

Country Village



Nestling at the foot of the stunning Mendip Hills, the village has been a welcoming place for visitors since the earliest times. Its rich surrounding countryside produced the wealth from milk, strawberries and wool for many fine buildings and it has a reputation for its range of independent shops and restaurants.

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Cheddar

Cheddar is famous for its awe-inspiring natural gorge and its mouth-watering cheese but there is so much more to this enchanting Somerset village just waiting for you to explore. There are caves, cliffs, cottages and cafes as well as waterside walks and wonderful wildlife.

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Visitor map & information

Outdoor Adventure

Gateway to the Mendips

There can be few better places in the UK than its biggest gorge for creating a sense of adventure, a desire to explore and readiness for a challenge. Just looking up to the top of its incredible crags is enough to inspire some to rock climb, some to crawl through the caves below and some to wander in its wilderness.

Whether you are experienced at climbing, caving, cycling or walking or are a complete beginner - there's something to thrill you here.

Natural Beauty

The whole of the Gorge is a Site of Special Scientific Interest: managed for nature by the National Trust, Somerset Wildlife Trust and Cheddar Caves - part of Lord Bath's Longleat estate, Cheddar Gorge is one of Britain's natural wildlife wonders and a gateway to the Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



If the astounding views from the top of the gorge across amazing countryside are not enough, the limestone grassland supports some of the country's most scarce plants and insects.

History & Geology



The discovery of Britain's oldest complete skeleton in one of Cheddar's caves confirms it was inhabited more than 9,000 years ago. Plenty of evidence of the changes in the village since then can be found in its museum and on its streets.

The gorge was formed by meltwater floods several million years ago, and the caves were produced by the activity of Britain's biggest underground river, both contain incredible rock formations.

Cheddar Village

As the A371 leads out of Cheddar it passes the medieval market town of Axbridge before joining the A38, giving easy access to Bristol in the north, the Somerset Levels to the south and the coast to the west.

Winding its way through the stunning Cheddar Gorge, the B3135 is the main link between Cheddar and the Mendip Hills. Walkers, runners and mountain bikers can find a multitude of other routes in and around the gorge, enabling them to enjoy the idyllic countryside and superb views.



Cheddar is a short distance from the ancient town of Glastonbury with its ruined abbey and its famous Tor, visible from miles around. In between lie the amazing and scientifically important Somerset levels, wetlands interspersed with hills such as the Isle of Wedmore.

You'll find a warm welcome in the village pubs, cafés and restaurants of Cheddar. Accommodation ranges from comfortable hotels and B&Bs through to glamping and 'away from it all' camping. There are quirky shops in the gorge and other outlets in the village centre for souvenir hunters and regular shopping.

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