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Welcome to our little paradise in the loop of the River Severn.

Shrewsbury is small enough to explore on foot but big enough to give you plenty to discover and keep you busy for a whole weekend - or make a week of it visiting wider Shropshire.

We're a bustling town, full of creatives and big ideas, independent shops and entrepreneurial spirit. It's a town of contrasts, with the sweeping green spaces of The Quarry park and riverside and higgledy-piggledy, half-timbered streets within the town walls.

If history is your thing, you've come to the right place. We've over 700 listed buildings - all with stories to tell. You'll love our mediaeval shuts and passages which criss-cross the town and our wonky black and white buildings - there's a picture opportunity round every corner!

There's always something going on in Shrewsbury, from artisan markets and food fairs to pop ups in cool spaces and of course our famous festivals and River Severn loop to enjoy.



Shrewsbury Visitor Information Centre

For hints and tips about what to see and do, visit the Visitor Information Centre inside Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery in The Square.

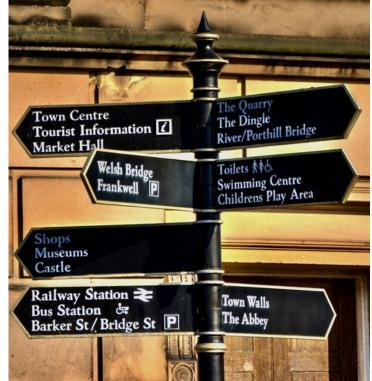
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BY BIKE

Shrewsbury is connected to the National Cycle Network routes 81 and 44. Cycle right into town along the flat through The Quarry, our riverside park, on route 81. Or pick up route 45 north to Shawbury and Whitchurch.

BY TRAIN OR COACH

Shrewsbury's splendid grade II listed Victorian railway station sits under Shrewsbury Castle. It's a 43 mile hop from here to Birmingham New Street and a beautiful journey west into Wales. Popular routes include London (3h44). Leeds (2h23), Birmingham in: (56 mins). Manchester (1h7) and Liverpool (2h33). For more information visit nationalrail.co.uk or contact 0800 022 3720 A National Express Coach from

London Victoria will get you to Shrewsbury by teatime - see nationalexpress.com

TAXIS

There is a taxi rank at the train station, or telephone: Dells Taxi - 07745 724594 Star Cars - 01743 353535

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BY CAR

Shrewsbury is accessible via the A5 and M54. Choose from three Park and Ride car parks with buses operating Mon-Sat every 20 minutes: Oxon (SY3 5AD), Meole Brace (SY3 9NB) and Harlescott (SY1 4HA).

For details of pay & display car parks in Shrewsbury, and '15 minutes pop and shop' spaces, free parking, and contactless/MiPermit electronic payment, visit: originalshrewsbury.co.uk/car-parking

DISABLED ACCESS

Blue Badge parking is available Shoplatch, Castle Street, St Mary's Street, St Mary's Place, Claremont Street, Roushill, Beeches Lane. Princess Street. and Dogpole.

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For more information visit: originalshrewsbury.co.uk/carparking

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#FUNFACT

When you arrive by train, look out for Shrewsbury's world-famous Severn **Bridge** Junction Signal Box with its 180 levers. all dating back to 1903, many which are still in use today!

DISCOVER

THE SAXONS GOT HERE FIRST
THEN CAME ROGER DE MONTGOMERY
FOUNDER OF OUR CASTLE AND ABBEY
THE DRAPERS DEALT IN WOOL
AND DARWIN STUDIED THE BEES

You'll do quite a bit of climbing in Shrewsbury. We've got the Saxons to thank for that. They set up camp here, around 700AD building little religious settlements on scrubby hilltops around the churches of St Mary's and (old) St Chads. Our old name was

Scrobbesbyrig - which, roughly translated, means fort in the shrubs! By the time of the first written reference to it in 901, Shrewsbury had grown into a fully-fledged town.

Battles and skirmishes have been fought here over many centuries, mostly between the







FIND OUT MORE

Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery is a great place to begin you day out in Shrewsbury. Find it in the old Music Hall in The Square Explore the galleries and learn more about Shropshire' archaeology, geology & fossils, decorative arts and social and industrial history. www.shropshiremuseums.org.uk/smaq/



English and Welsh. It's why we had a whacking great town wall and a brilliant castle, with its original motte still dominating the town (well, half of it - the rest slipped into the river).

Shrewsbury has Welsh sheep to thank for decades of prosperity, which has left a legacy of very fine architecture. In the 13th and 14th centuries, prosperous wool merchants including William Vaughan built stone mansions in courtyards behind the streets. And, at the height of the woollen cloth trade in the 1500s, rich merchants showed off by building half-timbered mansions here.

We had a lively time of it during the English Civil War too - the town fell to Parliament forces in 1645 when a traitor let them in at the St Mary's Water Gate. The buildings of Shrewsbury are rich in stories, with every era represented from Mediaeval and Tudor to Georgian, Victorian and Modernist styles. Another heyday was in the 18th

century when Shrewsbury was a 'place of resort' for the rich local gentry.

Charles Darwin spent his childhood years in Shrewsbury and was born in a grand house on The Mount. He wasn't a fan of Shrewsbury School (now Shrewsbury Library) and hopped off on board The Beagle, on his famous voyage of discovery, aged 22.





01 Shrewsbury Castle
02 St Alkmund's Square

03 Shrewsbury Library
04 The Old Market Hall, The Square





Throughout the warmer months visitors to Shrewsbury can discover the full range of what the town has to offer thanks to our team of Ambassadors, The Ambassadors, introduced in 2019, work alongside the Shrewsbury town guides and help visitors discover the hidden gems in the town.

