

The Cheddar Gorge Scenic Drive & the Mendips

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CHEDDAR GORGE
SOMERSET

THE 6 BEST

CHEDDAR GORGE & MENDIPS DRIVES

England's Best Driving Road?

From Cheddar Gorge and Burrington Combe to Wells, Wookey Hole and the High Mendips



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1 CHEDDAR GORGE SCENIC DRIVE (B3135)
BEST UK DRIVING ROAD 2018

- ~14 MILES
- Moderate
- Voted Britain's Best Driving Road 2018
- Dramatic 453ft limestone cliffs
- Steep, narrow and spectacular

BRISTOL AIRPORT GATEWAY TO CHEDDAR

- Around 35 minutes by car
- Car hire from ~£10/day
- One of Britain's easiest great drives to reach
- Ideal first South West road trip adventure



ROUTE GUIDE

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4 WOOLEY HOLE & EBBOR GORGE
BEST FOR FAMILIES

- ~6 MILES
- Easy
- Famous Wookey Hole show caves
- Ebbor Gorge Nature Reserve
- Beautiful woodland scenery

5 HIGH MENDIPS: PRIDDY & BLACK DOWN
HIGHEST POINT

- ~12 MILES
- Moderate
- Black Down 325m – the highest point in Somerset
- Caving country
- Wide-open moorland views

6 SOUTHERN SCARP: CHEDDAR-SHEPTON MALLET
BEST COUNTRYSIDE DRIVE

- ~15 MILES
- Easy-Moderate
- Cider farms & orchards
- Charming villages
- Great views across the Somerset Levels

BEFORE YOU DRIVE: SAFETY ESSENTIALS

Steep, narrow and twisting at the top

Feral goats & sheep on the road

Never stop on the carriageway in the gorge

Very busy in summer – go slow

Road can close after heavy rain or rockfall

Limited parking – arrive early in busy periods

Fuel up in Cheddar, Wells or Axbridge before you go

DRIVING TIPS

UK drives on the left

A smaller car is easier on steep and narrow roads

Come down through the gorge for best views

BEST TIME TO GO

Spring to early autumn for the best weather and open attractions.

Winter is beautiful but check road conditions.

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Six incredible drives. One unforgettable destination. Only 35 minutes from Bristol Airport.

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The 6 best Cheddar Gorge and Mendips drives, all within 35 minutes of car hire at Bristol Airport.

The Drives at a Glance

Drive	Distance	Difficulty	Highlight
1. Cheddar Gorge scenic drive (B3135)	~14 miles	Mod	Best UK driving road 2018; 453ft cliffs
2. Burrington Combe (B3134)	~3 miles	Easy-Mod	Quiet 'second gorge'; Rock of Ages
3. Cheddar to Wells	~9 miles	Easy	England's smallest city, cathedral
4. Wookey Hole & Ebbor Gorge	~6 miles	Easy	Show caves, 'mini Cheddar' reserve
5. High Mendips: Priddy & Black Down	~12 miles	Mod	Highest point 325m, caving country
6. Southern scarp: Cheddar-Shepton Mallet	~15 miles	Easy-Mod	Cider farms, villages, Levels views

Before You Drive: Safety Essentials

IMPORTANT: The Cheddar Gorge drive is steep, narrow and twisting at the top, and very busy in summer. Take it slowly, watch for feral goats and sheep on the road, and never stop on the carriageway.

- The UK drives on the left. Come down through the gorge from the top for the most dramatic views.
- A smaller car is easier on the steep gorge road and the narrow Mendips lanes.
- The road can close after heavy rain or rockfall; check conditions in winter.
- Parking in Cheddar and at the gorge is limited and busy in summer, so arrive early.
- Fuel up in Cheddar, Wells or Axbridge before a long day on the Mendips lanes.

Getting There: Car Hire at Bristol Airport

The nearest major airport is Bristol, only about 35 minutes from Cheddar, making the Cheddar Gorge scenic drive one of the easiest great drives in the country to reach. Bristol Airport has all the main suppliers and car hire from around £10 a day booked ahead.

Compare car hire Bristol deals and read the full guide at getcarhire.com.