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Set yourself free amongst breathtaking and varied landscapes, ancient woodland and stunning heathland. Wealden boasts the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the South Downs National Park and offers endless opportunities to explore and discover untold hidden gems.

Vibrant market towns and unspoilt villages with their iconic architecture offer a warm welcome, giving you a chance to soak up the real Sussex.

Interspersed within are opportunities for you to experience local produce and savour the wine of Sussex vineyards. At the end of the day, relax in the unique accommodation of your choosing.



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Wealden offers the freedom to roam for aspiring explorers of every age. Our breathtakingly beautiful and varied landscapes provide unspoilt views of dramatic coastlines, rolling downland, ancient woodland and stunning heathland.

Nature lovers and bird watchers can immerse themselves in our bountiful and unique wildlife. Dark starry nights can found in many areas around Wealden, including the High Weald and South Downs National Park and offer the perfect opportunity for stargazing whilst enjoying the tranquillity and freedom from the chaos of modern life.

Wealden offers endless walking, cycling and horseriding routes for the outdoorsy among us. So whether you seek gentle strolls or demanding hikes, there are plenty of healthy and invigorating options for all the family.



Leave the hustle and bustle of everyday life behind. Take your time exploring our enchanting countryside.



Take a wander through ancient Sussex Woodlands. Abbot's Wood was once part of the great Saxon forest of Andredesweald, which stretched across the whole of the southeast of England as far west as Hampshire. Or bring stories to life at Ashdown Forest, the former ancient Royal Hunting Forest, and the setting for AA Milne's

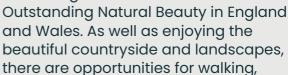
Winnie The Pooh. Here you will find over 80 miles of footpaths to explore.

Traffic free paths along the *Cuckoo Trail* and the *Forest Way Country Park* are both former railway lines and ideal for walking, cycling or horse riding.

Birling Gap is part of the world famous **Seven Sisters** cliffs, one of the longest stretches of undeveloped coastline on

the south coast. Take your time reflecting on the gleaming chalk and unspoilt views of dramatic coastline.

The High Weald is the fourth largest Area of





cycling, visiting attractions and rock climbing. Look out for rarer species of birds such as the fieldfare and the nightjar and shy wildlife such as deer and dormice.

Did you know?

Friston Forest once had an airfield, primarily used for emergency landings and also as a base for aircraft in World War Two.

In the High Weald the frequent passage of pigs being driven to and from their dens formed tracks known as droves and over time the dens became settlements in their own right!





Nestled amongst Wealden's idyllic countryside are untold hidden gems; vibrant market towns and unspoilt villages with their iconic architecture give visitors the chance to soak up the real Sussex.

Romans, Saxons and Normans have all made Wealden their home. Our enchanting castles, churches, priories and historic houses tell the story of two thousand years of diverse and evocative history.

Wealden is alive with exotic zoos, working steam railways, colourful gardens and activity-filled reservoirs. Explore the observatory and science centre; fun and learning for young and old. And when it's time to refuel there's an abundance of cosy pubs and quaint tearooms around every corner.



Whether you are staying in north, central or south Wealden, there are a multitude of places just waiting to be found.

Crowborough, in the north, is one the highest points in Sussex. Within easy reach are the impressive ruins of Bayham Abbey. Or visit the oldest, only working open-trestle post mill in the country, Nutley Windmill. For the



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Aqua Park or
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Water? For a
different thrill,

try your outdoor climbing skills at *Nuts 4 Climbing* and *Bowles Outdoor Centre*.

Central Wealden opens up many more possibilities. Heathfield is an attractive market town standing on a ridgeway surrounded by beautiful rolling Sussex countryside. Time travel on one of our steam railways across the Weald.

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South Wealden boasts the Pevensey area, which is famous for its bay, castle and links with Anglo-Saxon history. Explore the medieval thatched Alfriston Clergy House, situated in one of the prettiest villages of East Sussex. Nearby



you will find the world famous Seven Sisters Country Park and The Long Man of Wilmington, the mysterious guardian of the South Downs.