Ambassadors are on duty on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 2pm. Their aim is provide a better experience for visitors and to help them make the most of all that Strengthen that to offer You'll find them at points throughout the town and they can be spotted wearing their bright blue tops and a welcoming smile! You can also volunteer by going to the

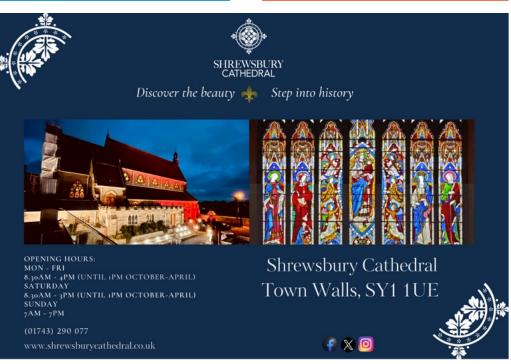


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STREETS YOU'LL LOVE
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BY RICKSHAW!

Our historic centre has more than 700 listed buildings - every one of them with a story to tell! It's great fun getting lost in Shrewsbury. Explore our mediaeval shuts and passages and see where you pop out. There's a surprise around every corner.

THE SQUARE

The hub of activity for the town, as it was in Tudor times when the magnificent Old Market Hall was built to conduct the town's trade (c.1595-96) in cloth and corn. Nagging wives and

dishonest traders were once 'ducked' in the now vanished 'Bishop's Pool' in The Square.

Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery

Tucked behind the Old Market Hall, is Shropshire's flagship museum, now in the old Music Hall. A five-year restoration saw it annexed to the 13th century 'Vaughan's Mansion' to house the museum's extensive collections, which include a fabulous silver Roman mirror from Wroxeter. It has a busy programme of events and a great café with outdoor seating.





#Fun TO DO

Hail a ride from the Shrewsbury Rickshaws - a free service on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Dial 07768 131452 or visit

shropshirecyclehub.uk/rickshaws

The Old Market Hall

In the heart of town, our beautiful Old Market Hall (c.1596) served as a courthouse and a place of trade for generations. Climb the stairs and discover OMH - a much-loved arthouse cinema and café on the top floor.

BARKER STREET/ WEST END

Shrewsbury Market Hall

Our award-winning indoor market houses a superb collection of quirky foodie pop-ups, cafés, street food stalls and eclectic independent traders. Look out for its late nights, with a festival vibe. Voted Britain's Favourite Market 2023 and 2018!

Rowley's House and Mansion

The timber-framed Rowley's House and brick-built Rowley's Mansion were built for Roger Rowley, a wool merchant and his son. The mansion is believed to be the earliest brick building in Shrewsbury.

TOWN WALLS

Walk along Shrewsbury Town Walls from Wyle Cop to Claremont Hill and you'll see a few of our famous landmarks can you spot the last remaining watchtower in the walls?

Shrewsbury Cathedral

Known for its famous stained glass by the characterful artist Margaret Rope (1882-1953), it has a lovely café with an outdoor courtyard.

St Chad's Church

This iconic Georgian round church was built in 1792 and is an eye-catching landmark. Look out for Scrooge's grave in the churchyard, leftover from the filming of A Christmas Carol.

Old St Chad's Churchyard

Only the 15th century Lady Chapel remains of this once great church on Milk Street, which was demolished in 1788 after the tower collapsed.

THE RIVERSIDE

The Quarry

You can't miss our 29-acres of beautiful parkland in the loop of the River Severn. Here you'll find our swimming pool, an outdoor splash park and playpark, with coffee and ice cream stops too. It's home to many great festivals, including the historic Shrewsbury Flower Show. Percy Thrower MBE, the famous TV gardening presenter, lived in Quarry Lodge until 1974, as parks superintendent.

The Bridges

It's great fun to walk the bridges in Shrewsbury. They have histories and personalities of their own. Follow the river from The Welsh Bridge to the English Bridge, with Porthill, Kingsland and Greyfriars bridges in between. Spot the remains of an old Fransciscan Friary next to Greyfriars Bridge, or stop





a while on Kingsland Bridge and enjoy the rowers passing underneath. Alternatively, see the bridges from the water on Sabrina Boat, which offers daily trips along the picturesque River Severn.

Pengwern Boat Club is one of the oldest in the country (c.1881) and neighbouring Shrewsbury Boat Club is responsible for some of the finest rowing in the land.

CASTLE GATES (AND BEYOND)

Shrewsbury Library

This Grade I-listed building was home to Shrewsbury School from 1552 to 1882, attended by Charles Darwin. Look out for the boys' names, graffitied into the panelling!

Shrewsbury Castle

The original Norman fortification dates back to William the Conqueror. Our castle has seen real bloodshed through the centuries, including in 1138, when around 100 defenders were hanged from the battlements. The gardens are great for picnics and summer outdoor concerts and events.

Shrewsbury Prison

Also known as 'The Dana' this foreboding Victorian prison (with an even earlier Georgian jail beneath it) is now one of the world's foremost 'dark tourism' attractions and a popular filming location. Public hangings once took place above the gatehouse. Now home to prison breaks, paranormal investigations, guided tours and corporate away days, it's a fascinating place.

Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings

Dubbed a grandparent of the modern skyscraper because of its iron frame, this magnificent industrial building played a key role in

#Funfact

The Flaxmill Maltings were once over run with feral carts, brought in to keep the rodents at bay.

The Flaxmill Maltings is also known as the 'Grandparent of Skyscrapers'

Britain's industrial past as a purpose-built flax mill, and then maltings. After a multi- million pound restoration, the main mill opened to the public again in 2022 and now houses an interactive exhibition ('The Mill') and a great café.

BEAR STEPS

Climb the steps into the heart of mediaeval Shrewsbury, with its narrow streets and old mansions and 'jettied' upper storeys. This area was once home to The King's Market before it moved to The Square. Look out for the names of streets around here, which give a nod to the past: 'Fish Street', 'Butcher Row' and 'Grope Lane'!



