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# 6 NEWPORT ITINERARIES

Isle of Wight

**It's easy to explore the Isle of Wight using sustainable transport. Here are a few ideas for fun local days out – no car required!**

## HISTORY TRIP



**1** Newport is the hub for the Island's bus network, with most routes converging in the county town. From here, you can access all four corners of the Isle of Wight, and connect with the Island Breezers, Southern Vectis' open-top buses. How about hopping on the Southern Vectis route 8 to Arreton, where you can enjoy the **Old Barns and Craft Village**. From there you can catch the Downs Breezer, which takes you around Ryde, Brading and Newchurch – enjoy the beautiful downland countryside with a hop-on, hop-off ticket. Or catch the Southern Vectis route 7 from Newport bus station to Carisbrooke for a visit to historic **Carisbrooke Castle**.

 **Enjoy some local produce at Farmer Jack's: a butchery, deli and food emporium situated within Arreton Old Village. One of our favourites is Farmer Jack's Sweet Red Onion Chutney.**

[islandbuses.info](http://islandbuses.info)

## SQUIRREL TRAIL



**2** Even our biggest town is only minutes from woodland, so if you're feeling adventurous, take one of the many walks around Newport. A great place to spot our elusive Red Squirrel is in Parkhurst Forest, which is easily reached by heading north from the town centre until you reach Forest Road. From there, Parkhurst Forest will be in front of you – please be aware that Forest Road is a main road that needs to be crossed with caution. Once inside, take your time discovering great viewpoints and hideaways that will give you the best chance of spotting a Red Squirrel! Take lunch and enjoy the picnic spot that's there too.

 **Spotted a Red Squirrel? Visit [wightsquirrels.co.uk](http://wightsquirrels.co.uk) and record your sighting, adding to the growing database that monitors the Red Squirrel population on the Isle of Wight.**

## ALL ABOARD



**3** If you want to get out onto the water, take the two mile walk north to **Island Harbour**, where you can grab a bite to eat at the **Breeze Restaurant and Bar**. From here, you can book a water taxi to East Cowes where you can visit the **Classic Boat Museum**. The museum has a wide range of artefacts and treasures of the Island's nautical history. Then follow the **Cowes Boat Trail** around East Cowes. The water taxi can then take you back to Newport along the River Medina, but make sure you book ahead.

 **Try and find the source of the River Medina. Here's a clue: you are more likely to find a smuggler than a cargo ship.**



## SUSTAINABLE NEWPORT

**A** **Cycle hire: Visitor Information Centre**  
The Guildhall, High Street,  
Newport PO30 1TY  
Telephone 01983 521555

**B** **Nearest bus station: Southern Vectis**  
Newport Bus and Coach Station,  
Orchard Street, Newport  
Telephone 01983 827 000  
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### LET OFF STEAM



**4** Even though much of the old railway lines have been lost around the Newport area, it is still possible to walk along the dismantled track to Wootton, where you can join the **Isle of Wight Steam Railway** and learn all about the Island's rail history at Havenstreet Station. It's a fantastic day out for the whole family, and you can join up with the Island Line, which can take you south to Shanklin or north to Ryde.

 **Defeat all laws of logic by taking a London Underground Tube Train north to the wet end of Ryde Pier!**

[iwsteamrailway.co.uk](http://iwsteamrailway.co.uk)  
[southwesttrains.co.uk/island-line](http://southwesttrains.co.uk/island-line)

### TIME FOR A PINT



**5** If you've got your four-legged friend with you, how about taking him/her to Seaclose Park? With many local footpaths either side of the River Medina, you are sure to tire out your pup! If you're looking for a dog friendly place to eat, make your way down to Medina Quay, where you are welcome at **The Bargeman's Rest**. Here you can enjoy great food in the company of your pooch, as well as taking in the beauty of this riverside watering hole. Further into the town you can find **The Castle Inn**, Newport's oldest pub (which opened in 1550!), where again your dog is welcome – so long as they don't mind a good fuss!

 **Our Visitor Information Centre on the High Street is dog friendly and happy to recommend attractions suitable for you and your dog.**

### BICYCLE ISLAND



**6** Newport is ideally located along the Red Squirrel Trail, a 23 mile route running from West Cowes, through Newport and then on to Sandown, Shanklin and Wroxall. If you are looking for a quick ride, take the riverside path north to Cowes and explore along to Gurnard. If you are searching for something longer or more challenging, try taking the old railway line south to the east coast of the Island. The route is mostly flat and entirely off road, but coming back through Wroxall the route is slightly hillier and spends some time on the road. Whatever you're looking for, the Red Squirrel Trail has it, whether it's a short journey or whole day of exploration!

 **If you're travelling through Newchurch, stop off at Pedallers, a bike friendly café situated on the cycle route.**

[redsquirreltrail.org.uk](http://redsquirreltrail.org.uk)