

>>> Family Fun

Leicester, North West Leicestershire

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Checklist:

Number of days: two

Location: Leicester, North West Leicester

Transport links: Train: East Midlands Trains service to Leicester (from London to South Yorkshire)
Air: Nearest airport - East Midlands Airport (approx 30 minutes drive by car to Leicester)

Key dates: Walking on the Moon, 11 July - 6 September 2009 at the National Space Centre

Easy to get around and fun to explore, Leicester and Leicestershire combine to make the ideal destination for families to spend quality time together.

Begin your journey of fun and discovery at the award-winning National Space Centre in Leicester - Britain's largest attraction dedicated to space discovery. With 250 exhibits, you can do everything from ascend the awesome 42 metre-high Rocket Tower to undertake real 'astronaut training' in the human spaceflight 2025, featuring the UK's most thrilling space simulator. Back on earth, let the kids' imagination run riot at Snibston in nearby Coalville. The former colliery site offers 90 indoor and outdoor exhibits including a diesel hauled locomotive and interactive discovery zones. Overnight accommodation can be arranged at the family-friendly Ramada Birmingham East Hotel in Appleby Magna.

Next, head for some outdoor adventure at The National Forest. Visit Conkers to enjoy 120-acres of true British woodland, four discovery zones, a huge tree-top canopy walk, an outdoor play area for children of all ages, and several lakeside, sculpture and nature trails. The area is also home to Moira Furnace - one of the best examples of an early 19th Century iron-making blast furnace in Europe. A quintessential English lunch can be enjoyed at the award-winning Stanton Stables at the Ferrers Centre for Arts and Crafts in Staunton Harold - one of the largest concentrations of art and craft workshops in the country.

About a 20 minute drive from Leicester is one the UK's leading zoos, Twycross. The zoo is home to 1000 animals from over 170 species and is famous for its rare and endangered primates -from Pygmy Marmosets to Western Lowland Gorillas.

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