PARKS & GARDENS
Take a stroll from the Minster into the relaxing and peaceful War Memorial Park. This was formerly one of the Archbishop’s Deer Parks. You will find there in the shadow of the Minster a small nature reserve and children’s play areas. At the other end of town is the Burgage—a sleepy area of ancient common land lined with attractive Georgian houses. On the perimeter of the town lies Norwood Park (another former Deer Park of the Archbish)’s offering a lovely walk through the grounds and also excellent golf.

WALKS, HERITAGE TRAILS
An outstanding choice of walks is available. There is the Town Trail and recently a number of Heritage Trails have been added. Don’t miss out on the chance of finding out about some of the hidden history and attractions of Southwell! The trails all have a clear theme and are either focused on a well known local personality, an area of fascinating natural history or on the town’s unique religious heritage. Seize the opportunity!

ATTRACTIONS WITHIN A 30 MINUTE DRIVE
Dukes Wood Nature Reserve (A617 at Kirklington, minor road to Eakring signed after Kirklington) Nature Trail. Site of UK’s first onshore oilfield in 1939. Open daily. Tel: 0115 958 8242
www.wildlife trust.org.uk/nottinghamshire

Rufford Country Park and Craft Centre (A614 near Ollerton) Lake, woodland, remains of Cistercian Abbey, ceramics centre with shop, café, restaurant. Open daily. Tel: 01623 829644.
www.ruffordcraftcentre.org.uk

Sherwood Forest Art and Craft Centre (A614, B6034 to Edwinstowe) Art and craft studios and demonstrations, café, adjacent to Sherwood Forest. Open daily. 10am. to 4pm. Tel 01623 822476.
www.sherwoodforest.org.uk/sfacc

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Sherwood Pines Forest Park (A614, B6034 towards Edwinstowe then B6030 towards Clifton) Forest, visitor centre, café, cycle trail, adventure playgrounds. Open daily. Tel: 01623 822447
www.forestry.gov.uk

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES
Ferry Farm Park (A612 towards Nottingham, signed to Hoveringham) Farm animals, outdoor play activities, café. Open April – September Tel: 0115 966 5037 www.ferryfarm.co.uk

Jumicar (A614 roundabout at Farnsfield), Children 6+. Learn to drive in junior-sized cars. Open weekends and school holidays. Ring for information. Tel: 0115 966 9000

White Post Farm (A614 roundabout at Farnsfield) Farm animals, indoor and outdoor play areas, café, shop. Open daily. Tel: 01623 883499
www.whitepostfarmcentre.co.uk

Wonderland Pleasure Park and Garden Centre (A614 roundabout at Farnsfield) Large outdoor play area. Indoor soft play, butterfly house, miniature railway, miniature golf, bar and café. Open daily. Tel: 01623 882773 www.wonderlandpleasurepark.com

THEATRES
Palace Theatre, Newark Tel: 01636 655755 www.palacenewark.com
Robin Hood Theatre (A612, A617 to Newark, near Aherman) Tel: 0777 9130863 www.robinhoodtheatre.co.uk

SPECIAL INTERESTS
Hockerton Housing Project (A617 at Hockerton) Guided tours of UK’s first earth sheltered, self-sufficient housing development. Opening hours: telephone for information. Tel: 01636 816902
www.hockerton.demon.co.uk

The Holocaust Centre, Museum and Gardens (A614 to Ollerton, A6075 towards Tuxford, minor road to Laxton) Exhibition and gardens, bookshop, library, coffee shop. Open: Wednesday – Sunday, 10am. – 5pm. Tel: 01623 836627 www.bethshalom.com

Laxton Visitor Centre (A614 to Ollerton, A6075 towards Tuxford, minor road to Laxton) Exhibition of medieval open field farming system. Open daily dawn to dusk. Tel: 01777 871586.

Lockwell Hill Activity Centre (Farmland – A614 towards Ollerton) Activity centre with quad biking, archery, clay pigeon shooting, 4X4 driving. Open daily. Tel: 01636 883067 www.lockwellhillactivities.co.uk

Newark (A612, A617 to Newark) Castle, Millgate Museum, Air Museum, Boat trips, market. See Newark Visitor Guide.

How to find Southwell

Useful Information
Car Parking: Church St, King St, Saracen’s Head and Ropewalk (Free)
Coach Parking: Church St (for dropping off) Crew Lane (parking)
Toilets: Westgate, Church St and War Memorial Park.
Police: Burgage Green 01909 500999
Chemists: Lloyds 2, King St. 01636 812241
Bus: Pathfinder Bus, Newark 01636 611885
Train: National Rail 0845 7484950 (nearest station Fiskerton, 2 miles)
Facilities
Southwell Medical Centre, Roepow 01636 813561
Southwell Post Office, Queen St. 01636 813189
Southwell Town Council, Burgage Green 01636 816103
www.southwell-tc.gov.uk
Southwell Tourist Information Centre, Church St 01636 819038
Newark Tourist Information, Centre Castlegate 01636 655765
Southwell Golf Club, Church St, 01636 812148
Southwell Leisure Centre, Nottingham Rd. 01636. 813000
Southwell Golf Club, The Racecourse 01636 816501
Norwood Park Golf Club, Norwood Park 01636 816626
Southwell Garden Centre, Fiskerton Rd. 01636 812886
Ring Taylor Garden Centre & Waterford Sanctuary, Normanton 01636 813184
Markets: Southwell Market Square every Sat. and Farmers Market every 3rd Thursday of the month.

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