

Take a Break... Right On Your Doorstep



Holidays for the rest of 2020 will certainly look, feel and be different from those of previous years. Social distancing, extra hygiene facilities and living with the threat of coronavirus will be the new normal.

But after many weeks in lockdown people are desperate to get out of their homes, even if they are reluctant to get on an aeroplane — if allowed — to travel abroad or even reluctant to travel to traditional holiday hotspots in the UK.

But that doesn't mean you can't have a holiday in 2020. You might not realise, but there is still plenty to do and experience right on your doorstep — and it need not cost a fortune either!

The News Journal has looked at how you could pack in fun and adventure for all the family on a four-day 'break' much as you might do, for example, at a Center Parcs. The main difference, of course, is that you will be sleeping in your own homes.

Our suggested itinerary means you can squeeze in many activities across the four days as well as make time for eating out.

So why not have a go at some of our suggested activities — and don't forget that if you want to take a few hours off from our busy schedule, you can simply visit one of the many town centre parks or country parks across the area for a relaxing walk to recharge your batteries ahead of the next activity.

Of course, you do not have to follow our itinerary. Simply take parts of it that you want to do and add more of your own, or mix and match across the four days. The choice - and there is so much of it - is yours.

BELOW is a suggestion of what you could get up to for a fun-packed four-day staycation across the Mansfield and Ashfield area.

We have costed out the various elements based on a family of four — two adults and two children — but you need to check the prices before going/booking.

Also, because of the uncertainty over the coronavirus, please check with all the attractions and venues mentioned before travelling because they may have had to change their opening hours.

| FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
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| <p>BREAKFAST: 9AM-10AM</p> <p>Take a trip in your car to a drive-thru at McDonald's - either on Nottingham Road, Mansfield, or opposite King's Mill Hospital. A family of four can have bagels and drinks for less than £15.</p>  | <p>BREAKFAST: 9AM-10AM</p> <p>The Sherwood Pines Cafe offers good quality, locally sourced food at reasonable prices, situated in the heart of the pines. Around £15 for pastries and drinks for a family of four.</p>  | <p>BREAKFAST: 9AM-10AM</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>BREAKFAST: 9AM-10AM</p> <p>A wide selection of pastries and refreshments, an easy solution for breakfast. 3 locations close to the town centre. No more than £15 for breakfast for a family of four.</p>  |
| <p>TENNIS: 10AM-11AM</p> <p>The Mansfield Lawn Tennis Club is less than a kilometre from the town centre. Memberships and pay-per play options available.</p>  | <p>SHERWOOD PINES: 10AM-12PM</p> <p>With activity trails, play areas, bike hire, wild running and mountain biking trails, Sherwood Pines will set the scene for a great day out for all. Parking just £6.00 all day.</p>  | <p>BLANK: X</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>MANSFIELD MUSEUM: 10AM-12AM</p> <p>The museum has continually changing exhibits, with a variety of interactive features which are great for the kids. Sure to be a fun yet educational visit! FREE to visit.</p>  |
| <p>SWIMMING: 11AM-1PM</p> <p>Water Meadows is one of the premier indoor water attractions in the Midlands, where you can swim, ride the flumes and jump the waves! Around £20 for a family of four.</p>  | <p>BIKE RIDE: 12PM-1PM</p> <p>Sherwood Pines with its many bike trails offers a fantastic opportunity for natural cycling, offering a challenge for all ages. Prices for cycle hire start at £8 per hour, or bring your own!</p>  | <p>BLANK: X</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>TITCHFIELD PARK: 12AM-1PM</p> <p>Perfect for letting the kids wind down after a busy 3 days of activities. Just sit back and enjoy the sun (weather permitting). Ice-cream and drinks available at the nearby cafe.</p>  |
| <p>LUNCH: 1PM-2PM</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>PICNIC LUNCH: 1PM-2PM</p> <p>The picturesque setting is perfect for a picnic, just bring along good food and company! Additional refreshments and ice creams are available at the nearby cafe.</p>  | <p>LUNCH: 1PM-2PM</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>PICNIC LUNCH: 1PM-2PM</p> <p>Pack a picnic, lay out the blanket and enjoy the sun. Titchfield Park is the perfect setting for a family picnic. Additional refreshments and food available at the nearby cafe.</p>  |
| <p>BLANK: X</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>GRUFFALO ORIENTEERING: 2PM-4PM</p> <p>Try this fun navigational challenge in the Pines on the hunt for the 12 hidden Gruffalos in the deep, dark wood... Certificate and map included for just £1.50 each.</p>  | <p>BLANK: X</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>BLANK: 2PM-3PM</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  |
| <p>BOWLING: 4PM-5PM</p> <p>Mansfield Superbowl is a great place for quality family time, sure to offer great fun. Around £40 per hour for a lane, check the website in advance for deals on group bookings.</p>  | <p>BLANK: X</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>BLANK: X</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>CINEMA: 3PM-5PM</p> <p>Grab the popcorn and relax for the ultimate cinematic experience. With 8 screens to choose from, theres something for everyone. Around £35 for a family of four, check website for showing times.</p>  |
| <p>DINNER: 5PM-6PM</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>DINNER: 5PM-6PM</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>DINNER: 5PM-6PM</p> <p>YOUR AD HERE Complete with text, image and the option to add coupons with a barcode.</p>  | <p>DINNER: 5PM-6PM</p> <p>The perfect end to the weekend, the kids are tired and McDonalds is an easy pleaser for all the family. Meals for no more than £15 for a family of four.</p>  |

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