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Wine Tasting and Cricket

Hampshire is home to some of the finest vineyards in the country. With soil similar to that of the Champagne region in France, visitors to the county can sample some of England's finest sparkling wine for a taste of something different.

Explore 20 hectares of sprawling vines at **Hambledon Vineyard**, the country's oldest commercial vineyard which was established in 1952. The south facing vines produce Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grapes, perfect for making delicious English sparkling wine. On site there is also a state of the art winery and wine-tasting room, which visitors will get to experience during a guided tour. At the end of the tour, guests can sample some of the delicious bubbly quality wine which is produced on site.



After your visit, take a short drive to the quaint **Bat and Ball pub**. Find out about the pub's strong cricketing links in an area which is famed for founding the 'modern' game. Take a short walk across the road to the cricket club **Broadhalfpenny Down**, known as the Cradle of Cricket.

In the afternoon, journey across to the **Test Valley** for a delightful afternoon tour of **Cottonworth vineyard**. Established in 2005, Cottonworth specialise in sparkling wine and they have won many awards over the past few years. Visitors will have a guided tour of the vineyard and winery before sampling the final product in the wine tasting room.

Similar attractions nearby:

Visitors may also want to consider stops at: Setley Ridge Vineyard, Hattingley Valley, international cricket matches at the Ageas Bowl

Nearby hotel options:

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