







**Travel back in time** and explore Hampshire's military story. Discover the superb collection of castles, museums, great ships, parks, gardens, stately homes, tours and memorials all which, have played a defining role in shaping the history of this unique county.

Why not plan your trip to coincide with one of the many events taking place? From family fun days to educational lectures, exhibitions and re-enactments, there is something for all ages.

Many of the attractions are free or you can save money by using the discount vouchers in this leaflet. Making your quest for heritage an inexpensive day out for all the family.

Whether your interest is with the World Wars, the aircraft, ships or artillery, or perhaps the life and services of the soldiers, military personnel or the technology which they used, Hampshire provides a fascinating insight to the country's military past.

Visit www.defenceoftherealm.co.uk for the latest news and events from the Defence of the Realm attractions including themed military trails across the county to help plan your visit.

#### **KEY TO SYMBOLS:**

- 🗶 Cafe 🗏 Bus stop within 0.5km 💆 Induction loop
- ₹ Train station within 1km ₺ Full wheelchair access
- & Partial wheelchair access £ Discount voucher
- Picnic Gift shop 🖟 Audio guide

#### Tudor History



#### Basing House

Unearth the amazing stories of Basing House, the nationally important historical ruins of the largest private house in Tudor England, which suffered at the hands of Oliver Cromwell during the English Civil War. Step inside the battle-scarred Tudor Great Barn, dating from 1535.



Open: 1 March – 31 Oct, 11am – 4pm. Closed Fridays.

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Admission: Adult £6.40, Concession £6.00, Child (5-15 yrs) £5.40, Family (2a & up to 3ch) £16.40. Gift Aid admission is also available. www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/basing-house

Location: Bartons Lane, Basing, Basingstoke, RG24 8AE

#### CALSHOT CASTLE

Constructed in 1539 by Henry VIII, Calshot Castle was one of several Solent forts protecting Portsmouth and Southampton from possible attack by European Catholic powers. It has been in continuous use since its construction, notably as a Navy and RAF base as Calshot became home to the Sunderland flying boat.



www.calshot.com

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Open: 1st April – 29th October 2017, 10.30am – 4.30pm.
Admission: Adult £3.30. Concessions £2.30. Family £8.50

Location: Calshot Spit, Fawley S045 1BR T: 02380 892023/02380 892077

#### NAVAL HISTORY



#### **BUCKLER'S HARD**

On the tranquil banks of the Beaulieu River, Buckler's Hard was once a hive of shipbuilding activity providing ships for Nelson's navy. Discover the history of the village and its ships in the Maritime Museum, step through the doors of an 18th Century worker's cottage and enjoy a river cruise.



Open: From 10am, except Christmas Day. Closes 4.30pm (5pm 25th Mar – 30th Sept). Last admission 30 minutes before closing. Call: 01590 616203

Admission: Please call or visit the website for admission prices.

Location: Regulieu S042 7XB www.bucklershard.co.uk



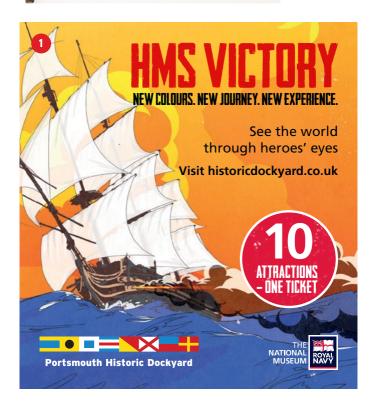
#### www.defenceoftherealm.co.uk

The information in this brochure was correct at the time of going to press in April 2017. The individual sites, however, reserve the right to alter prices, events, displays and opening times. Please telephone sites in advance to check details before making a long journey.



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The Mary Rose is home to 19,000 artefacts





#### Farnborough Air Sciences

Birthplace of British powered flight and military aviation and a century of aeronautical development at the Royal Aircraft Establishment. From Cody Flyer to early jet engines, aircraft, missiles, equipment, helicopters, Concorde and Harrier flight simulators, wind tunnels and space research. Entry free.



www.airsc	iences.org.uk	<u> </u>
Open:	Every weekend & bank holidays (except Christmas-New Year) 10am-4p	m
Call:	01252 375050 Email: manager@farnboroughairsciences.org.uk	

Location: Trenchard House 85 Farnborough Road Hants, GU14 7AY



Visit www.fleetairarm.com or call 01935 840565



FLEET AIR ARM



#### Solent Sky

The full story of aviation in Hampshire. Climb aboard the huge Sandringham flying boat, mingle with The Spitfire. The S6 Schneider trophy aircraft, and many other exhibits, making it a great day out for the whole family.



