



Eating Out

The following usually have good food. Restaurants, like people, have their ups and downs so do please let us know about your good and bad experiences.

Dog owners please note:

At the time of writing our local pub in the village, The Red Tile, welcomes well behaved dogs. There are also others including The Ashcott Inn, The Bicknoller Inn and The Bower Inn that are only a short distance away. You can read more about these local pubs below.

The Ashcott Inn (5.8 miles)

50 Bath Road, Ashcott, Bridgwater, Somerset TA7 9QQ.
Phone: 01458 210033.
www.theashcott.co.uk

Set on the beautiful Somerset Levels, in the village of Ashcott. Open 7 days a week and serving delicious lunches and dinners in the comfortable surroundings of the restaurant or in the colourful beer garden. Food is served all day on Saturday and Sunday and 12 - 2.30pm and 6pm - 9.30pm Monday to Friday. Dogs are welcome.

Bicknoller Inn (22.8 miles)

32 Church Lane, Bicknoller, Taunton, Somerset TA4 4EL.
Phone: 01984 656234.
www.thebicknollerinn.co.uk

Situated halfway between Taunton and Minehead, just off the A358. Dwarfed by the stunning Quantock Hills, this 14th century thatched traditional country inn is an ideal

family venue for lunches, evening meals, and Sunday roasts. The pub is dog friendly and there is an extensive garden, with a Boules court plus outside skittles.

Blostins (20 miles)

29 -33 Waterloo Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5HH.
Phone: 01749 343648.
www.blostins.co.uk

Blostins is a bistro style restaurant serving fresh food made from the finest local produce. The décor is modern, bright and the atmosphere friendly and relaxed. A private dining room is available for business functions and private parties.

Blue Ball Inn (19.3 miles)

Triscombe, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton, Somerset TA4 3HE.
Phone: 01984 618242.
www.blueball.pub

The Blue Ball has earned a reputation as one of Somerset's finest pub restaurants through a combination of fine crafted local real ales and ciders complementing traditional dishes with a modern twist. There is an emphasis on freshness and seasonality using locally sourced ingredients. Food is served Monday – Saturday 12pm – 2.30pm and 6.30pm – 9pm. Sunday 12pm – 4pm.

The Bower Inn (4.5 miles)

Bower Lane, East Bower, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 4TY
Phone: 01278 422926. Email: enquiries@thebowerinn.co.uk
www.thebowerinn.co.uk

Conveniently located on the outskirts

of Bridgwater and less than a 10 minute drive from Cossington Park. The Bower Inn is a very attractive 18th century building set in a picturesque cottage garden on the edge of the Somerset Levels. There are log fires in the winter and dogs are welcome. Definitely worth a visit!

The Bridge (42.5 miles)

Bridge Street, Dulverton, Somerset TA22 9HJ. Phone: 01398 324130
<http://www.thebridgeinndulverton.com>

The Bridge Inn is a country pub in Dulverton - the gateway to Exmoor. It dates from 1845 and sits on the beautiful River Barle. Excellent pub food, served at all hours. Dogs are very welcome – the owner's dog, Milly, keeps a secret stash of gravy bones behind the bar for visiting dogs.

Canton Chinese Takeaway

(and delivery) (5.5 miles)
42 North Street, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 3PN. Phone: 01278-429527
www.cantontakeaway-taunton.co.uk
Open every day 17.30 – 23.00

Carnival Inn (5.2 miles)

37 St Mary Street, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 3LY. Phone: 01278 726180
<http://bit.ly/2F0IKVw>

This is a J D Weatherspoons establishment and a less expensive place to wine and dine in a very busy and buzzy location – ideal if you want to try out some of the local night clubs and pubs in town.

COSSINGTON PARK

NEAR BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET TA7 8LH

TEL: 0800 043 3468, 07951 256278 EMAIL: INFO@COSSINGTONPARK.COM
WWW.COSSINGTONPARK.COM

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Carpenters Arms (30.5 miles)
Stanton Wick, Nr Pensford, Somerset
BS39 4BX. Phone: 0871 811 4399
www.the-carpenters-arms.co.uk

A splendid example of a traditional English pub, open log fires and shining brasses. Located north of Wells just off the A37. The Carpenters Arms is a converted row of miners' cottages set in the peaceful Chew Valley countryside. It offers the hospitality of a traditional English inn, with a friendly warm welcome, good real ales, extensive wine list and comfortable surroundings. The food here has a terrific reputation and the kitchen team are constantly creating new dishes for the menu using the best fresh local seasonal produce.

