

## The National Forest

- More than seven million trees have been planted in the last 15 years, trebling the woodland cover from six per cent to 18 per cent.
- There are more than 400 woodlands to explore – including ancient forest and parkland, new woodland, wildflower meadows and rolling hills.
- Otters are now back in the Forest for the first time in decades.
- Lady Jane Grey, known as The Nine Day Queen, came from the Forest's Bradgate Park in The National Forest. When she was beheaded, the Foresters pollarded (took the heads off) all of the oaks in the park as a mark of respect.
- Snibston has the largest fashion gallery outside London.
- Calke Abbey, owned by the National Trust, stands on the site of an Augustinian priory. Despite its name, the house was never actually an abbey and acquired its name in 1808 – nearly 300 years on from its original religious role.
- Calke Park is a National Nature reserve set in more than 240 hectares (600 acres), and includes a 900-year-old oak known as the Old Man of Calke.
- Rosliston Forestry Centre was the first Visitor Centre in the Forest. As well as enjoying walking, cycling, archery and falconry, couples can get married in a woodland glade.
- The National Memorial Arboretum includes the Armed Forces Memorial, commemorating those who have lost their lives since the Second World War and holds a two-minute silence every day.
- Budding bowmen can craft a longbow and learn how to shoot it in the Forest.