Explore historic Beaulieu and Buckler’s Hard

Morning Beautiful Beaulieu
With direct trains from London, Southampton and other cities, Brockenhurst is a great place to begin your New Forest adventure. From here you can hop on board the New Forest Tour (green route, summer only) for an open-top adventure that will take you through the magnificent heath and forest landscape and into the charming south east of the New Forest, disembarking at Beaulieu.

The picturesque 7,000-acre estate and village of Beaulieu is definitely the place to explore if you have any interest in motor vehicles, history or architecture. It’s home to one of the area’s premier attractions, the world famous National Motor Museum where the story of motoring on our roads and racetracks comes to life. It’s also where you can experience the Victorian splendour of Palace House, where you can explore the peaceful ruins of Beaulieu Abbey - all for one single admission ticket.

Afternoon A walk through maritime history
Leaving the heart of the Beaulieu Estate behind you, you’ll head along the Beaulieu River onto a two-mile footpath passing from woodland through to tidal river-edge, grassland and into salt marsh before you enter the historic hamlet of Buckler’s Hard. This 18th century cottage city, by either side of a wide central street. You can read all about the Beaulieu Trail story is the Maritime Museum and see for yourself a replica timber burned 18th century shipwrights’ workshop.

Your visit wouldn’t be complete if you didn’t take a riverbank walk to see some of the abundant wildlife that inhabits its banks or a visit to the apple orchard where Beaulieu apple juice is made. By now, you’ve worked up an appetite!

Lunchtime Pit stop for lunch
By now, you’ll have worked up an appetite so take a break and soak up the magic of the most visited village in the National Park over a tasty hot lunch in the Brabazon Restaurant in the National Motor Museum or a leisurely picnic within the picturesque parkland. But remember; don’t feed the animals as it can give them a stomach ache, make them more vulnerable to traffic accidents and can even lead them to developing an unhealthy craving for human food!