

Christmas 2023

Here you will find details of Christmas events, markets and Santa's Grotto. When I find new information, I will add it to this list.

If you want to book an event/visit to Santa, please contact the venue directly. Book early to avoid disappointment. I am unable to check each event to see which are already booked up – where I have the information, I have removed the event.

Where to go with Kids - Christmas Events in and around Cambridgeshire

There are some magical events happening this festive season in the East of England 2023.

[Here](#) you can search for the best Christmas events near you where you can meet Santa and more.

Looking for a Panto? Look no further – details of Cambridgeshire Panto's can be found [here](#).

[Eventbrite](#) has details of Christmas festivals, markets and other events.

Santa's Arctic Adventure at Worzals

Lynn Road, Wisbech PE14 7DA

In the depths of The Arctic Circle, a magical fantasy journey is awaiting. Worzals has created an immersive North Pole experience for you to venture inside and create family memories to cherish for years to come.

Join us on an adventure along the enchanted, pine forest pathways of the North Pole with many magical creatures to be met along the way.

Your Santa's Arctic Adventure ticket includes:

- Entry to Santa's Arctic Adventure at your chosen date and time, with 2 hours of activities and treats for the children. This includes:
- Free parking
- Gingerbread Decorating
- 1 Electric Tractor Track Ride per child
- Storytelling
- Visit with Father Christmas
- 1 250g Pick 'n' Mix Bag for every child
- 1 soft toy for every child when you visit Father Christmas
- Each adult ticket includes a £2 voucher for food or drink to be used in either of our 2 on-site snack bars, Mount Frites or Bertha's Coffee and Creamery.
- Please allow 1.5 to 2 hours for the experience

Full details and booking information are available [here](#).

Christmas at Whipsnade Zoo

This year at Whipsnade Zoo, choose between Meet Santa, Meet Santa Animal Gift-Giving sessions and Breakfast Storytime with Santa. Meet Santa Relaxed sessions, designed for those with additional needs, are also available.

Tickets for all Meet Santa shows are strictly limited and likely to sell out fast! Once booked, your tickets will be automatically emailed to you. Make sure you bring your Meet Santa tickets and Whipsnade Zoo tickets with you on the day, then you're all set!

Meet Santa

Weekends from 2 December, then 16 - 24 December
£15.50

Little ones can join in festive crafts before meeting Santa in his magical grotto and receive a very special early Christmas gift to take home. [Book tickets](#).

Meet Santa Relaxed Session

2 & 21 December
£15.50

These sessions include the same experience, but with limited lights, sounds and other sensory stimulation, for those with additional needs. [Book tickets](#).

For more information on these and other Santa experiences at Whipsnade, go to the [website](#).

Sandringham Estate Winter Light Trail 2023

Nestled deep within Sandringham Estate, awaits a spectacular, illuminated trail, full of wonder and intrigue, to delight and enthrall your senses.

As darkness descends, join us on our enchanting journey, as we weave a captivating light trail through the Royal Parkland at Sandringham. Immerse yourself in our mesmerising mile long trail, with stunning lighting elements and fabulous light play, all set to ambient music.

A timeless experience to be enjoyed by all, young and old alike.
Luminate Sandringham will run nightly, from Saturday 11 November to Sunday 24 December 2023. Tickets must be pre-booked online in advance. Full details and ticket information can be found [here](#).

Skylark Garden Centre

[Christmas at Skylark](#)

Skylark Garden Centre, Manea Road, Wimblington, March PE15 0PE
Select dates from 25 November to 24 December 2023.

Child – from £21.99

Adult – £4 (includes a £2 voucher to spend in the garden centre).

Carers are free – you may be asked for proof.

Meet our charming elves and Father Christmas, plus all the activities we have to offer and don't forget to build your very own bear or choose a toy from Santa's Toy Shop!

Christmas at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Santas Grotto

Opens Saturday 2 December
£20 per child

Experience includes multiple gifts and activities. Book tickets [here](#).

Inclusive To All Santa's Grotto

Hinchingsbrooke Country Park, Countryside Centre, Huntingdon, PE29 6DB
Sat 9 December 2023 - Sun 10 December 2023

Hinchingsbrooke Country Park are offering a unique experience for all ages.
A more adaptive session including reduced noise and no flashing lights.

Come and join us for our Santa's grotto.

This is a truly unique experience where the outside is recreated inside. We pride ourselves on providing a unique experience for every child that comes through the door.