Open:	Tues - Sat, 10am - 5pm, Sun 12pm - 5pm. Closed on Mondays except during school holidays. www.solentskymuseum.org		
Admission:	Adult: £7.50, Senior Citizen / Concession £6.00, Children (5 – 16) £5.00, Family: £17.50		1
Location:	Albert Road South, Southampton, SO14 3FR Call: 023 8063 5830		



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#### ARMY HISTORY

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#### ALDERSHOT MILITARY MUSEUM

Housed in the only surviving brick-built barrack blocks remaining in Aldershot, the museum tells the story of daily life for both soldier and civilian in Aldershot Military Town and the civil towns of Aldershot, Farnborough and Cove.



#### www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/aldershot-military-museum

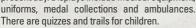
Open: | Wed-Fri: 10am − 5pm | Sat-Sun: 11am − 4pm | **₹** ∰ &

Admission: See website for details. Last admission 30 minutes before closing.

Location: Queens Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire GU11 2LG T: 01252 314598

#### THE MUSEUM OF MILITARY MEDICINE

Find out how the army healed wounded heroes at this fascinating museum, where you can explore the history of army medicine, military nursing, veterinary and dental care from the 1600s to the present day. Displays include medical equipment,





 Open:
 Mon - Fri 9.30am - 3.30pm
 Call:
 01252 868612

 Admission:
 FREE
 www.museumofmilitarymedicine.org.uk

 Location:
 Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Hampshire. GU12 5RQ



#### Test Valley Heritage

Test Valley has a proud military heritage dating back hundreds of years and with the HQ of the British Army Land Forces at Marlborough Lines, Andover and Army Air Corps HQ at Middle Wallop the defence of our realm remains an important part of its character today.

In particular, The Romsey War Horse in the town's Memorial Park is a life size statue which commemorates the thousands of horses shipped into battle from Pauncefoot Hill, near Romsey during World War One.

www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/tourism/visiting-test-valley/

Location: Tourist Information Centre - 13 Church St, Romsey S051 8BT



#### ARMY HISTORY

#### MUSEUM OF ARMY CHAPLAINCY

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A unique display celebrating the work of Army chaplains through the years including silver, uniforms, medals and documents.

	www.army.mod.uk/chaplains				
	Open:	By appointment: Mon-Fri 09.00 – 17.00			
	Admission:	Free 🗏 🕏			
	Location: Amport House, Amport, Hampshire				
Call: 01264 773		01264 773144 x 4248			



#### ROYAL SIGNALS MUSEUM

Interactive Science, History and Technology. Spies, Codes and Secret Agents. Women at War. A Museum of discovery, inspiration, learning and fun for all the family, inside an Army Camp. Where History Comes to Life.



Open: Mon–Fri (All year), 10am-5pm, last entry 4pm. Weekends, 11 Feb–30 £ ★ ₺ ₺ Oct, 10am-4pm,last entry 3pm (Closed 23 Dec – 2 Jan 2018).

Admission: Adult: £7.50; Senior: £6.50; Children (5-16yrs): £5.50; Family: £22.00

Location: Blandford Camp, Dorset DT11 8RH www.royalsignalsmuseum.com

#### ROYAL ARMOURIES FORT NELSON

The 350+ big guns on display chronicle the development of artillery from pre-gunpowder siege machines to modern-day super guns. Daily gun firing at 1pm plus holiday activities, exhibitions and special events throughout the year.



## www.royalarmouries.org P & № ≦ Open: Apr – Oct: 10am – 5pm, Nov– Mar: 10.30am – 4pm. Closed 24, 25 & 26 Dec Admission: FREE





#### ARMY HISTORY

#### WINCHESTER'S MILITARY MUSEUMS

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- · The Battle of Waterloo
- The museum of Hampshire's County Regiment
- · Hussars, horses and tanks
- The courage of the Gurkha soldiers
- · Women in the Army
- · The Rifles today







#### www.winchestermilitarymuseums.co.uk

Location:

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For opening times and Admission prices please visit our website.

Call: (01962) 877 826 or 843 659 Email: Info@winchestermilitarymuseums.co.uk

Peninsula Barracks, Romsey Rd, Winchester S023 8TS

### ROYAL ARMY PHYSICAL TRAINING CORPS MUSEUM

Discover the amazing story of the Officers and Instructors who have trained the British Army to be "Fighting fit and fit to fight". Located inside the Army School of Physical Training; the Museum showcases the historic uniforms and training equipment used by the Corps, as well as the trophies and medals awarded to its members in over 150 years of service.





www.raptcassociation.org.uk/Museum.php

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Admission: Free entry, please bring phot		Free entry, please bring photo ID for entrance.
	Location:	Fox Lines, Queens Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2LB
	Contact:	T: 01252 787852 Email: raptchq-museum@mod.uk

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## **Events calendar**

8 – 23 April
Buckler's Hard

April – Oct, every day 2017
Calshot Castle

LIVING HISTORY
TOURS

FORGOTTEN
WRECKS OF THE
FIRST WORLD WAR

until 30 June 2017 Buckler's Hard

18th June 2017

Peninsula Barracks, Romsey Rd, Winehoster

Winchester. **26th June -10th September 2017** 

The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum.

