

Hunt House Railways Canals and Transport Guide

Days out from Hunt House in Kilsby, CV23 8XR. September 2026 edition. Journey times are estimates; check live routes, opening, tickets and access before travel. Links open current visitor information and maps.

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The area's transport story ranges from working canal flights and narrowboat villages to steam railways, motor museums and Coventry's engineering heritage. Heritage railways are volunteer-run and do not operate every day, so checking the timetable is essential.

Northampton and Lamport Railway 30–40 minutes

The nearest heritage railway, running steam and heritage diesel services through the Northamptonshire countryside from Pitsford and Brampton on selected operating days.

Good to know: This is volunteer-run, so check the timetable and traction details before travelling. Parking, refreshments and toilets are available on main operating days.

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The Battlefield Line 45–55 minutes

A rural heritage railway between Shackerstone, Market Bosworth and Shenton, with a museum, Victorian tea room and locomotive interest at Shackerstone.

Good to know: Operating dates and the type of train vary. It pairs well with Bosworth Battlefield for a fuller day.

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Great Central Railway 50–60 minutes

A substantial main-line heritage railway centred on Loughborough, with steam and diesel services, stations, special events and dining experiences.

Good to know: Timetables and events vary throughout the year; advance booking is sensible for dining trains and major events.

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British Motor Museum 35–45 minutes

A major collection of British cars at Gaydon, with extensive indoor displays that make it one of the strongest wet-weather attractions in the area.

Good to know: Large visitor car park, café, toilets and detailed accessibility information are available.

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Coventry Transport Museum 25–35 minutes

A city-centre museum telling Coventry's transport and manufacturing story through bicycles, cars and record-breaking vehicles. Excellent for families, engineering enthusiasts and rainy days.

Good to know: Central parking is separate from the museum; check current admission and opening arrangements.

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Foxton Locks and Canal Museum 30–40 minutes

Combine the working staircase locks with the story of the remarkable inclined plane, canal engineering and local waterways history.

Good to know: The outdoor site is free to explore; museum charges and seasonal opening may apply.

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Braunston Marina 10–15 minutes

A convenient local destination for narrowboats, canal atmosphere and towpath walking in one of the country's best-known canal villages.

Good to know: The marina remains a working business, so visitors should respect operational areas and use public routes.

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