



National
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Events and activities for autumn and winter 2018
The Lakes | Cheshire, Lancashire & Merseyside

What's on

This is just a taster of the events coming up – visit nationaltrust.org.uk/north-west for more events and activities happening near you.



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The Lakes

Regular events & exhibitions

Daily

Aira Force

Cyril's red squirrel trail
10.30am–4pm

An interactive way for children to learn all about our native red squirrels. Follow the clues on Cyril Squirrel's map to unlock the password and become a squirrel detective. **£1**

Daily until 16 October

Sticklebarn

Langdale's wild nature trail
11am–4pm

Discover Langdale by becoming a nature detective for the day. Can you find everything on the ranger's spot sheet? **Free**

Daily until 28 October

Low Wray Campsite

Bike and boat hire
9am–5pm

Make the most of the cycle trails leading from the campsite along the lakeshore towards Claife Station or to Hawkshead village, or canoe along the shore to the castle. Prices vary.

Every open day until 28 October

Hill Top

The Peter Rabbit trail
10am–4pm

Search for the clues dropped from Beatrix's bag around the garden and see if you can find Samuel Whiskers' family hiding in the house.*

Daily until 4 November

Allan Bank

Billie Buzzard's wild garden trail
10.30am–4.30pm

Billie Buzzard is soaring overhead, watching all the comings and goings in the woodland garden; journey through the garden on a hunt for all the hidden handcrafted willow sculptures she's spotted.*

3 November–31 December

Acorn Bank

The Tiger Who Came to Tea
10am–4pm

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Judith Kerr's much-loved children's story and explore an exhibition dedicated to the book. In association with Seven Stories, National Centre for Children's Books.*

Every Monday & Tuesday

Footprint

Yoga classes
6–7.30pm

Relax your body and mind at one of our weekly yoga classes with a local instructor. **£10 BE**

Every Tuesday

Sticklebarn

Adventure films
7pm

Head to Sticklebarn for high-adrenaline movies on the big screen upstairs. **Free**

Every Thursday

Townend

Taste of Townend
1.30–4pm

The Brownes family of Townend's cookbook is full of great recipes, from meaty mince pies and macaroons to seventeenth-century medicines. We'll be cooking all afternoon to recreate some of them.*

Every closed Friday until 19 October

Hill Top

Hill Top tour
2–3pm

Experience Beatrix Potter's beloved home out of hours and get up close to her personal items from the collection. **£15 BE**

Every Friday until 26 October

Beatrix Potter Gallery

Conservation in action
1–3pm

Chat to our conservation team and find out how we care for the little treasures Beatrix enjoyed collecting throughout her life.*

Every weekend until 29 October

Steam Yacht Gondola

Walkers' cruises
11–11.45 or 11.55am

Cruise to Lake Bank jetty (45 mins) for walks at the southern end of Coniston Water or Parkamoor jetty (55 mins) for the east shore. Booking advisable. Adult **£11/£15**, family **£25/£35**

Every Sunday

Sticklebarn

Quiz night
8pm

Get your thinking caps on at a weekly pub quiz; the winning team takes home the kitty. **£1** per person

Every Sunday until 28 October, plus

Saturdays 20 & 27 October

Wordsworth House & Garden

Go wild like William and Dorothy
11am–4pm

Hunt for amazing animals in the house, track down bugs and bees in the garden, and get tips on how to turn your own backyard into a nature haven.*

September

Friday 21 September

Fell Foot (also 28 September)

Bat walks
7–9pm

Join ranger Jo for a moonlit walk with the bats followed by a drink in the boathouse. Adult **£5**, kids go free

Tuesday 25 September

Sizergh (until 30 September)

Sizergh uncovered
12 noon–3.30pm

For one week only, get a sneak-peak beneath the covers of the items in the castle to discover over 700 years of history.

