

Attractions

1 St George's Square

The Jubilee Clock stands where the former Market House building stood. The earliest reference to a market in Bishop's Waltham is in Edward I's reign, but no market was ever held in the Market House.



2 Bishop's Waltham Palace Ruins

Even by the standards of the powerful medieval Bishops of Winchester, Bishop's Waltham Palace in Hampshire was a grand residence. Much remains of the 12th and 14th century buildings, which were begun by Bishop Henry of Blois, brother of King Stephen. Set within attractive grounds, they include the impressive three-storey tower and the fine windows of the great hall built by William of Wykeham, bishop from 1367 and founder of Winchester College and New College, Oxford.



3 St Peter's Church

In 1136, Henry of Blois started building a church at the site where St Peter's stands today, away from the palace and pond where the original Saxon church stood. His many other building projects included Wolvesey Castle, and he also founded the magnificent Hospital of St. Cross. Scarcely anything remains of the 12th century church, apart from some fragments of the south arcade capitals found in 1897, and now on display beneath the pulpit. The earliest dates from about 1200 when Godfrey de Lucy was Bishop (1189–1204).



St. Peter's has been rebuilt, enlarged and restored in succeeding centuries to counter the ravages of time and to meet the changing needs of the generations. St Peter's is unusual in having extensive alterations dating from the late 16th and mid-17th centuries. A restoration in 1894–97 created the church we see today.

4 Bishop's Waltham Museum

The Bishop's Waltham Palace lodging range later became a farmhouse and it now houses the Bishop's Waltham Museum.

5 The Ponds

Bishop Henry of Blois created a pond 700 years ago to provide fresh fish and impress his visitors. In the late 1960s a road was built across the Great Pond dividing it in two. The South Pond holds water all the year round and is leased to the Bishop's Waltham fishing Club. The North Pond has been designated as a SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) for its wetland flora and fauna. The North Pond is currently maintained by the North Pond Conservation Group.



6 Oral History Bench

The Oral History Bench is located in the Basingwell Street seating areas and tells wartime stories of villagers, who recall their experiences from the 40s in the local area.

Bishop's Waltham Map



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7 Marwell Zoo

Marwell Zoo is home to hundreds of exotic and endangered animals all within a beautiful, landscaped 140-acre park. Take a stroll around the outdoor attraction with friends and family and enjoy the fresh air while spotting their animal stars which include – Rothschild's giraffes, white rhinos, Amur tigers, Humboldt penguins, red pandas, snow leopards and all three species of zebra (to name a few). What could be a nicer way to get your daily steps in?

Where to stay

THE CROWN INN

St George's Square, SO23 2AF | 01489 893 350
 crowninnbishopsaltham.co.uk



FAIRLAWN

Station Road, SO32 1DH
 07483 264 333
 fairlawnbandb.co.uk

For more accommodation nearby
 see visitwinchester.co.uk



Where to eat

HOXTON BAKEHOUSE

Brook Court | Brook Street
 02380 984 170

STAINERS TEA ROOMS

High Street | 01489 895 331

NO 60 COFFEE & WINE BAR

High Street | 01489 896 600

THE ANVIL TEA ROOMS & JUST IN CASE WINES

Houchin Street | 01489 892 969

COSTA COFFEE

High Street | 01489 893 087

JOSIES - WINE, COFFEE & DELI

High Street | 01489 899 075

BANKS BAR & BISTRO

Bank Street | 01489 896 352

PAUL'S PLAICE FISH & CHIPS

High Street | 01489 891 017

SILVER RIVER CHINESE TAKEAWAY

Merlin Mews | 01489 895 043

BARLEYCORN INN

Lower Basingwell Street
 01489 892 712

R2 CHINESE RESTAURANT

Houchin Street | 07588 886 333

THE CROWN INN

St George's Square | 01489 893 350

GIORGIO'S MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT & BAR

High Street
 01489 894 476

FRIENDS REFINED INDIAN CUISINE

Bank Street
 01489 891 791

THE WALTHAM TANDOORI

Bank Street | 01489 894 684

SWEET CORNER

High Street | 01489 892 506



