

Hunt House History Houses and Gardens 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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Beyond the National Trust, the region has castles, private gardens, abbeys and historic landscapes ranging from major family attractions to quieter heritage sites.

Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden 35–45 minutes

Vast red-sandstone ruins associated with Elizabeth I and Robert Dudley, with towers, views and a recreated Elizabethan garden. A major historic site that can fill most of a day.

Good to know: Historic surfaces, stairs and gradients are unavoidable in parts of the site; consult the English Heritage access guide.

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Warwick Castle 35–45 minutes

A large, highly developed castle attraction with historic rooms, towers, grounds and seasonal shows. Best for families and guests who want a full, event-led day rather than a quiet country house.

Good to know: Advance booking may save money. The extensive grounds and towers involve significant walking and steps.

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Stoneleigh Abbey 30–40 minutes

A historic country estate beside the River Sowe, with guided house visits, landscaped grounds and connections to Jane Austen. A quieter alternative to the region's biggest attractions.

Good to know: Opening days and tours vary, so checking and booking ahead is advisable.

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Coton Manor Garden 25–35 minutes

A celebrated private garden with terraces, borders, woodland and seasonal planting. Particularly suitable for garden lovers and a relaxed afternoon visit.

Good to know: Seasonal opening applies and the garden includes slopes and steps. Check before travelling.

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Kirby Hall 40–50 minutes

An impressive Elizabethan and Jacobean country house, now partly roofless, with formal gardens and a quieter atmosphere than the larger castles.

Good to know: Managed by English Heritage; opening can be seasonal and the historic site includes uneven surfaces.

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Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre 45–55 minutes

Explore the landscape and story of the battle that ended Richard III's reign. Walking trails and exhibitions can be combined with Market Bosworth or the nearby Battlefield Line railway.

Good to know: The outdoor battlefield landscape and indoor centre have different access considerations; check event and opening information.

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Coughton Court 55–60 minutes

An imposing Tudor house with Catholic history and gardens, still owned by the National Trust but managed independently by the Throckmorton family from 2026.

Good to know: It is no longer part of the National Trust member offer. Check the family-run website for current opening dates, admission and facilities.

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