Thursdays and Sundays between now also host drop-in activities, mainly on guided trails. RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes circular walks available along with self-guided trails. There are various birds visiting, including warblers, cuckoos, hobbies and common terns, and butterflies and dragonflies flit along the trails. The RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes site is a series of lakes, riverside, traditional meadows and hedges all linked to a network of paths which is free to explore. During the summer months visiting birds include warblers, cuckoos, hobbies and common terns, and butterflies and dragonflies flit alongside the trails. There are various circular walks available along with self-guided trails. RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes also host drop-in activities, mainly on Thursdays and Sundays between now and September 2017. These include Lake Dipping and Bug Hunting, perfect for little ones to enjoy. A full list of dates and details is available under Events at www.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes.

The RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes Team also run a guided Wednesday Wander on the 2nd Wednesday of the month between 10:15am to 12:15pm. The cost is £4 for adults (RSPB Members and children half price). The guided walk normally lasts between 60-90 minutes and is a great way to see the wonderful wildlife that call the lakes home. Please see voucher below for a Wednesday Wander offer.

Around Lunchtime

Head back towards St Ives which is a beautiful historic market town on the Great Ouse. Famous for its ancient chapel bridge (one of only four in the country), it is a bustling market town. Markets are held every Monday, Friday and on bank holidays, and its farmers’ market, held on first and third Saturdays of each month, was voted the nation’s best in 2015 (FARMA). St Ives is home to a great selection of cafes, restaurants and pubs so you will be spoilt for choice if looking for a lunch venue.

Around St Ives

A perfect place to take a break is the Norris Museum, which tells the history of Huntingdonshire from the time of the Romans to the present day, and is great for little ones to enjoy. The refurbished Norris Museum (reopening 29th July, 2017) which, as the Museum of Huntingdonshire, tells the story of the County through the ages and is great for the story of Fen Skating (www.norrismuseum.org.uk).

Next stop is the Holt Island Nature Reserve - an island in the town accessed via a bridge by the churchyard of the Parish Church (at the end of the Broadway beyond the Wait). Teaming with birds and other wildlife, it is an ideal place to relax and enjoy the tranquillity of the riverside setting. The Island is open from 10am - 4pm on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays between April and September. At other times, keys are available from the Norris Museum or One Leisure.

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Around St Ives

Morning

Starting in St Ives, head to the bus station to catch the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway down to RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes. The maintenance track alongside the busway also provides a great and segregated cycling or walking route if you are feeling energetic.

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Afternoon

Explore St Ives starting at the recently refurbished Norris Museum (reopening 29th July, 2017) which, as the Museum of Huntingdonshire, tells the story of the County through the ages and is great for the story of Fen Skating (www.norrismuseum.org.uk).

If you fancy a boat trip, the St Ives Electric Riverboat Company offer hourly trips up to Hemingford Lock from The Quay in St Ives between 11am and 5pm daily, until the end of September, weather permitting. Tickets are £7.50 for adults, £4 for school children and £6 for over 65s - please see offer voucher below.

The Quay area in the heart of the Old Riverport is a great place from which to sit, relax and watch the river. St Ives offers numerous afternoon tea options, some overlooking the river (www.thedriverboats.co.uk).

There is lots to do in and around St Ives so why not consider extending your stay and staying in one of the town’s hotels or nearby campsites? The Town Hall and Corn Exchange in St Ives can help you make the most of your stay whilst visiting, so why not drop in, email or phone for advice (www.theoldriverportstives.co.uk)

Extending your stay

• Fishing – there are plenty of opportunities for fishing nearby. Visit Cambridgeshire Fens has details of some options available (www.visitcambridgeshirefens.org/things-to-do-3/fishing-40)
• RSPB Ouse Fen has a range of moderate to more challenging trails for walking or cycling, with several public rights of way passing through the reserve (www.rspb.org.uk/ousefen).

1/2 Price at Fen Drayton Lakes

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes is offering half price Wednesday Wander tickets to adults with this voucher on either 12th July, 9th August, 13th September or 11th October 2017.

Please present the voucher when purchasing your ticket on the day.

50p OFF Riverboat Cruise

St Ives Electric Riverboat Company are offering 50p off all ticket prices with this voucher between now and 31st October 2017.

Simply present this voucher when purchasing your tickets on board.

Terms & Conditions: No cash alternative. Voucher valid until 31st October 2017. Not valid with any other offer or promotion. One voucher per person only. Printed copies and colour copies all accepted.