Did you know?

The Bluebell Railway, Sheffield Park, was used in the film 'Room with a View' from E. M. Forster's book. It was also used for scenes from the 'Railway Children' and 'Khartoum' with Charlton Heston. And 'Goodbye Christopher Robin', the film based on the relationship between writer AA Milne and his son was filmed in Ashdown Forest, which was also their home.



Our unique geology and climate make Wealden a front-runner in world-class winemaking. A visit to one of the many beautiful Sussex vineyards will be high up the list for both connoisseurs and curious wine-lovers alike.

From unique cheeses, puddings and pies to dozens of local craft beers, there's something to tickle everyone's taste buds. The artisans and makers of the Wealden area are guaranteed to satisfy the most insatiable foodies.

Wealden's stunning landscapes have provided inspiration for some of the world's most revered artists, writers and creatives for generations. Our award winning galleries, houses, gardens and festivals showcase their incredible talents and will leave you feeling enriched.



Savour the bubbly bouquet of wine from one of over 20 Sussex Vineyards.

Satisfy your hunger by sampling delicious and locally sourced food in one of our many excellent pubs, restaurants and bistros, where you can also sample some the finest locally brewed beer and cider, or better still, visit a brewery to get a real experience of how the brew is made.



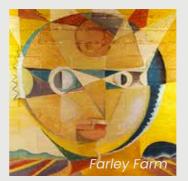
Wealden has always nurtured artistic talent and no more so than today, with a profusion of local artists, craftsmen and writers having found inspiration here.

If literature is your passion

then you will not be disappointed, as some of England's finest writers have lived in this grea. Soak up the creative inspiration of Kipling at *Bateman's* in Burwash. Home to the British author and poet famous for work including 'The Jungle



Book' and 'Puck of Pook's Hill'. He lived and wrote at Bateman's from 1902-1936 and his house is now owned by the National Trust.



Gaze at the amazing work by the surrealist artist's Lee Miller, renowned photographer and Roland Penrose, English painter and poet who both lived at *Farley Farm*. The House and Gallery

near Chiddingly showcases the work of many famous artists. The Gallery and Farm House are open to the public and exhibitions are hosted there throughout the year.

Did you know?

Pablo Picasso stayed at *Farley Farm* in 1950. And Conan Doyle was a Captain of *Crowborough Golf Course* in 1911. AA Milne was a member of the *Royal Ashdown Golf Club* 1920.





Cuckoo Trail

This 14 mile surfaced path runs through the heart of the Sussex countryside. It is mostly traffic free and is a safe route for walkers, horse riders and cyclists of all ages, forming part of the *National Cycle Network* and *Avenue Verte*. The picturesque trail follows the former 'Cuckoo Line' railway track and stretches from Heathfield to Eastbourne. It passes through Horam, Hellingly, Hailsham and Polegate. For map, please see back cover foldout.



What you will find

The trail takes you through woodland, open grassland, and pasture, where you will find an array of wildlife. The

cuckoo, the green woodpeckers and the dunnock sparrow are just a few possibilities and a collection of seasonal wildflowers, oak sculptures and carved wooden seats can also be found along the trail. There are so many more hidden gems just waiting for you to discover them. Download the seasonal spotter guide for more information www.healthywealden.co.uk

Whilst immersed in the wildlife, try not to miss the Victorian engineering skills in the brick arch bridges, between Hellingly and Horam. The most striking example being Heathfield Tunnel.

Adjacent to the trail you will find *Off The Line vineyard*. The vineyard entrance is open by prior arrangement, on selected weekends from May until September www.offthelinevineyard.com.

And close by is *Hidden Spring vineyard* in Horam, www.hiddenspring.co.uk



Bike hire

Bike hire can be found at Horam, Herstmonceux and Pevensey. For more information see the *Countrybike* website www.countrybike.co.uk/the-cuckootrail.

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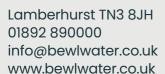






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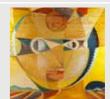
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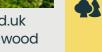
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