

Example of a local business itinerary

Bellows Mill Hotel and Restaurant

Introduction

Only 30 miles north of London and you will escape the hustle and bustle of city life for a complete change of scenery. At Bellows Mill you can relax in the tranquil surroundings of 21 acres of lakes and woodland.

How would you get here?

Leave your car behind and arrive at Tring station from Euston. Trains run every 20 minutes. From there we will collect you by car and 10 minutes later you will arrive at Bellows Mill. If you travel by car it will take approximately 1 hour from central London.

What will you do here?

You have a variety of activities to choose from to while away the hours and you can be as idle or energetic as you like.

Those wishing to be more active can hire electric bicycles, visit nearby places of interest and exercise their brain power with our treasure hunt around the picturesque local villages. You can also play tennis (rackets and balls supplied), or go gliding at the nearby London gliding club. You might like to cycle to and around Whipsnade Zoo which is just 1 mile away, albeit it up a very steep hill.

Those prepared to travel a little further afield may like to explore Woburn, 10 miles from Bellows Mill. The town itself has some fascinating shops and places to eat, with a Farmers' Market on the third Sunday of every month, 11am –3pm. Woburn Abbey is a magnificent country house with stunning grounds.

There are many lovely places in the vicinity if you enjoy walking. For example Ashridge Forest, which is not to be missed, especially when the bluebells are out. Also there's Ivinghoe Beacon, part of the Ridgeway walk, and on the doorstep, the Totternhoe Knolls. For bird lovers The Lodge at Sandy is an easy 40 minute drive, and Tring reservoir is 7 miles. There are many bird species to be seen at Bellows Mill, including kingfishers.

In Tring, there is an antiques auction every alternate Saturday and the Walter Rothschild Zoological museum is a good standby when the weather is bad. Bletchley Park is a 30 minute drive.

The beautifully restored Rex cinema at Berkhamsted has an excellent programme which includes foreign language and art house films as well as all the box office hits. The seats are luxurious and you can even book a private table with champagne if you are celebrating a special occasion. Advance booking for any film is essential.

Local theatres include The Old Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead, 15 minutes, The Stables, Wavendon, 25 minutes and Milton Keynes Theatre, 30 minutes, all of which are easy to get to with free, convenient parking.

Accommodation

The rooms at Bellows Mill have comfortable beds, with en suite bathrooms and TVs. There is also a self catering option, 'Mill End', which can accommodate 5 guests. It is part of the water mill and the sitting room still has the original millstones in situ. Mill End garden is surrounded by a little stream, which is the county boundary of Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

Meals - The Restaurant at Bellows Mill.

The restaurant, which is open to non-residents, serves Fairtrade tea and coffee, and uses local produce and serves seasonal food wherever possible. The eggs are free range from the neighbouring farm.

Hampers can be ordered in advance, if you would like a picnic lunch, or you can have a Barbecue on the patio. Ingredients will be provided. Sample menus can be found on our website

Further Information

For further details please see our website www.bellowsmill.co.uk

Other useful websites

www.southbeds.gov.uk/placestogo

www.woburnabbey.co.uk

www.rspb.org.uk

www.dunstable.gov.uk

www.discoverbedfordshire.co.uk

www.therexcinema.com

www.dacorum.gov.uk