Estate Experiences

Garden
Tour

Influenced by thousands of years of horticultural history, take a guided stroll through acres of formal gardens with one of our gardeners.

Daily, 11am & 2pm
Allow approximately 60 minutes

Woodland
Tour

Journey into ancient woodland guided by one of our expert rangers or woodspeople.

Wednesdays & Fridays, 10am
Allow approximately 60 minutes

Deer Park
Tour

Explore the Deer Park with one of our estate farmers, see the deer up close and maybe even help with their feed.

Daily, 11am
Allow approximately 60 minutes

Estate
Tour

Explore the hitherto hidden engine room of the estate – includes arresting views from the South Avenue, regenerative farming practices, tasting the Market Garden, and access to the mind-blowing futuristic butchery.

Daily, 10am
Allow approximately 90 minutes

The Story of Gardening

Dig into the history of gardening and explore the human impulse to shape beauty from the ground at our feet. Garden rooms and interactive exhibits transport you to gardens throughout time and place.

Autumn/Winter, 9.30am - 3.30pm
Spring/Summer, 9.30am - 5pm
Allow approximately 60 minutes

Roman Villa
Experience

A ground-breaking archaeological and educational experience, unearthed from the grounds of our estate. Comprising an innovative museum and re-imagined 4th century Romano-British Villa, Villa Ventorum.

Daily, every 30 minutes
Autumn/Winter, 10am - 2pm
Spring/Summer, 10am - 3.30pm
Allow approximately 2 - 2.5 hours

Beezantium

See the world from a bee's eye view. Set in the Apiary housing a selection of observation beehives, the Beezantium will change your understanding of our connection to these essential pollinators.

Daily, every 30 minutes,
Autumn/Winter, 9.30am - 2.30pm
Spring/Summer, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Allow approximately 30 minutes

Cyder Tour
& Tasting

Somerset is apple country, with the perfect soil and climate for growing apples and making cyder. Learn about the craft of cyder making and sample a drop or two in the Cyder Cellar, led by a member of the team who make it.

Daily, 12pm, 5pm
Allow approximately 45 minutes

Bee Safari

Take to the woods with a member of our bee team, learning all about our different bee colonies on the estate; from their natural habitats to a bee's life cycle and why honeybees swarm. Ends at the Beezantium.

Monday - Friday, 2.30pm
Allow approximately 90 minutes

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Hot Air Balloon
Experience

The most beautiful, exhilarating and peaceful experience outside of the Estate. Subject to weather conditions.

From March to September
Times vary through the seasons
Experience time 2.5 - 3 hours
Additional charges apply
Enquire Now

Fly Fishing
at Lodge Trout Pond

Stocked with brown trout and serenity, fly fishing at our lake is a chance to immerse in nature, find a moment of pause, and (hopefully) land a beauty. Beginners and seasoned anglers equally welcome.

Subject to weather conditions
Experience time 3 hours
Additional charges apply

Cream Tea

Take a break after the day's adventures, and enjoy a selection of replenishing teas and freshly baked treats. Cream tea with scones is served in Hadspen Drawing Room, or seasonal cakes and cruffins are available in the Farmyard Garner Bar.

Daily, 3 - 5pm

Sundown Badminton

Sheltered beneath the sculptural branches of Old Knobbly, our badminton court is made for golden-hour rallies. Gather friends for a casual match and enjoy a complimentary sundown cyder. Want more? Order seasonal drinks and cocktails direct to the court via the garden phone.

From May to September
Daily, subject to weather, 5pm start
Allow approximately 60 minutes

Chef's Garden
Workshop

Join our Head Chef in the productive garden and glasshouse to hand pick fresh ingredients and craft your own condiments. Celebrating garden-to-table cooking, this is a sensory exploration of flavour, craft and traditional techniques.

From June to September
Wednesday & Fridays, 10.30am
Allow approximately 45 minutes

Red Squirrel
Tour

Join our resident ecologist for a tour into the red squirrel enclosure for a close up encounter with these most elusive and charming creatures.