#Funfact

The decorative carvings in the timberwork of Drapers' Hall were created by the Shrewsbury school of carpentry in the late 1500s. Drapers Hall is now home to the restaurant RHUBARB.



Bear Steps Art Gallery

Local art exhibitions are often held in this 14th century hall, which is open to the rafters. It was restored by the Shrewsbury Civic Society in the late 1960s/70s.

St Alkmund's Church

Said to have been founded by King Alfred's daughter in 912 and rebuilt in the late 1700s, this solid-looking church has a beautiful East window depicting the Assumption - and a great lunchtime concert series.

Butcher Row (Abbot's House)

Once home to the town's butchers' shops and now a lively hub of restaurants, pubs, cocktail bars and the Grade Illisted Prince Rupert Hotel.

ST MARY'S & DOGPOLE

The Parade Shopping Centre

This Grade II listed building with its massive Doric columns, is the former home of the Royal Salop infirmary. It's home to a quirky collection

of independent shops and a lovely café overlooking the River Severn.

St Mary's Church

This beautiful, town centre church has some of the finest stained glass in Britain, including the famous 14th century Jesse window, and one of the tallest spires in England. Now used for quirky events, fairs and concerts and there's a good café in the back of the church too.

Drapers' Hall

Built for Shrewsbury Drapers Company, the town's oldest surviving ancient guild, this beautiful, timber-framed building is now a popular boutique hotel and the restaurant RHUBARB

WYLE COP

The half-timbered, jettied fronts of Tudor mansions sloping down to The River Severn make this one of Shrewsbury's most famous streets. You'll find a mix of independent shops, a contemporary art gallery, wine bars, cafés and restaurants.

historic pubs and the famous Shrewsbury wine merchants Tanners.

The Lion Hotel

This historic hotel dates back from before 1618 and was once the premier coaching inn on the London to Holyhead route. Famous visitors here have included Charles Dickens, Paganini and Benjamin Disraeli. It boasts a spectacular 'Adam' style ballroom.

Henry Tudor House

A perfect-looking mediaeval timber-framed townhouse, built in 1426 for a local brewer. Watch out for the ghosts of Henry Tudor's soldiers on their way to defeat Richard III!

The Nag's Head

Grab a pork pie and a jar of ale and dine like a mediaeval peasant in the garden of this historic public house, sitting inside the ruins of a timber-framed mansion. Just don't look at the picture in the haunted room.

Tanners Cellars

This historic, family-owned independent wine merchants

was established in 1842 by sea captain William Tanner. Parts of the current shop on Wyle Cop date back to the 1490s.

FRANKWELL

Theatre Severn

Opened in 2009, our theatre has a lively programme of events and a famous pantomime every winter. The balcony overlooking the river is a nice spot for a preperformance glass of wine.

University Centre Shrewsbury

The university opened in 2014, established by Shropshire Council and the University of Chester, with a main teaching and learning centre at Frankwell Quay.

ABBEY FOREGATE

Shrewsbury Abbey

Founded in 1083, by Roger de Montgomery, it was once one of the most powerful monasteries in the land. Henry VIII destroyed quite a bit of it and the engineer Thomas Telford ran his London to Holyhead Road right through it.

Shropshire Wildlife Trust

The Cut Visitor Centre is opposite Shrewsbury Abbey and has a planted central courtyard with a 'Wild Child' garden and mud kitchen and regular wildlife themed talks and events.

Coleham Pumping Station

This Victorian chapel-like building on the bank of the River Severn houses two steam-driven beam engines, which pumped sewage here until 1970. It has family-friendly, open days when you can see the engines in action.

And finally...

Mount House

This fine Georgian house on The Mount in Shrewsbury was the childhood home of Charles Darwin, born here in 1809. It has recently been acquired by a businessman with plans for a café and small museum.



01 St Chad's Church
02 Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings
03 Tanners Wine Merchants





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DRINK DINE

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We've so many cool eateries in Shrewsbury, hiding away under the eaves. Here are a few to give you a flavour.

BURGERS

Brooklyn Craft on Shoplatch aims for an offbeat American vibe (takeaway or dine-in), whilst burgers at The Beefy Boys on High Street are unapologetically calorie-laden. Lyon's Den takes some finding, downstairs off St Mary's Water Lane, but its gourmet burgers are worth the hunt. For veggie burgers, try Okra on the High Street.

FINE DINING

In smart premises overlooking Victoria Quay, The Walrus delivers ambitious tasting menus. La Dolce Vita in Hill's Lane has Italian style, six-course tasters and superb service. The Golden Cross on Princess Street has set the standard for years as a special dining destination. Also try Rhubarb at Drapers Hall - where else can you dine like a Lord on a high table? The Lion and Pheasant still pulls its weight on Wyle Cop,

whilst fine dining Indian style can be found at Avatar on Mardol.

NIGHTLIFE

Old fashioned rakes will feel right at home in The Libertine Cocktail Bar in Butcher Row, with its sumptuous decor, or there's the prohibition-themed Blind Tiger on Hill's Lane and on Ten & Six Champagne Bar on Mardol will take you down the rabbit hole. Bar Oil and Glou Glou are funky watering holes on Castle Street, both with regular livemusic and The Alb on Smithfield promises Road 'Cocktails & Dreams' in equal measure. For cheap beer try Montgomery's Tower (known affectionately as 'Monty's) on Lower Claremont Bank.

PUB FAVOURITES

Shrewsbury is awash with historic pubs and perfect for an ale trail. Enjoy pork pies and traditional ales in the garden of The Nag's Head on Wyle Cop, or marvel at ancient frescoes in the half-timbered King's Head on Mardol. For superior real ale, dive into the Three Fishes on Fish Street. For outdoor space, try Cromwell's Tap



on Dogpole and The Admiral Benbow on Swan Hill.
The Loggerheads on Church Street, The Wheatsheaf on The High Street, The Salopian Bar on Smithfield Road, The Hole in The Wall on Shoplatch and The Bull Inn on Butcher Row all have regular live music.

