

Tottenham House, Seat of Marquis of Ailesbury and Centre of the Savernake Estate

Savernake Forest Estate - Nearly 40 Square Miles Sold

The sale of approximately 25,000 acres of the Savernake Forest Estate near Marlborough, the property of the Marquis of Ailesbury, is announced.

The portion now sold, which embraces an area just under 40 square miles, comprises of some 60 farms, ranging in area from 100 to 1400 acres, a large number of smaller farms and holdings, several hundred cottages, including the villages of Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Easton Royal, East Grafton, West Grafton, Wilton, part of Wootton Rivers, part of Great Bedwyn, Mildenhall, Manton and a considerable number of properties in the town of Marlborough, including the Ailesbury Arms Hotel.

The estate extends from Ogbourne St Andrew, about three miles to the north of Marlborough, to Tidworth in the south. The downland is noted for its sweet herbage for sheep, whilst the rich lands of the Pewsey Vale run through the centre of the estate. The downs are well known for the excellence of their gallops, and included is the celebrated Derby Gallop leased to Manton House, the training establishment made famous by Mr. Alec Taylor, and now owned by Mssrs. Tattersall and Deane. The estate entirely surrounds the town of Marlborough.

Lord Ailesbury is retaining the mansion, "Tottenham House", Savernake Forest itself and its surroundings, about 16,000 acres in all.

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