

MARKETS

Shopping – Food – Drink – Scenery



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The Fun of the Markets

Our award winning markets have become a vibrant hub for locals and visitors alike, showcasing the very best of what the region has to offer. Renowned for their commitment to supporting local producers, these markets are a feast for the senses, bringing together an array of award winning food and drink and an eclectic mix of vintage shopping, treasure hunters and foodies will be spoilt for choice. Alongside the markets our towns host top brands, ensuring a diverse shopping experience where there really is something for everyone. Quality, community and creativity is at the heart of shopping in the district, each stall tells a story of dedication and craftsmanship, inviting you to savour the unique flavours of the Stroud district.



STROUD DISTRICT MARKETS

In true countryside fashion there is a hoard of markets in the district to choose from. Stroud town offers The Shambles indoor/outdoor market every Friday and Saturday, Vintage Mary every Monday as well as the award winning Stroud Farmers Market every Saturday.

In the nearby Leonard Stanley you'll find Saxon Barn market every last Sunday of the month, brimming with food vans and seasonal activities like pumpkin picking.

Five Valleys in Stroud town will keep you busy for hours. With a variety of tasty food vendors ranging from sushi, burritos, pasta and patisseries to a department store for all your shopping needs as well as a cinema, bowling and events. This market also stays open late on Fridays for all those night owls.

Dursley host their market on the 2nd Saturday of the month and blends local produce and crafts, a perfect place for homemade gifts. At Nailsworth you'll find the crafty Mortimer Hall Market every 4th Saturday of the month.



THIS IS MERELY A GLIMPSE OF THE VARIOUS MARKETS FOUND ACROSS THE DISTRICT, WITH NUMEROUS TOWNS AND VILLAGES HOSTING MARKETS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.



Vegan and Vegetarian

Those who follow a vegetarian or plant-based diet will discover a remarkable variety of dining choices. Woodruffs claims to be Britain's first totally organic café and has a great menu of plant-based options available. The Natural Cookery School aims to inspire with its vegetarian and vegan cooking classes and customized catering services, including weekly 'Meat-Free Mondays' meals available for pickup.

At Wilder the tasting menu is always an exciting surprise, featuring both vegetarian and vegan selections, expertly paired with wines. Leaf & Ground, a deli and coffee shop guarantees palate pleasing plant-based dishes freshly made on site. Karibu developed from a street food vendor to this vegan restaurant. Additionally Forest Green Rovers FC in Nailsworth is also the only senior football club in the country serving all vegan food and beer.

MARKET TOWN

EXPLORING

From the bustling streets of Wotton-under-Edge, known for its independent shops and one of the most haunted pubs in Britain, to the scenic charm of Nailsworth, where artisanal cafes and local boutiques line the streets, these towns offer a delightful blend of tradition and modernity.

Stonehouse serves as a gateway to the Cotswolds, with its rich industrial heritage and picturesque canal, while Dursley boasts a thriving market scene, family friendly activities and excellent pub options.

The quaint town of Minchinhampton captivates visitors with its beautiful common, stunning views and 17th Century Market House making it a perfect spot for a leisurely stroll and community events. Painswick, often referred to as the 'Queen of the Cotswolds' is famed for its stunning architecture and mystical 99 trees while Berkeley is steeped in history with the impressive [Berkeley Castle](#), the kids farm park [Cattle Country](#) and being the home of [Dr Edward Jenner](#), who created the world's first successful vaccine.

Together these market towns create a vibrant tapestry of community life, inviting visitors to explore hidden gems and engage in the thriving market town spirit.



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE VARIOUS COUNTRY FAIRS TAKING PLACE ACROSS THE DISTRICT IN SPRING/SUMMER, FULL OF ANIMALS, TRADITIONS AND FAMILY FUN.



Festivals

With a variety of events and festivals happening every month in the district, there's something for everyone.