Wednesday 26 September

Allan Bank

Flower arranging workshops
11am–1pm & 2–4pm

Create your own distinctive flower arrangement with our in-house flower arranger, Janet Thompson.* **£15 BE**

Sticklebarn

Discover Langdale walks
1–3pm

Rangers will give you an interactive insight into the rich history of the Langdale valley, before bringing you back to the future with a drink at Sticklebarn. **£5** incl. one drink, kids go free

Wednesday 26 September

Wordsworth House & Garden

(also every Wednesday and Saturday until 17 October)

A passionate nature
11.30am

A talk revealing the secret life of Dorothy Wordsworth, the woman behind one of the world's greatest poets, William Wordsworth.*

Thursday 27 September

Wordsworth House & Garden

(also every Monday and Thursday until 18 October)

Matters of life and death
11.30am & 2.30pm

A 30-minute guided tour giving an insight into the family life that forged one of our greatest poets, William Wordsworth.*

October

Wednesday 3 October

Footprint (also 1 December)

Spoon carving
9am–5pm

Use traditional greenwood techniques to carve at least one spoon. Book via Woodmatters, tel: 07702 256425 or email: garethandro@woodmatters.org.uk **£65 BE**

Saturday 6 October

Sizergh

Greenwood Fair
10am–4pm

Celebrate all things woodland: have a go at outdoor crafts, see different demonstrations and go on guided walks around the estate.*

Saturday 13 October

Footprint

Bowl carving
9am–5pm

Hand carve your own bowl or kneading trough from local greenwood. Book via Woodmatters, tel: 07702 256425 or email: garethandro@woodmatters.org.uk **£65 BE**

Wednesday 17 October

Whitehaven Coast, CA28 7XY

Beach clean
10.30am–12 noon

Help tackle the marine plastic problem – we've got all the equipment, so you can just come along and make a difference. **Free**



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Saturday 20 October

Tarn Hows (until 4 November)
Nature discovery trail
10am–2.30pm
Discover fantastic feathered friends, towering trees and monstrous mini beasts with our nature discovery trail. **£2**

Acorn Bank (until 28 October)
Spirit of the Woods children's trail
11am–3pm
Celebrate Halloween the Acorn Bank way and go back to nature with a seasonal trail.* **£**

Monday 22 October

Sticklebarn (until 28 October)
Spooktastic movies
4pm
After a day on the hills snuggle in for some spooktastic films for the whole family. Check the website to find out what's showing. **Free**

Wordsworth House & Garden
Sew a poppy field
11.30am–3.30pm
See the 'Lest we forget' section.*

Tuesday 23 October

Sticklebarn (until 25 October)
Bat walks
6pm
Take a bat walk around Langdale with a ranger, followed by sausages around the fire and a spooky film at Sticklebarn. **Adult £10, kids go free BE**

Wordsworth House & Garden
Get cooking in the kitchen
11.30am–3.30pm
Head to the kitchen, roll up your sleeves and try your hand at making traditional Cumbrian clapbread.*

Thursday 25 October

Wordsworth House & Garden (also 26 October)
Spooky fireside tales
11.30am & 2.30pm
Join the servants by the kitchen fire to hear some of the ghostly tales William and Dorothy Wordsworth might have enjoyed. Age 7+.*

Half term

Saturday 20 October

Wray Castle
Forests of Folklore (until 4 November)
10am–5pm
Beatrix Potter got the inspiration for some of the darker characters in her tales after reading German folk stories as a child. This half term, play hide and seek with Wray's own set of traditional folk characters in the castle's indoor shadow forest. Who'll be seeking who?*

Sticklebarn (also 21 October)
Sticklebarn's Octoberfest
11am–9pm
A celebration of the great outdoors, with fire-cooked food, Cumbrian ales, local musicians and outdoor activities with our friends from Grand Day Out and Brathay Trust.