When you arrive you will be greeted by our cheeky elves who will book you in to meet Santa. Your festive excursion through our woven willow tunnels will reveal a few surprise guests on the way and promises to be fun. Santa and Mrs Clause will be delighted to meet you and you will receive a Christmas gift.

All our presents are supplied by Barnardo's so all the money raised from the gifts supports the work of this wonderful children's charity.

Find out more and book your tickets [here](#).

Naughty Elf Breakfast

Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Cafe
Friday 22 December, 10am
£15 pp

Includes all your food and drink, and a visit from some very naughty elves.

Book tickets [here](#).

Cooking With Merry Berry & Friends

Monday 11 to Friday 16 December
£10 per child

Includes decorating 2 cupcakes, making and icing biscuits, making an edible snowman and hot chocolate.

Book [here](#).

Santa Paws

Santa's Grotto for Dogs!
Various dates in December
£6 per dog

Includes a visit to Santa and a gift. Book tickets [here](#).

Red2Green Christmas Carol Service & Christmas Fair

St Mary's Church, 98 High Street, Swaffham Bulbeck CB25 0LX

Wednesday 6 December – Save the date – Further details to follow

Everyone is invited to Red2Green's Carol Service followed by a Christmas Fair – save the date. Further details will be available soon.

Shepreth Wildlife Park

Santa's Grotto

Shepreth Wildlife Park, Station Road, Shepreth SG8 6PZ

Date: 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 & 24 December

All proceeds in aid of the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.

Book your tickets [here](#).

Christmas at Audley End

Saturday 18 November to Sunday 24 December 2023

Ticket info:

Adults – £18.00 – £30.00

Children over 92cm – £18.00-£30.00

Child Under 92cm – £9.00-£15.00

Child under 1 Year – Free

Carer of disabled – Free

With a Nutcrackers help, this winter you will board the Polar Express and journey deep into the Enchanted woods of Audley End to visit Santa's winter workshop! Together, with her very helpful elves, Mother Christmas is ensuring all the toys are ready for Christmas eve while Santa comes to visit you in your carriage with a gift for every child.

When departing the train, you will be greeted by Snowberry the frost fairy who will guide you through our illuminated woodland walk, home to our picture-perfect bauble tree, to meet our reindeer keepers Logan and Thorn. Here you can create your own reindeer feed bags to leave out for Rudolph on Christmas eve!

The magic doesn't end there, Hazel the postal elf will give you everything you need to write your Christmas wish list to Santa, including a fast track stamp and the location of our onsite special-delivery letterbox where you can post your letters. Be sure to look out for our miniature fairies and their Christmas festivities on the way too!

Holly the Christmas fairy will be waiting in her tipi tent to read you all an interactive Christmas story; don't forget to let off steam on our [Adventure Play Area](#) too.

Delicious food and drink will be available at the Café to refresh even the hungriest elves.

Our Christmas characters do love seeing you kitted out in your winter finery – so make sure you wrap up warm! The later trains in the day benefit from enjoying the site adorned with lights.

To see everything included in the ticket price and to book your tickets, go to the [website](#).

Nene Park Winter Festival

Friday 1 to Sunday 24 December

Sessions starting at 4pm, 5.30pm and 7pm daily.

[Book your tickets](#) to experience an evening filled with wonder, warmth, and whimsy as we transform a secluded woodland in Ferry Meadows into an enchanted forest.

This immersive festival experience promises to delight visitors of all ages with an array of magical performances, installations, willow sculptures and festive thrills. Complete your experience with a visit to our unique travelling cinema, vintage fairground, food and drink vendors and pop-up Christmas shop.

Visitors will experience Ferry Meadows as they never have before and create treasured winter memories from an unforgettable enchanted evening with family and friends.

Entry tickets are £9.50 per person (free for under 3's) and include parking. All ticket proceeds go straight towards the upkeep of our beautiful Park, making this event our largest fundraiser of the year!

Peterborough Cathedral

[The Manger](#)

Peterborough Cathedral, Peterborough PE1 1XS

Wednesday 22 – Saturday 25 November

See Peterborough Cathedral transformed by light in this spectacular sound and light presentation for all the family.

This year let us take you back to the very heart of the Christmas Story, to The Manger and the tiny infant lying in the hay who would change the world. The Manger is an all-age multi-sensory display guaranteed to be enjoyed by every generation, so gather the family together, and don't miss out on this unique festive event in the heart of our vibrant city.

Tickets:

*Please read [FAQ's](#) before booking.