Castle Hotel (17.7 miles)
Castle Green, Taunton, Somerset TA1
1NF. Phone: 01823 272671
www.the-castle-hotel.com

The Castle is one of the most renowned 4-star hotels in England. It is also one of Great Britain's most historic, with origins stretching over 1000 years. For more than 60 years, it has been run by three generations of the Chapman family. Silver service, classical cuisine in the main restaurant; the brasserie 'Brazz' is modern and less expensive. The cocktail bar also offers a tempting array of reasonably priced dainty sandwiches and nibbles in sophisticated surroundings. The owner Kit Chapman, studied Hotel and Catering Administration at the University of Surrey, as did Graham.

Castle of Comfort (14.6 miles)
Dodington, Nether Stowey,
Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 1LE.
Phone: 01278 741264
www.castle-of-comfort.co.uk

Once described as 'a stone inn at the foot of the Quantock Hills where it is rumoured that pirates off the English coast used to dispose of their loot', this former 16th century inn is an idyllic resting place. Serving Afternoon Tea Monday - Sunday from 14:00 to 17:00, booking required. Dinner Monday - Saturday from 19:00 to 21:00, booking required. Sunday - Restaurant closed except by prior arrangement.

Chantry Tea Gardens (17.9 miles)
Chantry Cottage, Kilve, Bridgwater,
Somerset TA5 1EG. Phone: 01278
741457

The Chantry ruins provide a wonderful backdrop for lovely cream teas and sandwiches.

The Crossways Inn (6.3 miles)
Withy Road, West Huntspill,
Somerset TA9 3RA Phone: 01278
783756
www.thecrosswaysinn.com

A family run 17th Century Coaching Inn serving good home cooked fresh food with a great selection of 6 real ales, local farmhouse ciders, lagers and fine wines.

During the warmer summer months there is a large enclosed beer garden with an outdoor play area for the children to enjoy with lots of seating for the adults and during the not so warm winter months there are 2 stunning open fire places to keep those feet and hands warm. CAMRA Somerset Branch pub of the year in Somerset 2017.

Crown Inn (2.8 miles)
1 Nydon Lane, Catcott, Nr Bridgwater,
Somerset TA7 9HQ. Phone 01278
722288.

Lovely meals set in pleasant surroundings. Good vegetarian options.

The Duck (4.6 miles)
Station Road, Burtle, Somerset TA7
8NU Phone: 01278 238282
www.theduckatburtle.co.uk

A recently refurbished award-winning gastro-pub and Free House, quietly located at Burtle, on the beautiful Somerset Levels.

Voted finalists in the 2016 Somerset Life Food and Drink Awards, as Best Gastro-Pub and Best Newcomer, in their first year of opening! Their menus are influenced by the world's cuisines, from succulent steaks and mouth-watering fish to our famous duck dishes and not forgetting the gorgeous desserts.

The English Raj (5.3 miles)
54 Clare Street, Bridgwater, Somerset
TA6 3EN. Phone: 01278 424416
www.englishraj-indianrestaurant.co.uk

Indian Tandoori Restaurant and Takeaway - one of the oldest Indian Restaurants in Somerset. Open Tuesday - Sunday 12pm-2pm and 6pm-11.30pm. Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays.

Farthings (19.9 miles)
Fathings Village Road, Hatch
Beauchamp, Taunton, Somerset TA3
6SG. Phone: 01823 480664.
www.farthingshotel.co.uk

The Farthings Country House Hotel & Restaurant is an elegant 18th Century property situated in the heart of Somerset in the historic and idyllic village of Hatch Beauchamp just 3 miles from the M5 and within easy access of Taunton and the rest of Somerset. Their philosophy is to use

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the very finest of fresh, local and seasonal produce, simply cooked and elegantly presented.

The George Inn (8.9 miles)
42 Main Road, Middlezoy, Somerset,
TA7 0NN Phone: 01823 698 215
www.thegeorgeinnmiddlezoy.co.uk

A traditional village pub built around 1624 offering a wide variety of cask ales and good traditional pub food locally sourced from farmer to fork.

Goodfellows Fish Restaurant (17.1 miles)

5 Sadler Street, Wells, Somerset BA5 2RR . Phone: 01749 343 579

A few steps from the cathedral and Market Square in the smallest city in England. The portions are not huge but every mouthful is a taste experience. Lunchtimes are especially good value. They are open from Tuesday to Sunday, at lunchtimes, from 12.00 pm to 2.30 pm and evenings Wednesday to Saturday from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm (last orders).

Chef Adam Fellows runs the restaurant with his team cooking modern European food that is light but intense in flavour.

Green Olive (5.3 miles)
5 West Quay, Bridgwater, Somerset
TA6 3HL. Phone: 01278 238565
www.greenolivebridgwater.co.uk

As the only Turkish Restaurant in Bridgwater, experience all the nuances and delicacies of Turkish Cuisine from right across Turkey. Eat in or take away.

Hood Arm (17.6 miles)
Kilve, Nr Bridgwater, Somerset TA5

1EA. Phone: 01278 741114.
www.thehoodarms.co.uk

Surrounded by wonderful coastal walks, The Hood Arms is a traditional 17th century coaching inn, providing friendly hospitality, with its character bars and log fires.