CRAFT BEERS

For funky watering holes try taproom and bottle shop Tap and Can on Castle Gates and Rad Beer on Hereford Road. House of Grain on Wyle Cop and Oil on Castle Street are cool hangouts with great craft ales.

DRY NIGHTS

There's a great alcohol free bottle shop dry. on Wyle Cop,



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LATE NIGHTS

The Buttermarket is a vast nightclub in our former butter market, with a busy lineup of gigs, tribute acts and events. Fever has been mopping up the party animals for years on Hill's Lane, whilst live music venue Albert's Shed and cabaret club The Boujee Lounge (Castle Foregate) also offer late night dancing.

DAYTIME BUZZ

The Cat's Pyjamas is a busy brunch and lunch-stop in The Square. Stop. Coffee in Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery and its sister café by Greyfriars Bridge have excellent lunch menus, as does Number Four Butcher Row. Or find lots of choice for lunchtime eats under one roof in The Market Hall: The Bird's Nest café in the market has long been the epicentre of Shrewsbury 'cool' or visit Moli for delicious dumplings - or sip something a little stronger at PetitGlou and Gindifferent.

CAFE CULTURE

We're proud of our independent café culture in Shrewsbury. Straight off the train. vou'll find Iron & Fire at the station approach and Shrewsbury Coffeehouse



Grab a board game at nerdy coffee Co. or, for outdoor space head to Orchard Cafe at Shrewsbury Cathedral, or Daily Brews with its tables on The Square. Favourites just outside the centre include In Good Hands in Frankwell and The Shed in Abbey Foregate.



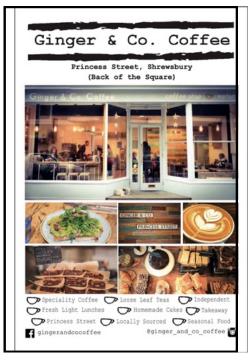
AFTERNOON TEA

Camilla, opposite St Alkmund's Church, is a genteel and wellestablished tea room. The Gallery Tearooms on Princess Street offer homemade lunches, fry ups and classic afternoon

Taste of Shrewsbury has an unexpectedly lovely upstairs period tearoom on Mardol, or try the Mad Hatter's afternoon tea at Ten & Six Champagne Bar for a tea party like no other!

For a smart treat, try the Lion & Pheasant Hotel on Wyle Cop or The Loopy Shrew on Bellstone.









OUTDOOR

Peaberry café takes over a stretch of Milk Street in the summer for pavement dining in the heart of town. For the best Mediterranean style secret gardens visit The Olive Tree in Frankwell and Wyle Blue World off Wyle Cop (summer months only). Watering holes The Old Post Office on Milk Street, The Shrewsbury Hotel on Smithfield Road, The Hop & Fryer and The Nags Head on Wyle Cop all have outdoor seating.

RIVERSIDE

The Boathouse pub by Porthill Bridge, is hard to beat for riverside drinking and The Coleham Tap also has a nice riverside terrace. The River View café behind The Parade Shops has a lovely view over the River Severn, looking towards Haughmond Hill. Hickory's Smokehouse, The Armoury city pub and the Riverbank Bar & Kitchen have waterside seating at Victoria Quay, or why not enjoy a drink whilst taking a boat trip on Sabrina.

INTERNATIONAL

Istanbul is a top favourite in Frankwell with generous plates of meze, kofte and kebabs from the grill. Or try A la Turka on Wyle Cop, or Cypriot meze restaurant Exo Poli on Longden Road. AleOli y Tu in Frankwell and Casa Naranjo are favourite tapas restaurants, whilst the globally inspired, family-run Csons on Milk Street does

everything from breakfast through to 'Mystery Menu' special dinners. House of the Rising Sun on Butcher Row is good for fusion and, for Thai food, it's hard to beat House of Yum in Shrewsbury Market Hall, although we've a raft of other Thai restaurants too.

Umai on Princess Street has sushi, sashimi and popular bento boxes. For pizza, visit the urban chic restaurant Dough & Oil on Castle Street. Tutto Bene in the Market Hall and La Dolce Vita on Hill's Lane set the standard for Italian food, whilst Osteria on Mardol is great for family dining. La Lanterna serves Italian classics in the crypt of St Alkmonds Church and La Piazzetta is a reliable eatery on The Square.

For French cuisine, try Côte Brasserie on The Square.

