



TOP 20 THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND OSWESTRY

1. Oswestry is a steam railway enthusiast's dream. Not only is there the Cambrian Heritage Railway and the Railway Visitor Centre at the old station but you can visit the nearby Tanat Valley Light Railway, Llangollen Steam Railway and the Welshpool and Llanfair Railway all within easy reach. You can even become a train driver for the day.
2. Aqueducts – there are not one but two - including the thrilling World Heritage Site of Pontcysyllte which you can walk, cycle or take a narrowboat across, just don't look down...
3. Buy some super-fresh farm produce at the Market or Farmers' Market or tuck into a Hartsorn's pork pie or a Gillham's sausage roll.
4. Tuck into a big slice of homemade cake at one of Oswestry's many welcoming cafes or choose one of the excellent local restaurants The Walls, Sebastian's or Brooks for a gourmet experience Oswestry Tourism Action Plan 2012
5. Take the kids to Park Hall Countryside Experience to meet the farm animals, let rip in the massive playbarns or adventure playground and try their hand at driving.
6. View some of the area's wildlife such as the Herony at beautiful Ellesmere or Llyncllys Common, one of Shropshire Wildlife Trusts reserves, to see woods, meadows, old quarries and a pond – great for



7. botanists or birdwatchers and also good fun for hide-and-seek, kite flying and picnics.
7. Explore the rich and fascinating heritage of Oswestry including the Castle Mound, the new town museum, the historic churches and Oswald's Well finishing by relaxing in the beautiful Cae Glas Park.
8. For some unique countryside and fantastic walking head up to the Old Race Course or Old Oswestry Hill Fort from where there are fantastic views, or head west to visit Lake Vyrnwy and Pistyll Rhaeadr Waterfall.





9. The nearby Llanymynech Heritage Area, right on the Welsh border, tells the story of lime quarrying amidst the impressive cliffs and special limestone flora in the abandoned quarry, down the Welsh and English inclines, to the amazing Hoffman kiln and canalside wharf where you can take a Sunday afternoon cruise.
10. Cruise on the Llangollen Canal keeping an eye out for kingfishers, swans and even otters or take an easy stroll along the tow path or check out Canal Central at Maesbury Marsh on the Montgomery Canal a village shop and tearoom which also offers Canadian Canoes.
11. Indulge yourself with a spa experience at the Wynnstay Hotel or Lion Quays Resort followed by a delicious meal or cream tea.



12. Spend a few hours browsing round Oswestry's many independent shops and buying some special gifts and mementos to take home – some of the best include: Upstairs Downstairs Cookshop, Booka Books, Textile Express, Sissy Blu Boutique and Honeysuckle Wholefoods.

13. Try a pint of the local Stonehouse beer in one of the many historic pubs in Oswestry and surrounding villages, perhaps after a bracing walk.
14. Have a game at one of the surrounding golf courses – Oswestry, Mile End, Henlle or even Llanymynech where you can drive in Wales and putt in England on the hill top course where Ian Woosnam learned to play.
15. Book a day's riding in the beautiful borderlands either south at Penycoed near Pant or north at Springhill Farm, Selattyn.
16. Try something different such as the adrenaline raising go karting at Rednal or test your nerves trying out archery at Hengoed.
17. Head off for a day trip to visit one of the outstanding castles and historic houses in area such as Chirk Castle, Erddig, Powis Castle or Whittington Castle
18. Hunt down a unique piece of contemporary art in one of the art shops, browse the galleries at Qube or Willow Gallery, visit artists during the Open Studios event or maybe even take part in a workshop.
19. There's lots of choice in the evening in Oswestry - take in a film at the KinoKulture Cinema, a show at the Attfield Theatre or some live music at The Ironworks or a local pub.
20. There's always something going on in Oswestry with our great venues which include the Showground; soak up the atmosphere at the Oswestry Show, Oswestry Food Festival, Oswestry Festival of the Word, Oswestry Games, Osfest, Oswestry Walking Festival, Oswestry Antiques Fairs, you get the idea....

