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### **TUNBRIDGE WELLS**

The town of Royal Tunbridge Wells lies in an unspoilt Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The landscape is a patchwork of rolling hills, ancient woods and open heaths, home to hop gardens, orchards and vineyards, covering the Garden of England in stunning blossom in spring, rich greenery in summer and vibrant colours in autumn.

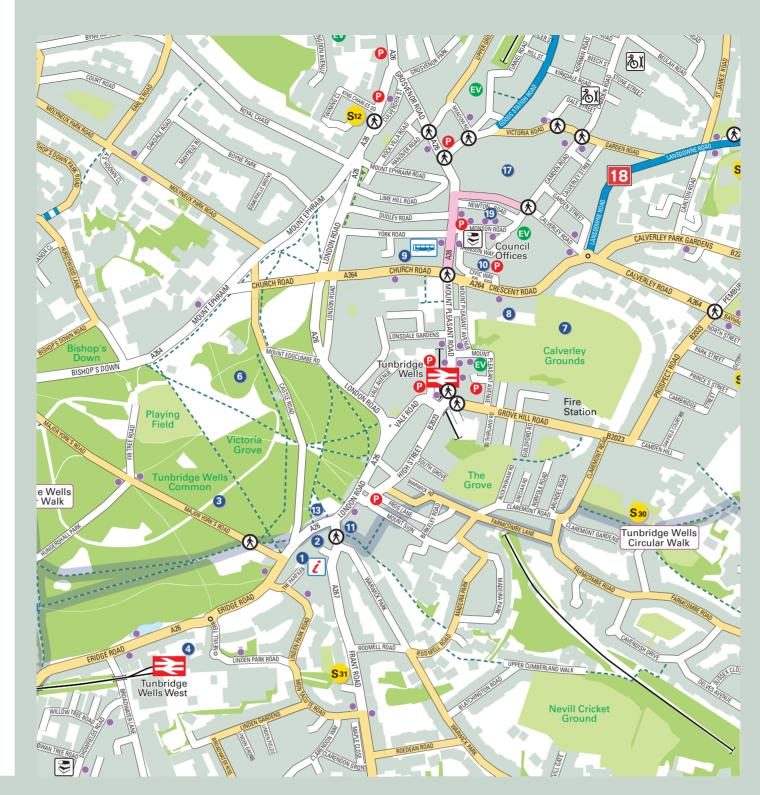
With more castles, historic houses and gardens concentrated in this area than any other in England, the region of Tunbridge Wells is the perfect holiday base for history and garden lovers alike, as well as those who want to ramble and cycle in its charming splendour.

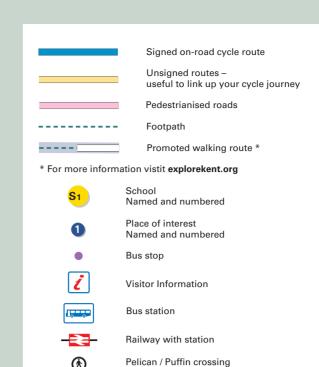
The historic town is a pretty tapestry of Georgian and Victorian architectural treasures and vibrant green spaces which can be explored via the self-guided Heritage Walking Trail.

Royal Tunbridge Wells is a well-known stop off for cyclists between London and the coast, hence its inclusion on the world-renowned Avenue Verte cycle route. Hire a bike and cycle the lanes of the countryside between attractions, stop off and refuel in a local pub or café serving tasty local fare.