Standard entry (12+): £8

Child (3-12yrs): £6.50

Family ticket (admits family of 4: 2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and up to 3 children): £25

[Book here.](#) Find details of all Peterborough Cathedral Events including the Christmas market and workshops [here](#).

National Trust Christmas Events

Christmas isn't that far away, which means it's time to get into the festive spirit. Book your tickets to winter illuminations at Anglesey Abbey and Wimpole Estate. Step inside houses decorated for Christmas or come and meet Father Christmas at Wicken Fen. See all events [here](#).

Winter Lights at Anglesey Abbey

Anglesey Abbey, Gardens and Lode Mill, Quy Road, Lode, Cambridge, CB25 9EJ

Friday 17 – Sunday 26 November & Friday 1 – Sunday 10 December, 4.45pm to 8pm

Tickets: Adult £20 | Child (aged 5-17) £15.50 | Under 5s FREE | Family tickets: 2 & 2 £66 | 1 & 2 Children £47 | Carer FREE

Nature by night, Nature by light. Our biggest annual fundraiser is an enchanting, magical celebration of the natural world.

A beautiful, sensory after-dark journey that brings the gardens and creatures of Anglesey Abbey to life in all their wonder. Sculpture, songs and magical projections thread throughout this glittering event.

[More information here.](#) Book tickets [here](#).

Christmas at Wimpole

Friday, 24 November and Sunday, 31 December

Sony Music's magical illuminated trail Christmas at Wimpole will return for a third year.

The spectacular Cambridgeshire trail will have some brand new installations this year, providing after-dark festive fun for all the family.

New displays will enable visitors to discover huge feathers floating high into the sky.

Surround yourself with sparkle in a long glowing tunnel and walk-by contemporary Christmas trees lit up with all the colours of the rainbow.

There'll also be a chance to glimpse Father Christmas along the trail, enabling everlasting memories to be made with loved ones and friends.

More information and tickets available [here](#).

Christmas Markets

Wildlife Trust Christmas Fair at Cambourne

The Wildlife Trust BCN headquarters, The Manor House Broad Street, Great Cambourne CB23 6DH

Friday 1 December 2023, 3pm to 7pm

The Wildlife Trust BCN Christmas Fair is back!

Enjoy a glass of festive mulled wine, a mince pie and browse our fabulous array of Christmas Gifts including:

- Amazing wildlife art, drawings, paintings and prints.
- Opticron Binoculars - try before you buy and speak to an expert about your optics requirements.
- Handmade jewellery
- Christmas cards, calendars & books
- Fantastic bird boxes and insect houses
- Hand carved wooden gifts
- Plus, fun children's activities, a fabulous Christmas raffle ...and a whole lot more!

Entry is free, however, stallholders will be selling their fabulous products and we will be holding a raffle too, so please be sure to bring along some pocket money to purchase some amazing Christmas gifts. We would be very grateful for any donations gifted to us during the event.

Huntingdon Christmas Market

Market Hill, Huntingdon PE29 2PJ

Friday 24 November – Sunday 26 November, 10am to 5pm

Free entry

The market will be on the Friday evening with the very popular Christmas Lights Switch on. A variety of traders specialising in festive hot food and drink, unique gifts and handmade crafts. The event will take place in Huntingdon's historic Market Square, with a stage with live entertainment throughout the three days.

Local Makers Christmas Market

4 Downing Place Cambridge CB2 3EL

Saturday 18 Nov 2023, 11am to 4pm

Free entry

Shop handmade this Christmas at the Local Makers Market Christmas special at Downing Place United Reformed Church. This exciting event will showcase the talents of 40 makers, offering a wide variety of handmade gifts, just in time for Christmas.

[More information](#)

Cambridge Made Fair

40-43 St Andrew's St, Cambridge CB2 3AR

Friday 24 & Sunday 26, 11.30am to 5.30pm

Free entry

Cambridge Made invites you to a Christmas Fair of beautifully curated gifts made by local makers and artists in the heart of Cambridge.

[More information](#)

Ben's Yard Christmas Market

Ben's Yard, Ely, Cambridge CB7 5TR

Saturday 2 December 2023, 10am to 7pm

Admission £8

Ben's Yard's very first Christmas Market!

[Book tickets here.](#)

Burwell Christmas Market

Mandeville Hall Burwell, Cambridge CB25 0AH

Saturday 2 December, 11am to 5pm

We have a fantastic range of stalls selling all sorts of goodies and will also have Father Christmas in attendance! Details for booking appointments will come out soon.

Refreshments and cakes will be available. All raising funds to pay for the refurbished park in Burwell!

