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## 1 DAY UK TOUR

# The Great War - Midlands

### **Cannock Chase Visitor Centre**

The causes of the Great War; What was the British Expeditionary Force?; The creation of Kitchener's Army & the Pals Battalions; Why did men from across the British Empire join-up?

### **The Great War Hut**

The Cannock Chase training complex – overview from one of the Hut Volunteers; How were new recruits turned into soldiers?; What were they taught? An opportunity for the group to see period equipment and weaponry.

### **Cannock Chase War Cemetery**

Military burials in the Great War; Where are the majority of those who died in the Great War buried? Why are these men buried in the UK? The creation and ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Boy soldiers in the Great War; Why are there German soldiers buried here?

### **Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery**

The German Army of 1914, Regulars and Reserves, Student Battalions; The ethos of the Volksbund; The experience of Germans living in the UK during the Great War; War in the Air.

### **The Staffordshire Regiment Museum**

Museum and recreation of a trench system; Trench warfare and trench construction; Daily routine and problems with trench fighting; The Casualty Evacuation process; developments in the treatment of wounds and injuries.

### **The National Arboretum**

The impact of the Great War; How Britain and the Commonwealth commemorate the Fallen. A chance for reflection and an opportunity to lay a Poppy Wreath.