Wednesdays
From April to end of September
8am from Threshing Barn
Experience time 45 minutes

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House Cellar

Honey
Tasting

Hosted by our bee team and honey sommeliers, guests embark on a global tasting journey through the Honey Library of different flavours, aromas and anecdotes - including some of the world's finest single varieties and honey from The Newt's own bees.

Mondays & Wednesdays, 4.30pm
Allow approximately 60 minutes

Wine
Tasting

Hosted by our wine sommeliers, we open the door to our wine cellar and guide you to sip and savour along in this informal group setting. Sample 6 wines from our sister estates along with food pairings for each wine, and hear the stories behind each glass. For amateurs and aficionados alike.

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 4pm
Allow approximately 60 - 90 minutes
Additional charges apply

Somerset Cider
Tasting

An intimate, guided, one-hour cider tasting with one of the Cyder Cellar team. The Somerset Cider Experience showcases the versatility of the humble apple with a tasting of three very different world-class ciders, handpicked from our neighbours, alongside a selection of The Newt's speciality cyders.

Fridays, 4pm
Allow approximately 60 minutes
Additional charges apply

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Wellbeing

Spa
Treatments

Make yourself a priority and book a spa treatment with one of our skilled therapists. We have a wide range of face and body treatments, massages, and beauty services available.

Daily, 9am - 8pm, last bookings 6.45pm
Additional charges apply
View Treatment Menu

Hadspen Pool
& facilities

Relax and unwind in the spa with its indoor lap pool, outdoor Hydro pool and wild pool, steam room, sauna and salt room.

Daily, 8am - 8pm (Family swim times 9 - 10am, 1 - 2pm, 4 - 5pm)

Farmyard Pool

Enjoy a splash in the indoor lap pool, swim a few lengths or a soothing soak in the Hydro Pool.

Daily, 8am - 8pm
(No restrictions for families)

Wellness Classes

We run a weekly schedule of classes to move the body or calm the mind, from Hatha Yoga to HIIT, Pilates and breath workshops housed in our beautiful yoga studio.

Daily, various times
View Studio Schedule

Gym

Take a stretch in the Gym while overlooking the gardeners tending to the vegetables for your dinner plate.

Daily, 7am - 8pm
PT, Additional charges apply

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Eat & Drink

Botanical Rooms

Elegant and seasonal dishes inspired by – and gathered from – the estate.

Breakfast: 8 – 10.30am
Lunch: 12.30 – 2pm
Dinner: 6.30 – 9pm

Farmyard Kitchen

Wood-fired dishes perfect for sharing, cooked with flair in our open kitchen.

Breakfast: 8 – 10.30am
Lunch: 12.30 – 2pm
Dinner: 6.30 – 9pm

Garden Café

Farm-to-table dishes from a vegetable-led menu inspired by our gardens.

Breakfast: 9 – 11.30am
Lunch: 12 – 2pm

Hadspen House

Take tea in the library, play croquet on the lawn or sip cocktails in the bar.

Lunch: 12.30 – 5pm
Cream Tea: 3 – 5pm
Cocktails: 12 – late
Live Music: 6 – 8pm

The Creamery at Castle Cary Station

Hearty British classics served simply and generously next to Castle Cary station.

Monday - Saturday 8am - 5pm
Sunday 9am - 5pm

The Story of Gardening

The perfect stop for tea, coffee and cake when strolling through the Deer Park.

Daily: 9.30am – 5pm in Summer
Daily: 9.30am – 3.30pm in Winter

Cyder Bar

For takeaway bites throughout the day, from soups and pastries to hot drinks.

Daily: 9am – 6pm in Summer
Daily: 9am – 4.30pm in Winter

Garner Bar

Mix yourself a drink from our cocktail list and enjoy a sweet treat.

Drinks: 12pm – late
Cakes & Cruffins: 3 – 5pm

Gelateria

Taste our estate-made buffalo milk gelato, plus cold drinks and seasonal treats.

Daily: 10.30am – 6pm in Summer
Daily: 10.30am – 4.30pm in Winter

The Hive

Enjoy light refreshments in a secluded spot at the Four Seasons garden.

Daily: 10am – 4pm

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