Board a vintage steam or diesel train on the Spa Valley Railway at Tunbridge Wells West and enjoy adventures in leafy Groombridge (home to Groombridge Place and the Enchanted Forest), High Rocks (an ancient monument), and







Bike shop

Cycle parking

Electric vehicle charging point

National Cycle Network route number

### PLACES OF INTEREST

1 The Pantiles

2 The Chalybeate Spring

3 Tunbridge Wells Common

4 The Spa Valley Railway

5 High Rocks

6 Wellington Rocks

Calverley Grounds

8 Hotel du Vin

9 Trinity Theatre

10 Assembly Hall Theatre

11 Church of King Charles the Martyr

12 Rusthall Common

13 The Forum

14 Dunorlan Park

15 Salomons Estate

16 Knights Park Leisure Park

Royal Victoria Place Shopping Centre

(18) Grosvenor and Hilbert Park

19 The Opera House (Wetherspoons)

20 RSPB Broadwater Warren

21 Groombridge Place

## **WALKING ROUTES**

#### **TUNBRIDGE WELLS COMMON EASY ACCESS TRAIL**

This is a short circular walk of 0.86 miles (1.4km) around the Pantiles historic common on tarmac paths. There is generally a hard, compact surface suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs although some walks may use grassy surfaces, which can become muddy in winter months. Public toilets are close to the start and refreshments are within easy reach in the town.

#### TUNBRIDGE WELLS CIRCULAR WALK

This route passes through the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty around Royal Tunbridge Wells and through the villages of Southborough, Pembury, Frant, Groombridge and Speldhurst. Walkers can enjoy undulating countryside, a landscape of patchwork fields, broad-leaved woodland and parkland with features of archaeological, historical interest. If you don't want the challenge of completing the full 27.5 miles (44.3km), there is also an opportunity to sample one of four shorter circular walks. Guides for each walk are available from ExploreKent.org.



#### **DUNORLAN PARK WALK**

Once a private landscaped garden, Dunorlan Park is now a historically important and much-loved public park. Enjoy a short circular walk of 1.6 miles (2.6km) on a compact surface around the ornamental lake in this beautiful Victorian park. The route is an easy access trail, meaning it is free of stiles and obstructions and suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.



### **CYCLE ROUTES**

#### THE WEALDEN CYCLE TRAIL

This 42-mile (67km) route linking Ashford to Tunbridge Wells forms part of National Cycle Route 18. This route is the perfect way to take in Kent's quintessential scenery, from hops and apple orchards to oast houses and picturesque villages. This route is not recommended for beginners due to onroad sections and hills, but there are traffic-free sections at Bedgebury National Pinetum and the Ashford Green Corridor which are ideal locations for novices and young children.

To find detailed guides for these routes visit ExploreKent.org

### **GETTING AROUND**

Royal Tunbridge Wells is less than an hour by train from London Charing Cross, Gatwick Airport and Ashford International rail stations. Regular direct train services operate from Tunbridge Wells to London and Hastings. Tunbridge Wells is also well served by a number of different bus companies, with regular services across the local area.

Bike racks are available at Five Ways (near Royal Victoria Place), Monson Road, on the High street, at Calverley Grounds and at both Tunbridge Wells and High Brooms station. There is also a bike rack at Dunorlan Park, though cycling is not permitted in

Walking and cycling aren't just rewarding and fun ways to get around; leaving the car at home for some trips will save you money and reduce emissions. It also allows you to be active as part of your daily routine, helping you to stay fit and healthy.





Download the Kent Connected mobile app or go to kentconnected.org to help plan your journey. View local cycling and walking routes, bus and train times and all other information on travelling in Kent

# THINGS TO DO

**The Farmers' Market** can be found at the Pantiles on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month or in Marker Square on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Enjoy the usual farm produce as well as tasty homemade bread and cakes.

**Groombridge Place** is a remarkable country estate on the border between Kent and East Sussex, easily accessed by cycling via NCN 18. Discover a 17th century moated manor house, sculpted gardens and 200 acres of parkland to enjoy

**Explore Tonbridge** by following the new cycle route parallel to the A21 or taking your bike on the train. Why not visit Tonbridge Castle, or pick up the Tudor Cycle Trail to Penshurst Place? Download a copy of our Tonbridge Town Map from ExlporeKent.org to help you find your way around.

For more information on attractions, places to eat and things to do in the area check out Visit Tunbridge Wells.

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