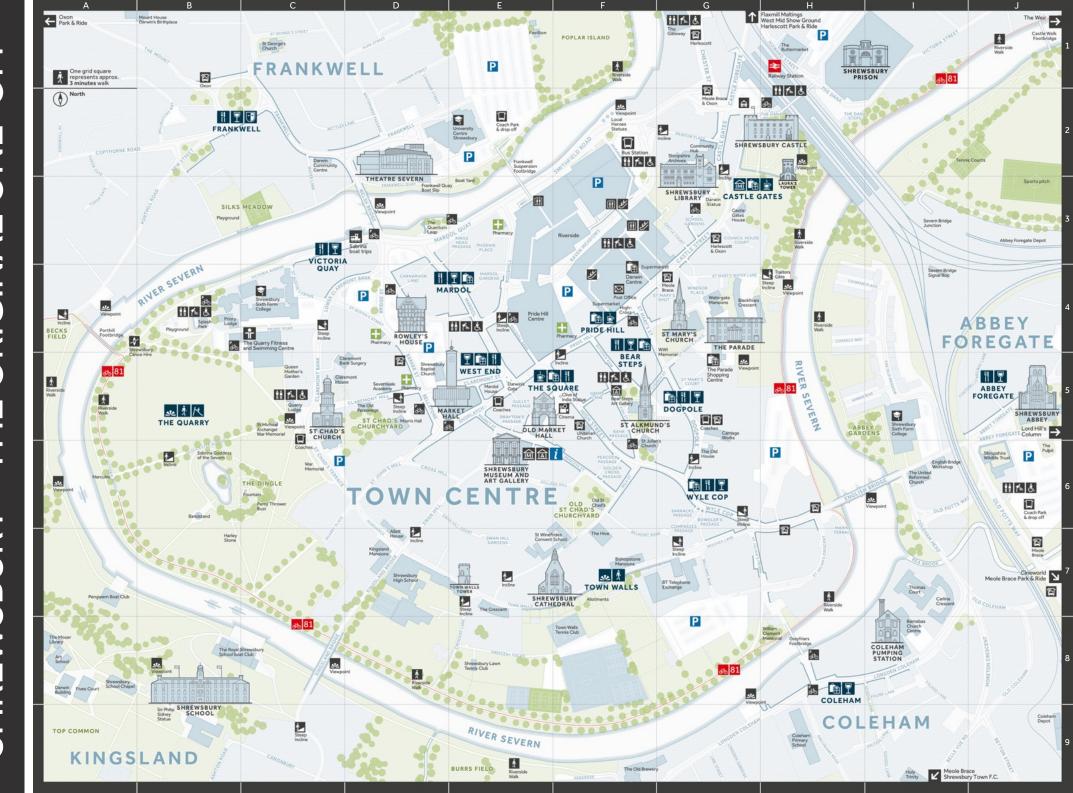
Favourite Indian and South Asian restaurants include Café Saffron on Hill's Lane, The Curry House and Avatar on Mardol, Third Place in Frankwell and The Masala at St Julian's Friars.

VEGAN, VEGGIE & PLANTBASED

Okra on the High Street does laid-back veggie lunches, or visit Lebanese inspired vegan takeaway Plantkind Falafel, on Milk Street. Itadakizen on Fish Street, offers Japanese vegan cuisine or there's Kanu Poké on Roushill for vegan Pacific Fusion. The Greenhouse café has a bright, airy vibe above Milk Street.







Stretching from the top of Pride Hill to its junction with Wyle Cop, St Mary's Street transitions into Dogpole. Dogpole gets its name from the pole that was suspended across the end of the street forcing those on horseback to dismount.

It is home to some of Shrewsbury's most historic buildings such as The Drapers Hall which is home of The Shrewsbury Drapers Company and now the restaurant RHUBARB, St Marys Church, whose Jesse window is world renowned, and The Parade Shopping Centre or the Royal Salop Infirmary to give it its original name. Further down on Dogpole sits The Old House, this timber framed townhouse dates to the 1500s.

Dotted between all the historic buildings, there are shops aplenty. Visit Millard & Lancaster, and Number 8 for a carefully curated collection of home furnishings art, & gifts, Marmalade has a wonderful range of bespoke lampshades & there is a design studio at Interiors at St Mary's.

If it's jewellery you are after, Thomas Glover specialise in fabulous antique jewellery and vintage watches & Sires Master Goldsmiths create handmade Family Crest Signet rings along with redesigning and transforming pre-owned jewellery & gem stones in to one off pieces..

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ST MARY'S & DOGPOLE

SHREWSBURY'S HIDDEN GEM, JUST WAITING FOR YOU EXPLORE



Tabernacle, which was built in 1862. For the fashionistas, Maggie Mae's Vintage has an incredible range of vintage clothing & accessories, and Kashmir & Silk delights with its wonderful range of silk & Kashmir scarves & clothes sourced directly from Kashmir together with rugs accessories and more.

Head to Aroma of Shrewsbury for a journey in time. Opened in 1981 selling freshly roasted coffee & loose leaf tea this family run Shrewsbury original is a must see. The smell alone is worth a visit, but the Belgian Chocolates will drag you in. Once you have finished

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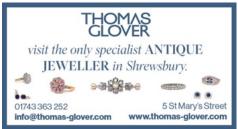
The Royal Salap Infirmary now The Parade Shopping Centre - is where, for a time Charles Darwin's father practiced as a doctor

shopping head to Rhubarb which is situated within the incredible Drapers Hall, with its inglenook fireplace & oak panelled walls for a bite to eat or a cocktail. Or fancy lapping up some rays, Cromwell's Tap House is the place to do so, its secluded beer garden is a local favourite. If it's a pint of real ale you are after, then The Loggerheads is the place to go. Situated only a few yards off St Mary's Street, it has been a public house since 1780.

A wonder down St Mary's Street and Dogpole will no doubt bring that little bit of extra joy to your visit to Shrewsbury.

















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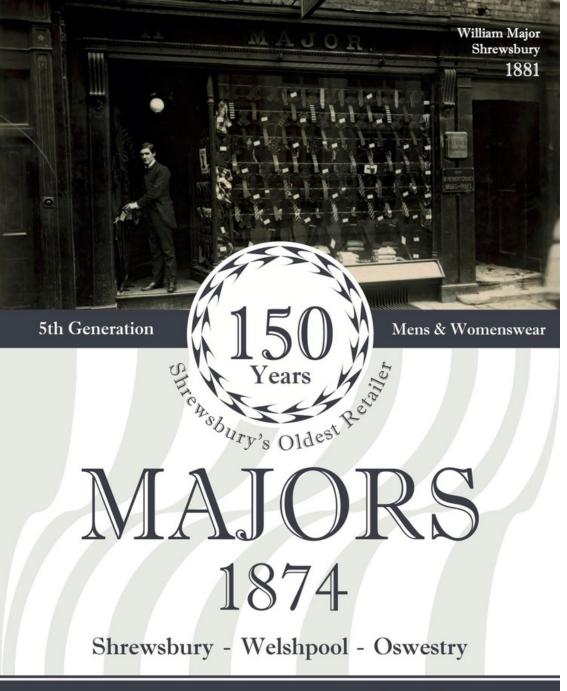


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Wyle Cop famously boasts the longest row of independent shops in Britain. Here you'll find the famous Tanners Wine Merchants, upmarket boutiques and specialist retailers such a Christmas Perks, cooking Kneads, Trek Bicycles, the Christian book Shop Illuminate, cashmere retailer Turtle doves and Wrekin Whiskies.

