

Official Map & Guide



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Shakespeare's Birthplace

Stratford-upon-Avon

About this Guide

Welcome to Stratford-upon-Avon, home of the world's most famous playwright, William Shakespeare. Stratford is steeped in history with many half-timbered buildings from medieval times and the aim of this brief guide is to tempt you to explore our lovely town following streets that Shakespeare would have known and would still recognise.

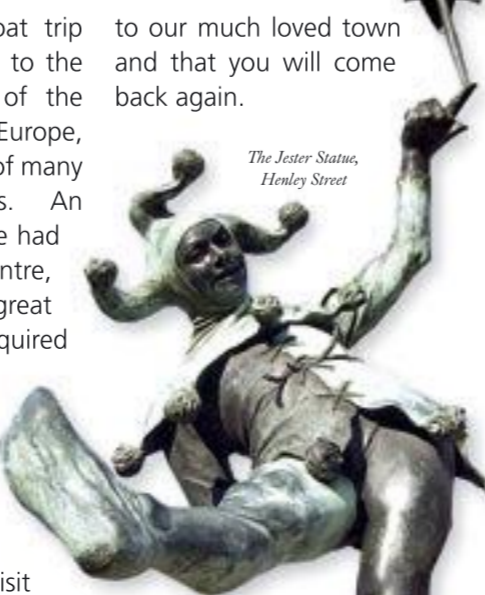
Stratford-upon-Avon has been a market town since before Shakespeare's day. It was a small river crossing until it received its town charter in 1196. The original crossing was close to the site of Clopton Bridge, one of the oldest bridges in the country still bearing traffic today after 500 years - which speaks of the skill of the original builders, when the heaviest traffic would presumably have been laden carts crossing the river to come to the market. Today we still have a thriving market, held on Fridays and Saturdays, but the town is also host to many other

continental and craft markets throughout the year. Stratford-upon-Avon is home to the Royal Shakespeare Company, one of the most prestigious ensemble acting companies in the world. The theatre obviously provides a showcase for Shakespeare's plays but has a much broader repertoire, performing works from across the centuries and many contemporary pieces as well. If you are lucky, you will see many a famous face wandering through the town or enjoying a post theatre drink in one of our many hostellers.



You may enjoy a boat trip on the river or a visit to the Butterfly Farm, one of the largest of its kind in Europe, which has collections of many extraordinary insects. An enjoyable time may be had in the Brass Rubbing centre, which promises that great artistic skills are not required to produce an unusual souvenir of your visit. The centre of the town has many small unusual shops and galleries. We hope you enjoy your visit

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The Official Walking Guide will tempt you to explore our lovely town following streets and riverside walks that Shakespeare would have known and loved.

Our two short walks give you a chance to discover Stratford - the Red Route takes you around the Avon, which has played a crucial part in the commercial history of the town, while the Blue Route will lead you through the town and focus on the many ancient buildings to be enjoyed.

These guides are available from the Tourist Information Centre and other places throughout the town.

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This souvenir guide will assist you in getting the most out of your stay in Shakespeare's town. The map will guide you around the town and the suggested activities and sponsors attractions overleaf will ensure your visit is a memorable one.

10 Things to do in Stratford-upon-Avon

1 Shakespeare's Birthplace

Discover the exciting story of Shakespeare's childhood home where he was born in 1564 and see where he spent the first years with his new wife, Anne Hathaway. See the workshop where Shakespeare's father carried out his craft of glove-making.

2 Holy Trinity Church (Shakespeare's Church)

Enjoy a walk along the banks of the Avon to our lovely medieval church where Shakespeare is buried. Church open daily.

3 Royal Shakespeare Company

The Royal Shakespeare Company will be performing in The Courtyard Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon throughout the transformation of their theatres. RSC tickets: 0844 800 1110.

4 Shopping

Within the town we have the major high street shopping names alongside many high quality independent shops.

5 Boat trips on the river

Enjoy the River Avon by either hiring a motorboat, rowing boat, or book an organised river tour. Avon Boating Tel: 01789 267073 or Bancroft Cruisers Tel: 01789 269669.