South Cambridgeshire Christmas Market

Cambourne Village College, Sheepfold Lane, Cambourne CB23 6FR

Sunday 10 December 2023, 11am to 3pm

South Cambs District Council (SCDC) are hosting a Christmas Market

The market will include 70 local independent market stallholders who will deliver a range of Christmas artisan gift ideas, crafts, edibles, decorative pieces and much more. Mobile caterers for food and drink will be available outdoors nearby.

Mill Road Winter Fair

Mill Road, Cambridge

Saturday 2 December

[Mill Road Winter Fair](#) is a celebration of community along one of the most diverse and vibrant roads in Cambridge. The Fair brings together local businesses and organisations, shops and stallholders, musicians, artists and dancers in one day of festival joy.

March Christmas Market

March Market Place, High Street, City Road Car Park - in and around March Library

Sunday 3 December, 10am to 3pm

The event is free to attend and hosts over 150 stalls offering a wonderful range of gifts, crafts and produce. Visitors can enjoy hot festive food and live entertainment. Santa will be located on the Market Place as will some free of charge rides.

Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair

Thursday 16 November, 10am to 1pm & 1pm to 4pm

Friday 17 November

9am to 10am - Exclusive entry for 'shoppers with wheels'. - A one hour crowd free experience specifically for those using mobility aids or push chairs.

10am to 1pm | 1pm to 4pm | 6.30pm to 9pm

Saturday 18 November - (Sold Out!)

Discover perfect presents for friends and family from over a hundred boutique stalls and designers located throughout the Cathedral's magnificent nave and aisles.

A Festive Shopping Marquee, located in the grounds adjacent to the Cathedral, will host a further 120 stalls selling festive produce, gifts and treasures. There will be plenty of food vendors on site providing an array of refreshments and hot drinks.

All outdoor areas are free to enter.

More information and tickets available [here](#).

Cambridge Science Park Christmas Market

Wednesday 6 December, 11am to 2pm

The Christmas Market is free and open to all.

Browse stalls showcasing local businesses, offering a wide range of hand-crafted gifts, and locally produced food & drink. This is the perfect opportunity to kick-start your Christmas shopping.

Food trucks offering a variety of delicious street food - will park up alongside the market from 12pm to 2pm for this week only. You can pre-order your food or see what you fancy on the day!

Money raised will be donated to Cambridge Science Centre, an educational charity based in Cambridge delivering hands-on STEM experiences in schools and communities throughout the East of England.

If you have any questions, please email [Kim](#).

Museum of Cambridge Christmas Market

The Museum of Cambridge 2-3 Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ

Friday 24 November, 12noon to 5pm

Saturday 25 November, 10am to 5pm

Sunday 26 November, 10am to 4pm

Free

Gift something different this Christmas and shop local hand-made gifts at the Museum of Cambridge Christmas Market.

Join the Museum of Cambridge for a weekend of festive cheer, and local artistry and talent. Shop, visit or browse amazing food and gifts galore. Let the wonder of our talented city infuse your holiday season with warmth and cheer!

Peterborough Museum's Christmas Fayre!

Priestgate, Peterborough PE1 1LF

Saturday 25 Nov 2023, 10am to 4pm

Free entry

Find unique gifts for friends and family this Christmas. Local traders will be selling their beautiful arts and homemade crafts at our popular annual Christmas Fayre. From cards and prints by local artists to unique stocking fillers and handmade jewellery.

Burghley House Christmas Fair

Burghley House, Peterborough, Stamford PE9 3JY

Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 November, 9.30am to 8pm

Thursday and Friday, 9.30am to 4pm

Saturday and Sunday, 9.30am to 2pm

Adult £10.00, Child (3-15 years) £5.00, Under 3s Free | Includes parking.

Enjoy a truly magical festive shopping experience at the Burghley Christmas Fair

The beautiful courtyards and grounds of Burghley House will once again be filled with festive chalets, pagodas and marquees bedecked in sparkling Christmas decorations for the annual Burghley Christmas Fair.

The region's most magical Christmas Fair with over 150 stalls offering a wide range of artisan and unique gifts. Spend the day finding the perfect presents for loved ones and pick up some unique stocking fillers, handmade decorations, and beautiful homewares.

The most wonderful festive day out with lights twinkling, music filling the air, and if you're lucky, a few snowflakes too! Plus, a large Victorian carousel, lit up for the season, adds even more seasonal cheer.

Tickets must be booked in advance and will not be available on the gate. Full details and booking information available [here](#).