GIFTS & INTERIORS

White Orchard on Butcher Row has beautiful things, or try Millard & Lancaster, and Vinegar Hill on St Mary's Street. On Wyle Cop, there's Wyle Blue World, UNIIQ and The Toy Box. For all things Harry Potter try Labyrinthin Grope Lane. For interiors, choose from Interiors at St Mary's Street and Number 8. Or there's White Lotus living, Tudor Galleries (Juliet Chilton) and Wyld Home on Wyle Cop and Marmalade at Dogpole.

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FASHION

The Square is good for designer shopping (Moss, Barbour, Jigsaw, Carvell on The Square, Pockets) and there's a Fat Face too. Try the High Street for major brands (Joules, Phase Eight, Seasalt, White Stuff, Saltrock, Crew Clothing Company). For menswear we've Halon on the High Street. Majors on Mardol Head and Martin David in The Parade, or Templeton Jones on Princess Street Womenswear boutiques Ella Cru and Oberon can be found on Wyle Cop and beautiful lingerie at Carvell Linaerie and Swimwearon Butcher Row. For pre-loved we've New to You on Princess Street, or The Wardrobe on Town Walls.

The Parade

unusual shopping experience inside the former Royal Salop Infirmary in St Mary's Place. Inside there is a wonderful cafe with a river view, a clutch of health and beauty businesses, the long established Martin Menswear. photography studios, art &. collectables, secondhand book, a specialist wool shop, award winning milliner, Japanese cookware and The Vegan Hub.

Darwin Centre

There's a mix of local and national chains in our undercover Darwin Centre. including Green Options and the Shrewsbury Duck Store.. Many big national brands are found here too and

The Collective showcases independent traders.

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Shrewsbury Market Hall

they'll sing the praises of or multi award-winning Market Hall. voted Britain's Favourite Market in both 2018 and 2023. Open form 8am to 4pm with regular late nights, where the market comes alice with a festival vibe. Find over 60 independent traders, from the highest quality fresh produce; meat and fish, artisan cheese and charcuterie, to handmade chocolates, fair trade spices and fine wines. Special interest include; independent record, vintage clothing, gift, comics & memorabilia, card, board games, second hand books. dried flowers. homeware, kitchen foods iewellery, bags, hats, and arts & crafts. If you are feeling peckish, there are 11 cafes and hars to choose from



Shop the latest trends and stop for a bite to eat in the heart of Shrewsbury.

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EXPERIENCE

SHREWSBURY IS AN EXPERIENCE. WANDER INTO TOWN AND YOU'RE GUARANTEED TO FIND SOMETHING TO VISIT. WATCH. OR DO.

Browse a Market

The Square hosts a wonderful farmers' market and a 'Made in Shropshire' craft market every first Friday and second Saturday of the month.

Catch a Show

Theatre Severn has an impressive annual programme of events, including top quality comedy, live music and drama. Or visit the Old Market Hall for a unique independent cinema experience.

Find a Festival

There's always something going on in Shrewsbury! See our full list of the most popular events in our Festival Guide.

Go to Prison!

Book a guided tour at Shrewsbury Prison, one of the world's best 'dark tourism' attractions, where you'll find about life in a Victorian prison, visit the execution room and learn what it's like to work as a prison guard in a modern jail.

Enjoy an Exhibition

Bear Steps art gallery in St Alkmonds Place has free exhibitions of local artists. Also try Shrewsbury Coffeehouse on Castle Gates, The Hive on Belmont, The Gateway on Chester Street, or Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery. For galleries, there's the contemporary art gallery The Soden Collection on Wyle Cop, or Callaghan Fine Paintings on St Mary's Street.

Escape the Room

Shrewsbury Prison offers 10 cutting edge escape rooms with two themes: 'The Cell' is a family-friendly, entry level escape room, or there's 'The Hole' for an extra challenge (a self-guided tour of the prison is included in the ticket price). Or look out for their famous Prison Break events when you'll put on an orange jumpsuit and try to break out for real! LevelUpEscapes in the Darwin Centre also offers



multiple rooms and a variety of themes

Catch The Boat

Named after the goddess of the River Severn, The Sabrina Boat offers hourly, boat trips from 11-4pm daily from March to October. The 45 minute daily sight-seeing tours around the River Severn loop include table service and commentary. Look out for special trips: afternoon teas, Sunday lunches and Tuesday evening dinner & cruise nights. Plus themed cruises: Mama Mia, Motown Cruises, Back to the 80s, cheese & wine, gin tasting and more. Ghost cruises throughout October. Find it at Victoria Quay, by the Welsh Bridge. Visit www.sabrinaboat.co.uk or contact (01743) 369741

Hire a Bike

Enjoy a flat ride along The River Severn in The Quarry, or book a guide for a group ride in







The Visual Art Network (VAN) Gallery on the middle level of the Darwin Shopping Centre has a wide selection of work for sale by local artists and makers including; paintings, prints, ceramics, textiles, sculptures, jewellery, woodwork, glasswork and greetings cards.

