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Black Country Attractions and Nearby Guide Pubs

Bilston

Bilston Craft Gallery and Museum

Mount Pleasant, Bilston, Wolverhampton, WV14 7LU.

Telephone: 01902 552507

Web: www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk

There is a rolling programme of exhibitions, some of which include activities for children. There is a permanent exhibition of eighteenth century locally produced enamels.

Nearby guide pubs

The Olde White Rose, Swan Bank Tavern and all Bilston pubs.

Brierley Hill

Merry Hill Shopping Centre

Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 1QX.

Telephone: 01384 481141

Web: www.westfield.com/merryhill

One of the largest shopping centres in the U.K.; this was previously the Round Oak Steel Works.

Nearby guide pubs

The Waterfront, The Vine (Bull and Bladder), Abraham Darby.

Dudley

Black Country Living Museum

Tipton Road, Dudley, DY1 4SQ.

Telephone: 0121 557 99643

Web: www.bclm.co.uk

This is an open-air reconstruction of a Black Country village, as it might have been at the end of the nineteenth century. Ideal for those who find most museums dull and lifeless, this museum shows the skills that made this area the heart of the industrial revolution.

Inside the museum is the Bottle and Glass serving Holden's beers, only a mile from the family brewery.

Nearby guide pubs

The Park Inn in Woodsetton.



Dudley Tunnel and Caverns Tours

Birmingham New Road, near the junction with Tipton Road, not far from the Black Country Museum.

Admin office: Blowers Green Pump House, Peartree Lane, Dudley.

Telephone: 01384 236275

Web: <http://www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk/>

Next door to the Black Country Museum and accessible from within the museum or the Birmingham New Road, trips are available through the low narrow tunnel. There is the opportunity to try legging: lying on your back on the top of the narrowboat and walking along the ceiling of the low tunnel, to propel the boat. The narrow tunnels open out onto remarkable caverns.

Nearby guide pubs

The Park Inn in Woodsetton.

Dudley Zoo

2, The Broadway, Dudley, DY1 4QB.

Telephone: 01384 215314

Web: www.dudleyzoo.org.uk

Ten minutes walk from the Black Country Museum and five minutes

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Walsall

Walsall has been called “The Town of 100 Trades”, and the surrounding towns that make up the modern Borough each seem to have grown from their own industrial speciality.

Walsall itself is known worldwide for the manufacture of leather goods: saddles, harnesses, etc., and has a museum dedicated to the industry housed in a former leather factory. The old town centre was from St. Matthew’s church down to the Bridge, where the market has existed since the 13th Century. At the other end of the modern centre stands the award-winning New Art Gallery, built in 2000.

Walsall Arboretum originally opened in 1874, and today covers some 33 acres of trees, boating lakes and gardens. The Walsall Illuminations take place in the Arboretum every September and October; some say providing a more interesting display than those in Blackpool.

Walsall

Arbor Lights

128 Lichfield Street, WS1 1SY

⌚ 10:00-23:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-22:30

Sun

☎ (01922) 613361

Beer range varies

One room pub separated into two sections. Left hand side of pub is the drinking area, right hand side is mainly for food. Name derives from the annual illuminations held at the nearby Arboretum. Ten minutes walk from bus and rail stations.

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Fountain

49 Lower Forster Street, WS1 1XB

⌚ 12:00-23:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-22:30

Sun

☎ (01922) 629741

Caledonian Deuchars IPA; Fuller’s London Pride

Very popular pub just off the town centre. Two roomed pub where the lounge used to be part of a

doctors surgery. Decorated with photographs of old Walsall and old pubs. Close to Walsall Arboretum.

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King George V

Wallows Lane, WS2 1JZ

⌚ 11:00-23:00 Mon-Fri; 12:00-23:00

Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun

☎ (01922) 626130

Beer range varies

Large imposing three-roomed pub. There is a lounge, games room and large function room. Built in 1936 by M&B in Art Deco Style. Games room contains a fascinating display of pub games from years gone by.

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Lyndon House Hotel

9/10 Upper Rushall Street, WS1 2HA

Top of Walsall Market

⌚ 11:30-23:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-22:30

Sun

☎ (01922) 612511

Courage Directors; Theakstons Mild, Bitter; House Special Bitter, Two guest beers

A bit like the Tardis. A small attractive flower-hung frontage fronts a large very comfortable one room lounge bar and a complete hotel. The complex also contains an Italian restaurant. Convenient for Walsall Market.

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Prince

239 Stafford Street, WS2 8DJ

⌚ 10:30-01:00 Mon-Sat; 10:30-12:00

Sun

☎ (01922) 641292

Banks’s Original, Bitter; guest beer

Known as the Blucher, the pub was formerly the Prince Blucher named after the Prussian general. This two-roomed town pub attracts both local and passing trade.

Always a friendly atmosphere.

Exhibit your talents in the weekend

karaoke nights. Pool table in the back room.

