

Seven of the best woodland stays in the UK

Turn a forest walk into a weekend away with our pick of autumn's cosiest hideouts

3. Forestkeepers, Fordingbridge, Hampshire

From this high-spec family home's rangy gardens, gates open into a northwestern part of the New Forest — with easy bike rides or walks past ponies to Hightown Common, an area that's enchanting as leaves change colour. Then again, with a treehouse, 30m zip wire, outdoor pool (open until mid-October) and football goals on site, you might not get that far. Inside, past hanging ferns, life will revolve around the terracotta-tiled country kitchen. There's also a games room for drizzly days.

Details Four nights' self-catering for 12 from £2,995 (uniquehomestays.com)