Chef Vanessa Eason and her kitchen team use local produce and fresh herbs from the Hood's garden to create a delicious and interesting menu, featuring dishes of local game or fish. The inn is well known for its succulent fillet steak and traditional Sunday roasts served with special gravy, made from an old family recipe. Monday: Closed. Tuesday - Saturday: 12pm – 2pm and 6pm – 9pm. Sunday: 12pm to 3pm (Sunday evening kitchen closed).

Jade Garden Chinese Takeaway (4.2 miles)

Pollard Road, Bridgwater, Somerset
TA6 4YA. Phone: 01278 431400

King William Inne (3.6 miles)

King William Road, Catcott Somerset
TA7 9HU
Phone: 01277722933
www.kingwilliaminnecatcott.co.uk *htt3*

A family pub run by three generations of the same family who aim to ensure that, whether you are popping in for a drink, a light lunch or dinner with friends and family, your experience at the King William will be a memorable one.

Knowle Inn (1.7 miles)

Bath Road, Knowle, Bawdrip,
Somerset TA7 8PN
Phone: 01278 683330
www.theknowleinn.co.uk

A good traditional ancient coaching pub with bar food and local ales.

Often has entertainment – dog friendly.

The Lamb (10.5 miles)
Barford Rd, Four Forks, Spaxton,
Somerset TA5 1AD
Phone: 01278 671350
www.lambinnspaxton.co.uk

An olde world public house with a menu boasting a selection of home-made meals from local produce with hearty favourites such as steaks, pies and grills complemented by vegetarian dishes.

The Malt Shovel Inn (9.5 miles)

Blackmore Lane, Cannington,
Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2NE
Phone: 01278 653432
www.themaltshovelcannington.co.uk

Located just off the main A39 Bridgwater to Minehead road and two miles from the centre of Bridgwater - ideally situated for the stunning Quantock Hills. Serving fresh homemade food seven days a week, including carvery on a Sunday (booking is recommended). There is also a large beer garden – dog friendly.

The Natterjack Inn (28.2 miles)

Near Evercreech Junction,
Evercreech, Somerset BA4 6NA.
Phone: 01749 860253
www.thenatterjackinn.co.uk

A traditional pub, offering a wide choice of locally sourced, home-cooked food, real ales and fine wines. Dogs welcome.

Notley Arms Inn (24.5 miles)

Exmoor National Park, Monksilver,
Somerset, TA4 4JB
Phone: 01984 656095
www.notleyarmsinn.co.uk

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A recently refurbished, traditional English Country Pub, on the edge of Exmoor National Park, supporting the local producers and welcoming visitors to West Somerset. This lovely pub offers traditional yet imaginative home cooking, well-kept ales, ciders and good selection of wines from around the world. All in a cosy, friendly and a relaxed atmosphere. Well-behaved dogs are welcome in the bar area.

The Pig near Bath (31.7 miles)
Hunstrete House, Pensford, Nr Bath
BS39 4NS Phone: 01761 490490
www.thepighotel.com/near-bath

Designed in the shabby chic style that has become THE PIG's signature, it features a greenhouse restaurant. A bit of a drive but well worth a visit!

Pony & Trap (34.3 miles)
Knowle Hill, Newton, Chew Magna,
Bristol, BS40 8TQ
Phone: 01275 332627
www.theponyandtrap.co.uk

Awarded a prestigious Michelin Star. With locally sourced produce prepared with exceptional skill, this 200 year-old country pub/restaurant will provide a memorable dining experience. Situated between Bristol and Bath, with wonderful views of the Chew Valley, it's a fair drive from Cossington Park but worth it.

Prezzo's (5.3 miles)
30 Cornhill, Bridgwater, Somerset
TA6 3BY. Phone: 01278 433600
www.prezzorestaurants.co.uk/restaurant/bridgwater

Situated in the centre of Bridgwater town this Italian restaurant, part of a fast - growing chain. There is also one in Taunton. You can often get

vouchers off the Internet –2 meals for the price of one, but only valid if you don't have a dish from the specials menu, so check out the instructions.

The Puriton Inn (4.1 miles)
Puriton, Somerset TA7 8AF Phone:
01278 683464
www.thepuritoninn.co.uk

A traditional country pub situated by J23 of the M5 Motorway. Food served all day every day with last orders: Sunday to Thursday 21.00 , Friday and Saturday 21.30.

Red Tile Inn (0.3 mile)
Middle Road, Cossington, Somerset
TA7 8LN. Phone: 01278 722333
www.theredtileinn.co.uk

Just a few minutes walk from the front door of Cossington Park, this is the village pub that provides a warm welcome and food. Closed Mondays with the restaurant closed Tuesday and Sunday evenings.