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Red Lion

69 Park Street, WS1 1NW

⌚ 09:00-23:00 Mon-Wed; 09:00-00:00

Thu; 09:00-01:00 Fri-Sat; 12:00-22:30

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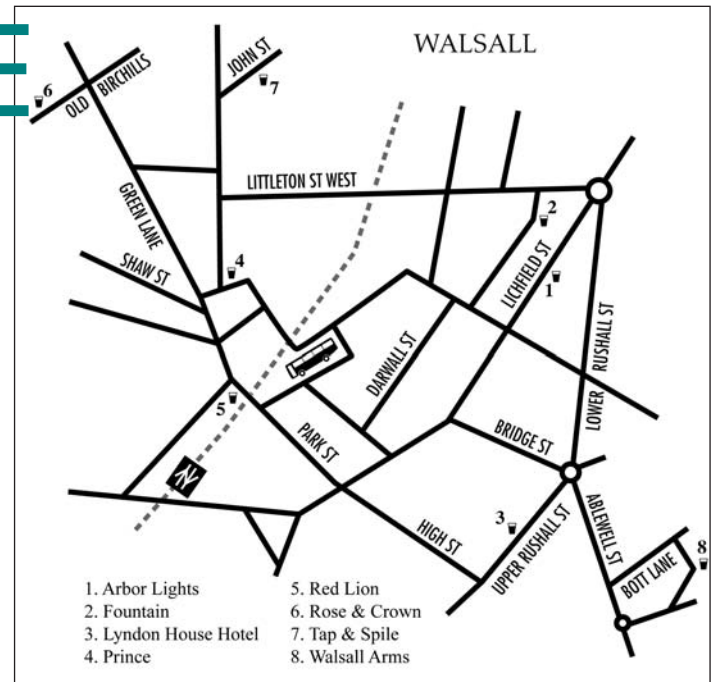
☎ (01922) 622380

Banks’s Bitter; guest beer

Town centre pub close to both bus and rail stations. Handy for the art gallery. Built in 1815 but much altered, there are two rooms, with the smaller upstairs accessed by a spiral staircase. The fine late Victorian frontage is listed. Regular quiz and theme nights. Occasional guest beer.

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Posada

48 Lichfield Street, WV1 1DG

☎ 12:00-23:30 Mon-Fri; 11:00-23:00 Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun



Adnams Broadside; Caledonian Deuchars IPA; Shepherd Neame Spitfire; Taylor Landlord; Tetley Mild

Grade II listed pub, built in 1875, with an imposing tiled frontage. The interior features more original tiling, a magnificent bar back and an intimate alcove. Food is served daily until 6pm.

☎☎☎(St George's)

Tap & Spile

35 Princess Street, WV1 1HD

☎ 11:00-23:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun

☎ (01902) 713319

Banks's Bitter; guest beers

A city-centre pub consisting of three rooms, handily placed for both the bus and metro stations. An ever-changing beer selection and competitive prices make this a popular pub. Can get very busy when Wolves are at home. Westons cider stocked. Close to metro & bus stations.

☎☎☎☎(St George's)

Wheatsheaf Hotel

Market Street, WV1 3AE

Next to Police Station

☎ 11:00-23:00 Mon-Fri; 10:30-23:00 Sat; 12:00-16:00 Sun

☎ (01902) 424446

Banks's Original, Bitter

Traditional city centre pub, also offering accommodation. It has three rooms, all served from a single bar, and a conservatory. Some of the seats in the smoke room retain a bell push, although they are no longer in use.

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Wolverhampton:

Compton

Swan (at Compton)

Bridgnorth Road, WV6 8AE

At Compton Island

☎ 11:00-15:00, 17:00-23:00 Mon-Fri; 11:00-23:00 Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun

☎ (01902) 754736

Banks's Original, Bitter; Marston's Pedigree

Unspoilt grade II listed inn with traditional bar having wooden settles, exposed beams and a faded painting of a swan dated from 1777. The bar and L-shaped lounge are supplied from a central servery. Bus 510 from the city stops right outside.

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Wolverhampton:

Finchfield

Chestnut Tree

2 Castlecroft Road, WV3 8BE

at Finchfield Road West Junction

☎ 12:00-23:00 Sun-Thu; 12:00-00:00 Fri-Sat

☎ (01902) 760001

Banks's Bitter; guest beer

Community pub saved from the bulldozer following a successful locals' campaign in 2005. The single room, divided into cosy alcoves, has a pool table and TV at one end, and a dining area at the other (food served 12-8). A raised patio provides a pleasant outdoor drinking area. Bus 543 from the city stops in Finchfield Road West.

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Wolverhampton:

Merridale

Chindit

113 Merridale Road, WV3 9SE

☎ 12:00(Opens later in winter)-23:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun

☎ (01902) 425582

Caledonian Deuchars IPA, guest beers

Street-corner pub with a comfortable lounge and a bar with a pool table. The ever-changing selection of cask beers are always in excellent condition, earning the pub Cask Marque recognition. Live music is held on Friday evenings and a beer festival is staged over May Day weekend. Buses 513 & 543 from the city stop outside.

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Wolverhampton:

Monmore Green

Red Lion

252 Bilston Road, WV2 2HU

☎ 12:00-23:00 Mon-Sat; 12:00-22:30 Sun

☎ (01902) 454511

Banks's Original

The only survivor of the many old pubs that were originally along Bilston Road. Relatively unaltered with its bar, small smoke room and lounge, which was originally two separate rooms. Handy for Monmore Green stadium and bus 79 stops nearby.

☎☎☎☎(Priestfield)

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