**26th July to 3rd September 2017**Tangmere Military Aviation Museum

**6th August 2017**Tangmere Military Aviation Museum

8th and 9th Sept 2017

Calshot Castle

ON PARADE

JANE AUSTEN AND

THE REGIMENTALS

THE OBSERVATORY

POLICE AND CZECH PILOT EXHIBITION FAMILY DAY

HERITAGE OPEN

See individual attraction websites for more information.







#### **TANGMERE MILITARY** AVIATION MUSFUM



The Museum has a 'find the Biggles Bear challenge' for little visitors.



The Museum offers guizzes, workbooks to research famous Tangmere pilots and simulators to fly.

#### **CALSHOT CASTLE**







Free eye spy challenges for eagle-eyed explorers - can you find all of the castle features?

#### **ROYAL ARMY PHYSICAL** TRAINING CORPS

MUSFUM







The Museum includes guizzes, trails and the opportunity to dress up as a soldier

#### **BASING HOUSE**



Dress up in Tudor costumes and have a picture taken in the Tudor photo frame.



Try the new 'Basing Mouse' trail for children, pick up a trail booklet on arrival.



Marvel at the amazing LEGO® model of the new and old Basing House in the Kiosk during your visit.

#### THE ROYAL **GREEN JACKETS** (RIFLES) MUSEUM



Keep an eye out for the guizzes, colouring and craft activities that take place during the school holidays!

#### **BUCKLER'S HARD**



Explore the wide open spaces at Buckler's Hard and wave to the boats sailing on the Beaulieu River.



Join Buckle and Bailey, the shipyard cats, as they explore Buckler's Hard on the fun family quiz trail.



Have a go at caulking a seam, learn to tie a bowline and press a button to listen to a traditional sea shanty sung by sailors.

#### **SOLENT SKY** MUSEUM



Have a go at the colouring sheets and a gentle guiz - with prizes!'



There are several aviation quizzes with prizes and access to the flight decks and cockpits.



There are accessible cockpits, the flying boat flight deck and related history projects.

#### THE MUSEUM OF ARMY FLYING



Enjoy the airfield themed outdoor play park, fun trails around the Museum and the ever-popular Ball



Museum-Detective quizzes, free school holiday activities and interactive Scout helicopter



Have a go in the interactive firing simulators.



#### **KEY TO CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES**



Under 5s





#### **HAVE LOTS OF FUN! #VisitHampshire**

Did you know?

The Royal Marines Museum is home to 8000 medals including ten Victoria

Crosses

Did you know?

Three Buckler's Hard ships took part in the

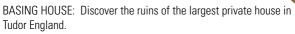
Battle of Trafalgar.

Did you know?

HMS Alliance is Britain's only remaining WWII era submarine and crammed 63 crew into its tiny interior.

Whether you have a passion for a particular historic period, researching your family tree and heritage, learning about a particular event or visiting Hampshire as part of a short break or day visit, here is a quick reference guide to the museums to visit:

#### Tudor History



CALSHOT CASTLE: An artillery fort constructed by Henry VIII on the Calshot Spit.

#### **ARMY HISTORY**



ALDERSHOT MILITARY MUSEUM: Covering the British Army and the history of Aldershot as a military town.

THE MUSEUM OF MILITARY MEDICINE: The story of army medicine and healthcare, human and animal, from the English Civil War to the current day.

FORT NELSON: A collection of artillery with over 350 on display, including the massive 200-tonne railway gun.

MUSEUM OF ARMY CHAPLAINCY: Covering the British Army in WWI and WWII.

ROYAL MILITARY POLICE MUSEUM: The history of the military police.

ROYAL ARMY PHYSICAL TRAINING CORPS MUSEUM: Discover how the Royal Army Physical Training Corps has kept the British Army Fighting Fit & Fit to Fight for over 150 years.

THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS (RIFLES) MUSEUM: Military history from 1741 including the Peninsular War, WWI, WWII, Victoria Cross.

THE ROYAL SIGNALS MUSEUM: Home to the national collection of military communications equipment and vividly tells the story of military communications and of The Corps.

WINCHESTER MILITARY MUSEUMS: Six regimental museums offering a unique experience, each with their own story to tell.

