or chris@retfordhub.org