Allan Bank (until 4 November)
Woodland pumpkin trail
10.30am–4.30pm
Are you brave enough to venture into the woods and search for the spooky pumpkins? Spot 6 or more to win a prize.* **£2**

Claife Viewing Station (until 4 November)
Nature discovery trail
10am–2.30pm
Enjoy exploring with our self-led trail – try bark rubbing, mini beast hunting and animal tracking. **£2**

Lest we forget



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Saturday 27 October

Acorn Bank
Broom and wand-making workshop
11am–3pm
Little witches and wizards can make their very own broomstick and wand using woodland materials.* **£**

Wednesday 31 October

Wray Castle
Clockwork Moth shadow play and puppetry display
10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 6pm & 6.45pm
Enter our Forests of Folklore for a special event on Halloween: dramatic shadow storytelling with a spooky twist.* **£2 BE**

November

Saturday 3 November

Allan Bank
Copper beech and red squirrel felting workshops
10.30am–4.30pm (1 hour 15 minute sessions)
Artist Kathryn Thompson will show you how to create your own autumnal Grasmere-inspired scene using a wet felting or needle felting method.* **£15** for one session, **£25** for both **BE**

Wednesday 7 November

Footprint
Rustic bench making
9am–6pm
Make your own rustic greenwood bench or stool using hand tools. Book via Woodmatters, tel: 07702 256425 or email: garethandro@woodmatters.org. **£95** incl. materials **BE**

Saturday 10 November

Wray Castle (also 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25 November)
Upping sticks at sixty
Various times throughout the day
A 10-minute talk introducing the Dawsons, the upwardly mobile middle class couple from Liverpool who built Wray Castle and made a new life in the Lake District.*

Wordsworth House & Garden

Where Poppies Blow: the British soldier, nature and the Great War
Curated by historian, farmer and prize-winning author John Lewis-Stempel, this exhibition explores how the wonders and comforts of nature helped men endure the bullets and the blood. Emotive artefacts include original manuscripts by poet Edward Thomas and his war diary, its pages bearing an eerie arc of creases created by the shell blast that killed him.



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Saturday 10 November

Wray Castle (also 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25 November)
Reading Wray Castle
Various times throughout the day
This 10-minute talk will help you to see more in the castle's quirky architecture – both inside and out.*

Acorn Bank
Community juicing day
11am–3pm
Turn your apples into juice! Bring your washed fruit and some clean bottles and use our juicing equipment to take home the taste of autumn.*

Wray Castle (also 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25 November)
Hard hat tours
11am, 1pm & 3pm
Grab a torch for this behind-the-scenes tour. It'll be a rare opportunity to explore the highs and lows of the castle (literally).* **BE**

Wednesday 14 November

Footprint
Scandinavian shrink pot carving
9am–5pm
Create natural pots from greenwood, using the shrinkage of the tree as it dries out to create a sealed pot. Book via Brathaychallenges.com **£16 BE**

Acorn Bank

(also 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23 December)
At home with Father Christmas
11am–3pm
Come and visit Father Christmas in his very own cottage, where he'll be giving presents to 'nice' boys and girls. **£ BE**

Where Poppies Blow exhibition
Saturday–Thursday until 28 October
11am–4pm
Discover how love of the natural world helped sustain our soldiers through the horrors of the Great War.*

Amazing animals trail
Saturday–Thursday until 28 October
11am–4pm
Follow the family trail around the house and garden to discover incredible stories of dogs, horses, pigeons and other creatures that played their part in the conflict.*

Wray Castle

The Women of Wray Castle: Convention and Control
Until 4 November (plus weekends in November)
During normal opening times
An exhibition reflecting on the lives of two important women from Wray Castle's history: Margaret Dawson and Beatrix Potter. Margaret was a daughter of the Industrial Revolution and with her vast inheritance she and her husband built Wray Castle. Shortly after, a 16-year-old Beatrix stayed at Wray Castle, an experience which had a profound impact on her life – and on the Lake District.