#### **NAVAL HISTORY**

BUCKLER'S HARD: The story of shipbuilding including Nelson's navy.

PORTSMOUTH HISTORIC DOCKYARD: National Museum of the Royal Navy,
HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, The Mary Rose Museum, Royal Navy & Action
Stations.

#### **Aviation History**

FARNBOROUGH AIR SCIENCES TRUST MUSEUM: Birthplace of British powered flight and military aviation and a century of aeronautical development at the Royal Aircraft Establishment.

FLEET AIR ARM MUSEUM: Europe's largest naval aviation collection.

SOLENT SKY MUSEUM: Covering Hampshire's aviation story.

TANGMERE MILITARY AVIATION MUSEUM: The Museum raises awareness of the United Kingdom's military aviation heritage and to educate present and future generations in military aviation.

#### Access military history in other ways...

#### DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY Find out where your Hampshire

ancestors lived and died, and how to trace army ancestors at Hampshire Record Office. See web site for opening hours, workshops and guide to sources for tracing army ancestors. Archives include: The Rifle Brigade/King's Royal Rifle Corps/Royal Green Jackets. Expert staff can help with your enquiries. www.hants.gov.uk/archives





#### DISCOVER MORE BY AREA

#### PORTSMOUTH & CHICHESTER

- Portsmouth Historic
  Dockyard
- Royal Armouries Fort Nelson
- Royal Military Police
  Museum
- Tangmere Military
  Aviation Museum

#### SOUTHAMPTON & EASTLEIGH

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#### WINCHESTER

- Winchester's Military Museums:
  - HorsePower the Museum of the King's Royal Hussars
  - The Guardroom Museum
  - The Gurkha Museum
  - The Royal Hampshire Regiment Memorial Garden and Museum.

#### ALDERSHOT & NORTH HAMPSHIRE

- Aldershot Military
  Museum
- The Museum of Military
   Medicine
- Basing House
- Farnborough Air Sciences Trust
- Royal Army Physical Training Corps Museum

#### **TEST VALLEY**

- Museum of Army Chaplaincy
- Museum of Army Flying
- 14 Romsey War horse

#### **NEW FOREST**

- Buckler's Hard
- Calshot Castle

#### DORSET

Royal Signals Museum

#### SOMERSET

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# DISCOVER Hampshire's MILITARY HISTORY

#### **Basing House**

10% OFF\* items in the Gift Shop

#### **Basing House**

10% OFF\* items in the Gift Shop. No cash alternative. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. Subject to availability.
Expires 31 March 2018

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## DISC Hamps

## **Buckler's Hard**

20% OFF entry ticket\*

#### **Buckler's Hard**

20% OFF Ticket cannot be used online or in conjunction with any other offer or discount. Standard terms and conditions of admission apply. Valid until 31st March 2018. Code: DEFENCE17

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#### **Museum of Army Flying**

One **FREE** child with a full paying adult\*

#### Museum of Army Flying

One FREE child with a full paying adult at Museum of Army Flying. One child free (aged 5 – 16) when accompanied by a full paying adult. Offer ends 31st December 2018. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. Not to be used for special events where an extra change may apply. No cash alternative. Please bring this voucher and present at the ticket desk at the attraction. Photocopies will not be accepted.

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#### Royal Green Jackets Museum

25% DISCOUNT on adult admission\*

#### Royal Green Jackets Museum

25% discount on adult admission 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018 (1 voucher per 1 adult admission) Standard terms and conditions of admission apply.

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**Solent Sky** 

SAVE up to £7.50 on adult tickets

#### Solent Sky

**NLINE EEF VOUCHER 2017** 

2 for 1\* on adult tickets. Save up to £7.50. Two adults for the price of one. Standard terms and conditions of admission apply. Valid until 31st March 2018.

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Portsmouth Historic Dockyard 20% DISCOUNT\* on All-Attraction ticket

#### **Portsmouth Historic Dockyard**

20% DISCOUNT on adult, child, senior, student or family All-Attraction ticket to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Offer ends 31/03/18. One voucher per transaction. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer or discount. Not available with online purchase. Not valid for special events. No cash alternative. See website for details and terms of All-Attraction ticket.

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Calshot Castle £1 OFF adult entry or £1.50 OFF family entry.

#### **Calshot Castle**

£1 off adult entry or £1.50 off family entry. No further discount for concessions. Voucher valid until 31/1/2018.

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#### **Royal Signals Museum**

**ONE CHILD FREE\*** with every paying adult.

#### **Royal Signals Museum**

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#### Fleet Air Arm Museum

20% OFF entry ticket\*

#### Fleet Air Arm Museum

20% discount off an adult, child, senior, student or family ticket to the Fleet Air Arm Museum.
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