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the Shropshire hills. Visit and at St Alkmund's Church on BikeHire Shrewsbury Facebook or maxbikespr.co.uk

Join a Parkrun

Crowds gather for this friendly, free 5km run in The Quarry every Saturday at 9am. Don't just watch - join them! There's a Junior Park run on a Sunday too.

Walk the Dog

Roam The Quarry and riverside in the heart of townor the Rea Brook Valley LocalNature Reserve. Lyth Hill has great views, Haughmond Hill has a gravel track, good for mobility scooters, and cafe. Further out are The Wrekin. Earl's Hill Pontesbury and Nesscliffe Country Park with Kynaston's Cave and an Iron Age hillfort.

Hear the Music

Enjoy free lunchtime concerts at St Chad's Church on Fridays

Tuesdays.

Watch a Match

Shrewsbury Town Football Club plays at Montgomery Waters Meadow, with a devoted local following.

Join a Tour

Join Sabrina Boat from March to October for a river tour with live commentary about the history and sites of the town (every hour between 11am-4pm) and for ghost cruises

throughout October. To book tickets visit sabrinaboat.co.uk Walking tours usually depart from The Square at weekends. Or try a ghost tour in the autumn, or the famous A Christmas Carol guided tour, visiting sights from the filming of the 1984 Dickens adaptation.

Ask about tours at the visitor information centre at Shrewsbury Museum & Art



Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery in The Square will keep the kids busy for a good few hours, with great interactive exhibits and there are regular workshops & activities, or visit The Soldiers of Shropshire

Museum at Shrewsbury Castle, where they'll love running up to Laura's Tower. Theatre Severn usually has a good selection of shows just for kids.

Enjoy a swim session at The Quarry Swimming and Fitness Centre, or the play park and splash park next to the River Severn in The Quarry. You can hire canoes there too and A great family activity is to take the family on a leisurely trip around the medieval town via the river. Sabrina boat offers 6 trips every day from 1st March to end of October. Family and children discounts available. Try a Prison Break or axe throwing at Shrewsbury Prison, bowling at Hollywood Bowl, or take them on the Shrewsbury Treasure Hunt. Shropshire Wildlife Trust has a sweet mud kitchen and regular activities and workshops at The Cut Visitor Centre in

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SHREWSBURY HAS PLENTY TO KEEP YOUR LITTLE ONES BUSY

Abbey Foregate. Get active with the kids at Jump In trampoline park, or visit Climbing Hut Shrewsbury in Battlefield. For soft play, we've Little Rascals on Monkmoor Road, or Wacky Warehouse at The Two Henrys in Battlefield. If petting farms appeal, then Home Farm at Attingham is a small but sweet option. or there's Hoo Zoo and Dinosaur World and Park Hall Countryside Experience within a short drive from Shrewsbury. Battlefield Falconry Centre has a nice collection of 30 birds, with the paddleboards and aquabikes great Battlefield 1403 café to escape islands on the lake. next door. Jump In trampoline park, or visit Climbing Hut Shrewsbury in Battlefield. For soft play, we've Little Rascals on Monkmoor Road, or Wacky







EVENTS

SHREWSBURY HAS MORE FESTIVALS IN ITS ANNUAL CALENDAR THAN ALMOST ANY OTHER UK MARKET TOWN. OUR MOST HISTORIC EVENT, THE SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW, DATES BACK TO 1836.

JAN/FEB

Snowdrop Walks

Snowdrop walks can be found at Winsley Hall, Westbury, Eyton Hall on the Weald Moors, Cound Guildhall, and Attingham Park just outside of Shrewsbury. DarwlN Festival Held around February 12th, this celebration of the birthday of naturalist Charles Darwin, born in Shrewsbury in 1809, takes place over a whole week.

MARCH Shrewsbury 10K

Shrewsbury's road race event begins and ends in The Quarry.

APRIL

Shrewsbury Steampunk

Festival This wonderfully wacky event inspired by Victorian-era industrialism involves fire eaters and

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teapot racing!

Shropshire Tasty Trail

The Tasty Trail was created by Shropshire Festivals and has now migrated to the beautiful Oteley estate near Ellesmere. The slogan 'Eat, Drink, Walk, Repeat' pretty much sums it up.

MAY

Pengwern Boat Club Regatta

Watch crews from across the country in action, enjoy the BBQ and refreshments and the buzz of the action on the riverside. Shropshire County Agricultural Show Created in the late 19th century, this much-loved event at the West Mid Showground showcases our county's agricultural heritage.

JUNE

Shrewsbury Arts Trail

Our arts trail brings famous sculptures and artists to town each summer, with a host of linked exhibitions, showcasing regional and national artists.

UK Proms in the Park

A night of classical music outdoors at the West Mid Showground, featuring the UK Proms Orchestra and special guests. **Shrewsbury Food Festival** This popular festival moves into The Quarry with cookery demonstrations, chef schools, kids' entertainment and live music.

JULY

Let's Rock Shrewsbury It's the UK's biggest Retro

Festival, apparently - and a popular summer highlight when it stops off in The Quarry. Battle of Shrewsbury Experience everyday life on the edge of the great battlefield at Battlefield 1403. with a mediaeval village. traditional crafts and battle reenactments. Shrewsbury Dragon Boat Festival Watch teams race against one another to the beat of a drum in 40ft dragon boats in this giant and popular charity race at Pengwern Boat Club.

AUGUST

Shrewsbury Flower Show

This historic event in The Quarry features huge marquees filled with floral displays, talks from expert gardeners and chefs, main arena entertainment and a mega fireworks display.

Shrewsbury Folk Festival

An epic celebration of folk music over the August Bank Holiday at the West Mid Showground.



Shrewsbury Steam Rally

This massive steam and vintage vehicle rally at Onslow Park has all the sights, sounds and smells of steam power!

Coracle World Championship

Teams from local businesses cross the River Severn from Pengwern Boat Club in tiny round boats in aid of charity.