In January, you can experience the unique Stroud Wassail, featuring Morris dancing, street performers, and, of course, Wassailing. For those passionate about motors, the [Cotswold Cloud Trail](#) offers a chance to navigate the district's winding roads. Artists can look forward to the [Stroud Film Festival](#) in February/March, the [Wotton Blues Festival](#) in September, and the [Stroud Book Festival](#) in November. Additionally, food lovers should not miss the [Stroud Festival of Food and Drink](#) in May. Walking enthusiasts can enjoy the Wotton, Dursley, or Stonehouse Walking Festivals, and be sure to catch all the delightful Christmas events that take place.

LOCALLY PRODUCED

We take pride in showcasing some amazing locally sourced produce and always encourage you to explore the finest offerings in the district.

Here, we have a deep appreciation for bread, and you'll be delighted by the options available. Don't miss The Artisan Baker in Stroud or Cheltenham for scrumptious, freshly baked goods or Hobbs House Bakery in Nailsworth or Tetbury to savour their cherished family recipes.

Ice-cream is also a staple here with a stroll and a Winstones being a Stroud right of passage. Alternatively, you can visit a working farm to try some inventive flavours at Wholly Gelato. The indulgence doesn't stop there; Beaus Bakehouse offers a convenient click-and-collect service for their delectable brownies and cakes, which are also often available at our local markets.

Naturally, since we are in Gloucestershire, we must highlight Double and Single Gloucester cheese, with the award-winning Godsell's serving as an excellent example of these rich varieties. A wonderful complement to cheese is wine, which you can find at Woodchester Valley Vineyard. For a different pairing, try a refreshing beer from Stroud Brewery, a perfect place to relax along the canal also. If you prefer a non-alcoholic option, why not start your day with a delightful brew from Noni's Coffee Roasters.



CHECK OUT MADE IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE FOR MORE LOCAL PRODUCE AND WHERE TO FIND THEM.



Farm Shops

What would the countryside be without a charming farm shop? With milk vending machines, fresh fruits and vegetables, local meats and cheeses, and a delightful array of gifts, there's so much to love about these shops. Notable local favourites include Eastington, Wotton, and Bisley Farm Shop, along with Frocester Fayre Butchers. Just outside the district, you'll discover Jolly Nice Farm Shop, which makes for an enjoyable day trip.

We can't forget to mention Gloucester Services; this isn't your typical motorway rest stop. Set in beautiful surroundings, they serve up fresh local produce and feature a butcher, deli, patisserie, cheese counter, along with lifestyle clothing and gifts. It's the perfect place to pause before entering or leaving the district.



Additional Tips

Exploring the district for shopping can reveal some delightful hidden treasures, particularly in our market towns. Be sure to visit Stonehouse, Wotton under Edge, Nailsworth, Stroud, Painswick, Dursley, and Berkeley for one-of-a-kind finds, charity and vintage shops, along with enticing food, drink options, and activities. After some antique bargains don't forget to peruse The Malthouse in Stroud or our auction houses in Wotton and Stonehouse for those unique finds.

Music and art are integral to our district; you can stroll down most high streets and hear melodies in the air. With record stores, galleries, and concert venues sprinkled throughout the area, there's always something to inspire your creativity.

Additionally, we are conveniently located near larger shopping destinations and cities, with Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bath, and Bristol just a short train ride away.

Transport:

We always recommend walking or cycling to locations but we understand this is not always possible. For convenience we are located just off the M5 and our towns and markets have various parking locations throughout and we have train stations at Cam & Dursley, Stroud and Stonehouse which connect to most parts of the UK including London, Bath, Bristol, Cardiff and Gloucester.

Accommodation:

If you're staying in the area we have numerous great options including hotels, B&B's, camping, unique stays and caravan sites.

For hotels check out The Stroud Hotel, Burleigh Court, The Bear of Rodborough, Painswick Hotel, Stonehouse Court Hotel, Egypt Mill Hotel, as well as a Premier Inn and Travelodge.

For more accommodation check out:
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