6 Anne Hathaway's Cottage

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8 Butterfly Farm

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Visitor Websites

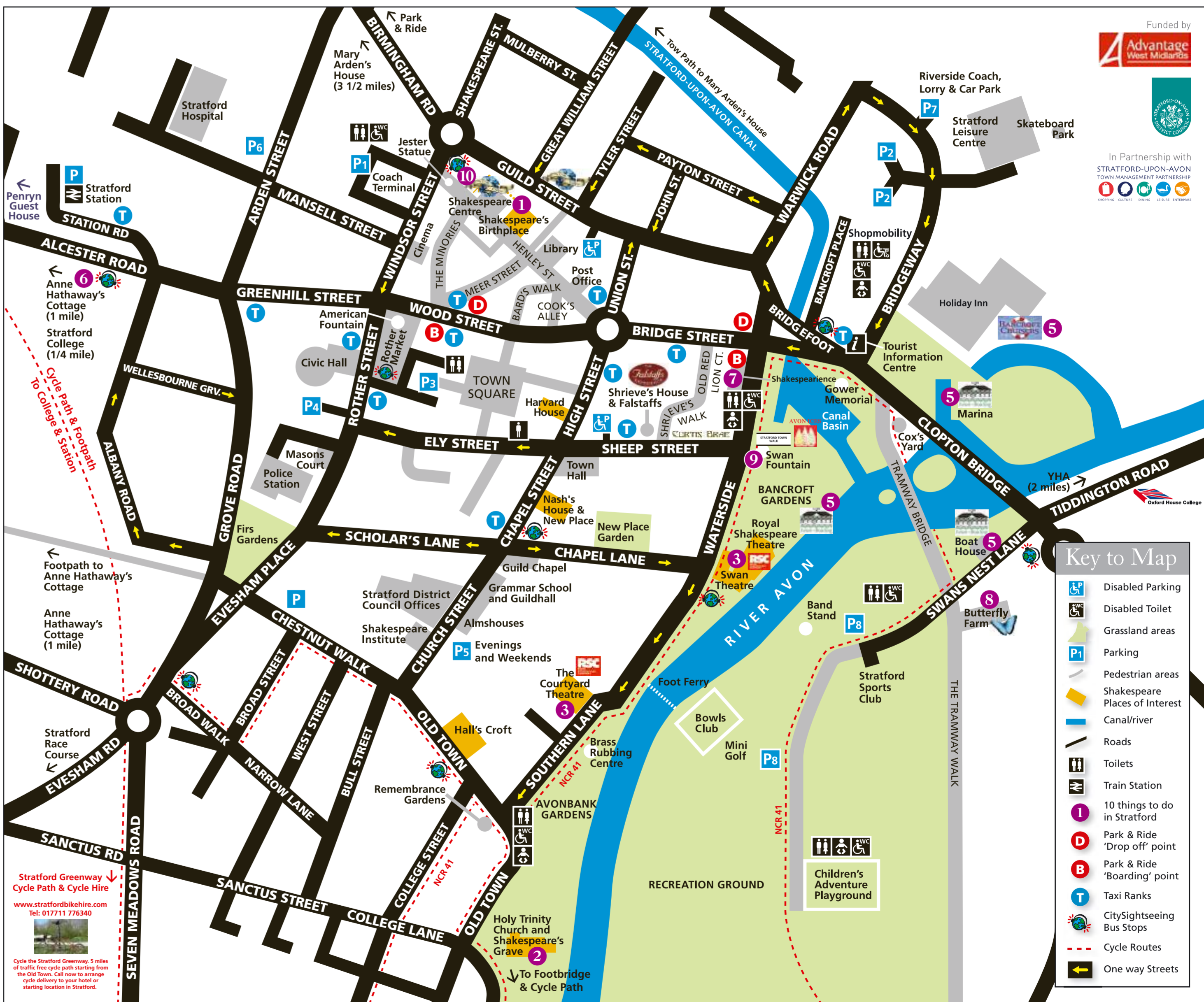
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