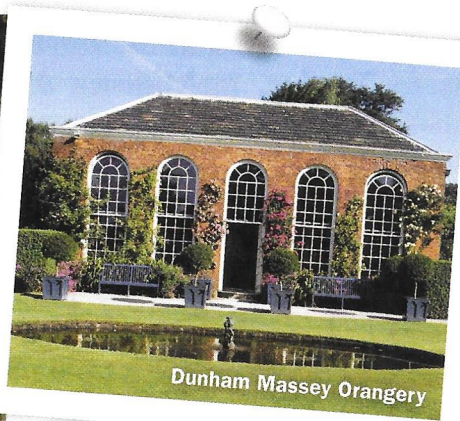




Marbury Country Park near Northwich has an arboretum and walks around Budworth Mere



Dunham Massey Orangery



Elm Cottage Touring Park has large, flat pitches

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Elm Cottage Touring Park, Cheshire



I like a campsite that makes an effort and the owners of Elm Cottage Touring Park in the Cheshire countryside clearly work tirelessly to create an attractive site. There are colourful tubs of flowers dotted around the tidy campsite, the sanitary facilities are warm and clean and the site shop sells those useful things you might have forgotten.

It shows that this is a family-run campsite as the owners pay attention to the little things: there are information leaflets about local attractions, shelves of books to borrow and there is always a smile and someone to ask if you need help.

This flat site has generous-sized hardstanding and grass pitches, a motorhome service point and a large rally and tent field around which there is a dog walk. If you have non-camping friends, the owners also run a B&B and a small self-catering chalet.

This part of Cheshire has so many attractions you would have to stay for weeks to see them all. It is claimed that Cheshire has more country houses than any other county. We

visited the National Trust's Dunham Massey to see the fallow deer in the park, moving on to Marbury Country Park to walk through the arboretum and lovely woodland to the canal.

Walking from the campsite you can reach Oulton Park Racing Circuit if you are looking for speed and Primrose Wood on the southern edge of Delamere Forest if your pursuits are more sedate.

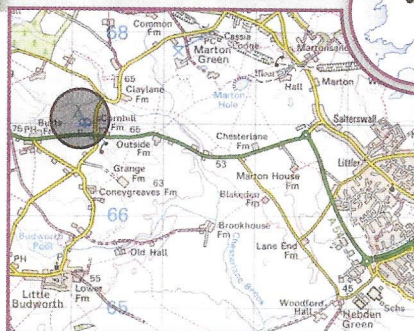
We were staying at Elm Cottage with friends and, as none of us owned a motorhome large enough for everyone to comfortably eat together, we decided to book a table at The Shrewsbury Arms. This friendly pub is only a 10-minute walk from the campsite and serves excellent food.

For picnic fare and gifts you can't beat The Hollies Farm Shop about two miles away on the A49. The place is a cornucopia of local food and tasty delicacies.



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Directions: The site is on the north side of the A54, between Winsford and the A49



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