Ring O' Bells (5.8 miles)
16 High St, Ashcott, Somerset TA7
9PZ Phone: 01458 210232
www.ringobells.com

Family-run, traditional pub serving locally-sourced Somerset produce. Open every day – dogs welcome.

Rich's Cider Farm (7.6 miles)
Mill House, Highbridge, Somerset
TA9 4RD Phone: 01278 794537
www.richscider.co.uk

The Cider Farm is a traditional working farm where you can sample all the ciders before you buy – plus the restaurant serves locally produced food. The daily roasts have very good reviews. The whole site is disabled-friendly.

The River Parrett Restaurant
(5.0 miles)
11 Salmon Parade, Bridgwater TA6
5AN Phone: 01278 451807
www.theriverparrett.co.uk

Opened in late 2017, it is a modern British brasserie serving informal contemporary food.

The Royal Oak Exmoor (55.4 miles)
Halse Lane, Winsford, Exmoor
National Park, Somerset TA24 7JE
Phone: 01643 851455
www.royaloakexmoor.co.uk

This picturesque thatched 12th Century inn stands in the centre of a small, ancient riverside village in a beautiful setting on the edge of Exmoor Park. For relaxation the three lounges and two bars are well appointed with open fires, chintz fabrics and oak beams. Tables in the restaurant set with Wedgwood and glassware create an attractive setting for dinner. A good choice of light meals is also available in the bars.

Well-behaved dogs are welcome in the bar area- There is also an excellent tea garden in the village serving clotted cream teas.

The Royal Oak Inn (64.7 miles)
Higher Mead, Withypool, Exmoor
National Park, Somerset TA24 7QP
Phone: 01643 831506#
www.royaloakwithypool.co.uk

Again another Exmoor treasure. The dishes at The Royal Oak Inn's restaurant are always fresh, beautifully conceived and prepared and absolutely delicious.

The meat and fish served in the

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restaurant are all local produce. There is a choice of cosy bars and well-behaved dogs are welcome in the bar.

The Sheppey Inn (11.2 miles)
Lower Godney, Glastonbury,
Somerset BA5 1RZ Phone: 01458
831594
www.thesheppey.co.uk

Set in the middle of the Somerset Levels, 5 minutes from Glastonbury and 10 minutes from Wells, The Sheppey Inn is almost invisible on the outside and quite extraordinary on the inside. They serve modern European food, a constantly changing roster of beers and ales and casks of wonderful local ciders. Open every day – regular live music sessions.

Spice Gallery (9.7 miles)
44 Fore Street, North Petherton,
Somerset TA6 6PZ Phone: 01278
663 800
www.spicegallery.co.uk

Good Indian food.

Tarr Farm Inn (55.8 miles)
Tarr Steps, Dulverton, Exmoor
National Park TA22 9PY
Phone: 01643 851507
www.tarrfarm.co.uk

Pub and Tea Gardens – calories by the ton and just the place to visit and be conscience free after a long gentle walk by the river Barle.

Set high on a bank overlooking the ancient Tarr Steps where ample seating can be found both inside and out for cream teas, cakes, ploughman's lunches and speciality teas. Surrounded by wonderful walks. They are open all year from 11 am to 5.30 pm and in the evening for dinner with full a la carte menu.

The White Hart Inn (1.4 miles)
114 Broadway, Chilton Polden,
Somerset TA7 9EW
Phone: 01278 722723

A traditional pub with good reviews for food especially Sunday Carvery.

Woods Bar & Restaurant
(42.4 miles)
4 Bank Square, Dulverton, Somerset
TA22 9BU. Phone: 01398 324007
www.woodsdulverton.co.uk

Situated on the edge of Exmoor, Woods Bar and Restaurant is a charming pub with a passion for fine food and wine. British cooking with a French influence, all dishes are created using quality West Country produce many of which from their own farm. They offer a choice of light lunches, bar snacks and a full evening A la Carte menu. Well-behaved dogs and welcome.

Included in the Good Pub Guide Top 10 Pubs in the UK in 2014, 2015 and 2016. They were also National Wine Pub of the Year winners in 2007, 2011 - 2016.

Wookey Hole Inn (16.6 miles)
Wookey Hole, Somerset BA5 1BP
Phone: 01749 676677
www.wookeyholeinn.com

A laid back gastro pub, which draws influence from the local Wookey Hole caves and the old-world, new-age Glastonbury. This is quite an unusual pub with an interesting array of dishes. Very popular, so it is best to book.

Zizzi's (17.4 miles)
Magdalene House, Magdalene Street,
Taunton, Somerset TA1 1SB
Phone: 01823 333110
www.zizzi.co.uk

Very similar to Prezzo but is possibly nicer. You can often get vouchers off on the Internet – 2 meals for the price of one, but only valid if you don't have a dish from the specials menu, so check out the instructions.