'Are we still debating this?'
11, 18 & 25 November
2pm
To celebrate our 'Women of Wray Castle' exhibition, local community groups will be holding presentations and debates revolving around women's experiences today.* **£**

December

Saturday 1 December

Allan Bank
Make your own Christmas wreath
11am–12.30pm & 2–3.30pm
Create your own Christmas door wreath using locally sourced natural materials.* **£35** incl. mulled wine and mince pies **BE**

Tuesday 4 December

Sticklebarn (also 18 December)
Winter wanders
12 noon–4pm
Join a Mountain Leader for an invigorating walk in the Langdale fells. **£20 BE**

Saturday 8 December

Sticklebarn
Christmas pudding run
12 noon–3pm
Take part in a 10km run, with a Christmas pudding waiting for each runner at the end. Fancy dress welcome. Book via brathaychallenges.com **£16 BE**

Acorn Bank (also 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23 December)
At home with Father Christmas
11am–3pm
Come and visit Father Christmas in his very own cottage, where he'll be giving presents to 'nice' boys and girls. **£ BE**

Sunday 16 December

Allan Bank
Carols round the tree
1.30–3.30pm
Enjoy a traditional festive afternoon singing carols round the tree with Grasmere Glee.*

Peace How, Borrowdale

Fellowship of Hill and Wind and Sunshine – a singing picnic to commemorate First World War memorial fells
Saturday 13 October
11.30am–2.30pm
Get involved with the community arts project commemorating the Lake District summits given as memorials after the First World War. Bring your singing voice and a picnic. No parking, please use public transport. **Free BE**

Imagining the Stamford Hospital
10 September–11 November (house section open Saturday–Wednesday)
11am–4pm
During the First World War, Dunham Massey became a hospital for recovering soldiers. See surviving photographs from the hospital in the locations they were taken. Walk around the house, gardens and park to see a series of images, from soldiers arriving on stretchers to them boating on the moat.*

Rufford Old Hall

For love or money
Until 16 December
During normal opening times
Explore an exhibition revealing the stories and struggles of the women of Rufford. Discover how the Hesketh heirs made strategic marriages and used their wives' riches to grow Rufford's wealth and expand the estate.*



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Look out for....

Dunham Massey

A Taste of Autumn

Until 31 October
Celebrate the autumn season and all its colours, tastes, smells and sounds with a calendar of walks, tastings and workshops. From roses to honey and apple juice to nature walks, we're highlighting the things that are special about Dunham at this time of year. Join tours, talks or walks in the house, gardens or park every weekday and some weekends.

Autumn Senses garden tour

Daily until 5 November
11.30am & 2.15pm
Enjoy a guided tour of the garden to discover the sights, sounds and smells of the autumnal season.*

A Taste of the Estate guided walk

29 September
10am & 2pm
Treat your taste buds on this autumnal guided walk as you discover the food and drink producers on the Dunham Massey estate. Try a tippie from Dunham Massey Apple Juice or the Brewery and taste home grown fare from Little Heath Farm Shop. **£ BE**

From Ice Pit to Parlour guided walk

Weekends 6 October–4 November
11am, 12 noon, 2pm & 3pm
Ever wondered how ice cream was made in the past? Discover the ice pit in the park (not normally on show), take a look at the shippin in the stables, and find out more about the dairy in this guided walk. There's even a visit to the Ice Cream Parlour for a Snugbury's ice cream or sorbet. Yum!*



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Autumn makers workshops

6–7 October
12 noon–3pm
Get creative at artist-led workshops using autumn as your inspiration. **£ BE**

Rut walks

13, 16 & 18 October
8.30am
Take in battles and bellows as Dunham's deer begin their struggle for supremacy. Join the rangers for an early morning walk and discover more about the deer and the rut. **£** incl. a bacon butty and hot drink **BE**

Regular events & exhibitions

Friday–Tuesday, 16 September–4 November
Lyme
To Stop Her Mouth
11am–5pm (last entry 4pm)
Discover a tale of abduction, forced marriage and tragedy, as the true story of heiress Ellen Turner is brought to life through a new sound installation.* **£**

Daily until 28 October
Little Moreton Hall
The Other Side of the Hall
11am–4.30pm
It's not just the Tudors who lived at Little Moreton Hall. For the first time, original staff accommodation has been opened and a set of rooms never seen before are revealed. Find out more about the modern inhabitants of Little Moreton, their work for the National Trust and what it's like to live in a wonky Tudor mansion house.*

