

25 wild and wonderful UK places to stay

From hilltop hideaways to nature retreats with private swimming lakes, these are the most stylishly designed interiors from which to make the most of the great outdoors

15. Charlotte's Folly, Staffordshire

A quirky Victorian cottage close to Telford

East of Telford and the hike-worthy Shropshire Hills, dog-friendly Charlotte's Folly is part of the Viscount and Viscountess Newport's encircling 12,000-acre Bradford Estates. The site is home to woodland, regenerative farm fields and a lake plus recently installed wetlands — designed to woo wading birds, frogs, newts and damselflies. From the outside, Charlotte's Folly resembles a terracotta-pink gingerbread house. Inside, it's a jolly but chic mish-mash: peagreen beams and bouclé sofas here, clawfoot tubs and velveteen headboards there. Borrow one of the vintage bicycles and explore on two wheels.

Details Seven nights' self-catering for six from £1,450 (uniquehomestays.com)

