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The Wild Duck Inn

Cirencester - Drakes Island, Cirencester GL7 6BY

Country Creatures' newest pub opened in the town of Ewen this spring. It's a sixteenth-century Grade II listed Cotswolds coaching inn (which most recently was the gardener's house for the nearby Ewen Manor) that's been transformed into a gorgeous-looking pub with rooms. Exposed oak beams and an absolutely massive inglenook fireplace are what it's all about here in winter, while there's a huge garden complete with wood-fired barbecue waiting for warmer days. Expect to find local beers on tap at the bar, while the restaurant is headed up by chef Richard Sandiford (ex-Hawksmoor and Cubitt House). His menu plunders the local larder so there's local burrata salad, Bibury trout and Gloucester Old Spot pork chops on offer. In the mornings, you can go big with a full English, or keep things healthy with winter fruit compote, granola and kefir.

The rooms: There are 19 bedrooms at this inn, with thoughtful touches like locally-made rugs and vintage bathtubs. A family room features a bunkbed for the kids and there are some that also boast terraces with a view.

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