Shrewsbury Heritage Open

Days Historic buildings open their doors as part of

England's largest festival of history and culture.

OCTOBER

Shropshire Oktoberfest

One of the leading beer festivals in the UK, this giant party in The Quarry captures the spirit of a German Oktoberfest.

Shrewsbury Half & Metric Half Marathon Starting at the West Mid Showground with a route usually through the town centre.

Ghost Cruise on Sabrina

Cruise down the river severn whilst listning to tales of ghosts and the history of shrewsbury. Select evenings.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

The Shrewsbury Panto

Brad Fitt and crew bring our favourite pantomime to Theatre Severn every year - it's one of the best in the country.



ROAM

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Shrewsbury Castle was built

to dominate the town with

roots dating back to William

spectacular for picnics!

The red sandstone

tile-floored chapterhouse.

whilst Haughmond Abbey

parkland.

ABBEYS

CASTLES

WORLD HERITAGE SITES

Ironbridge Gorge, home of the Industrial Revolution and the world's first iron bridge. boasts ten different museums spread along the valley of the River Severn.Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal is the longest (307m) and highest (38m) aqueduct in Britain, built in 1805 by Thomas Telford and William Jessop.Chirk Aqueduct is also part of the Llangollen Canal World Heritage site - cross it by boat, bike or paddle, and you can white water raft at Llangollen.

WROXETER ROMAN CITY

Viriconium was the fourth largest city in Roman Britain. The excavation of the second century baths began in 1859, making it one of the first archaeological sites to open to the public in the UK.

ELLESMERE LAKES

Shropshire's Lake District makes for a grand day out with wildfowl, gardens, picnic areas, rowing boats, playground, visitor centre and woodland walks.



Attingham Park has beautiful walks through a scenic deer park, and a great playpark and cafe and you can book a tour of the 18th-century mansion, built by the first Lord Berwick in 1785. Boscobel House and the Royal Oak at Brewood, near Telford, has a Victorian Farmyard, play area and trail and lovely tearoom. Hawkstone Park & Follies. just north of Shrewsbury, is

Park House & Gardens at

An Area of Outstanding the Long Mynd, Haughmond Hill, Stiperstones, Wenlock Edge and Carding Mill Valley, all with breathtaking views. The National Trust allows swimming in the reservoir at Carding Mill too, or enjoy stream.

Journey through beautiful Mid Wales countryside on the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway. Or hop on the Severn Valley Railway from Bridgnorth

the Conqueror (1067-ish). Acton Burnell Castle is tucked away in a quiet part of Shropshire. Parliaments were held here in 1283 and 1285. Another lovely ruin is Moreton Corbet Castle, begun in 1200 and significantly remodelled by the Corbet family in the 16th century. Whittington Castle is a picturesque Norman moated castle. The 13th century Stokesay Castle is a must-see and Ludlow Castle is a fine stone castle overlooking the

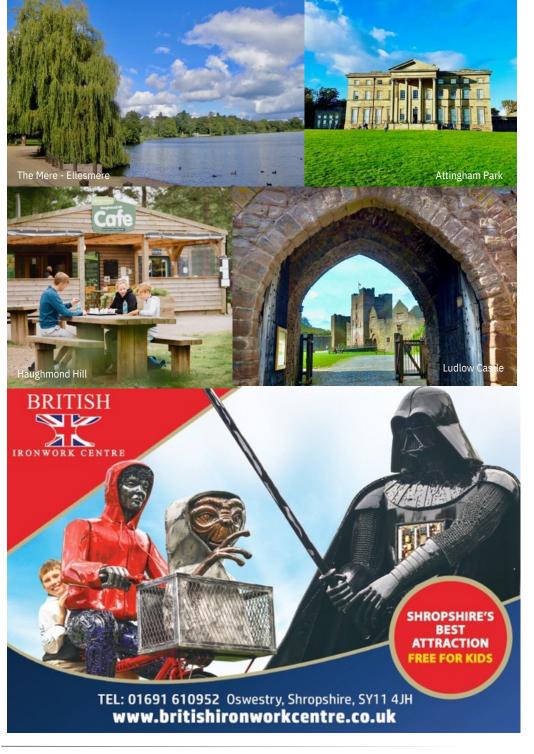
SHROPSHIRE HILLS

River Teme.

Natural Beauty which includes: picnics and paddling along the

RAILWAYS

to Kidderminster.





STAY

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Darwin's Townhouse is a large boutique bed and breakfast in a Georgian townhouse just off Wyle Cop. For historical interest, visit Prince Rupert Hotel on Butcher Row, in the heart of mediaeval Shrewsbury or Drapers Hall on St Mary's Place. Hambrook House in Kingsland offers smart stays in a beautiful Victorian house, whilst The Loopy Shrew has rooms right in the centre. For Scandi chic, try the Lion and Pheasant on Wyle Cop. Historic Albright Hussey Manor Hotel in Bomere Heath, is mentioned in the Domesday Book!

TOURING

Try Oxon Hall Touring Park, a scenic caravan site open all year round on Welshpool Road. Love 2 Stay is a glamping and touring park at Emstrey Bank with facilities including a natural swimming pool, assault course and lake.

GLAMPING

Riverside Cabins is an awardwinning boutique cabin pods & lodges site with hot tubs and paddleboarding near Ruyton XI Town. Love 2 Stay and Hencote, at Cross Hill, have luxury lodges and glamping. Or try the Feather Down short break at Upper Shadymoor Farm, near Dorrington, or The

Shepherd's Loft near Acton Burnell

CAMPING

Vessons Camping has private, well-spaced pitches near Pontesbury, or Brook House Farm at Crew Green offers glamping and camping on the River Severn with cafe, river fishing and fire pits. Ebury Hill is a Camping and Caravanning Club site at Haughton, near Uffington, just outside of

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