Daily until 28 October
Quarry Bank
Journeys of the Imagination
During normal opening times
Are you ready to go on a journey? Pack your bags for an adventure as we discover the incredible journeys made by the people of Quarry Bank. Follow the trail or create your own adventure in the mill, with interactive play spaces, a mini theatre and a story corner.*

Daily until 28 October
Little Moreton Hall
Welcome to the 16th scent-ury
11am–4.30pm
Join us as we continue our sensory exploration of Tudor smells and delve further into everyday health and wellbeing from a Tudor perspective. Families can join in the fun with the 'You Smell!' trail and hands on smelly activities throughout the year.*

Daily until 28 October
Quarry Bank
The Tiger Who Came to Tea
During normal opening times
Meet the iconic children's character, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, in a special pop-up exhibition celebrating 50 years since the publication of Judith Kerr's classic. In association with Seven Stories, National Centre for Children's Books.*

Armistice
11 November
See website for times
We're commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War and lighting a beacon at 7pm as part of a special armistice event.*

Stability and Survival
19 September–4 November
During normal opening times
Discover more about Adelaide Watt, an independent and powerful woman, ahead of her time. As the last owner of Speke Hall, her passion secured its survival. This outdoor exhibition will explore the hidden stories of this bold, unconventional woman and the impact she had on the estate.*

Remembering the Stamford Hospital
10 September–11 November
During normal opening times
During the First World War, Dunham Massey became a hospital for recovering soldiers. As part of *A Woman's Place*, we're remembering the remarkable women who helped 282 soldiers recover here.*

Daily until 4 November
Lyme
Gifts for the Gods: Animal Mummies Revealed
11am–5pm (last entry 4pm)
In collaboration with Manchester Museum, see a fascinating exhibition in the Long Gallery about ancient Egyptian animal mummies, prepared in their millions as offerings to the gods. Find out more about mummification and see mummified specimens such as jackals, crocodiles, cats and birds.*

Daily until 13 November
Dunham Massey
Herbie the Hedgehog trail
10.30am–4pm
Help Herbie the Hedgehog get ready for hibernation with a family trail around the gardens.*

Daily 13 October–18 November
Lyme
Unearth autumn trail
10am–4pm
Crunch, squelch and stomp your way round Crow Wood, unearthing the stories and colours of nature as Lyme's wildlife gets ready for winter.* **£1**

Daily until 28 July 2019
Speke Hall
Trust New Art: The Bell Tree
10.30am–4pm
Step into a magical environment in Speke Hall's ancient woodland and let award-winning artist Serena Korda's new sculptural sound installation transport you to a different world. Commissioned with Bluecoat and inspired by the fascinating story of hidden rebellions at Speke Hall, this outdoor artwork will change and develop with the seasons.* **£**

Every first Saturday until 3 November
Quarry Bank
Make and take
1–3pm
Give us a helping hand at making sessions where you can make one for Quarry Bank and one for you. Make something different every month, from Christmas decorations to fat cakes for garden birds.*

Every third Saturday until 17 November
Quarry Bank
Behind the scenes: machines
See website for times
Join Quarry Bank's technical team for an in-depth look at the machines. Find out about historic mill jobs, and how we care for the machinery today.*

Every fourth Sunday
Speke Hall
Trust10
9–10.45am
Take on a fresh running challenge in a beautiful landscape with a monthly 10k run open to both members and non-members. **Free**



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October

Tuesday 2 October

Quarry Bank (also 11 & 16 October)
Afternoon Tea with The Tiger Who Came to Tea
1.30–2.45pm
Tuck into afternoon tea with a twist. Join in with crafts and a special storytelling session, plus some delicious sweet treats. **Adult £12.95, child £8.95 BE**

Saturday 6 October

Lyme (also 8, 10 & 17 October)
Rut walk
6–8.30am
Join a walk and talk with the rangers to find out about the red deer herd at Lyme and the rutting season.* **£12.50** incl. breakfast **BE**

Formby
Fungi walk
10am–1pm
Enjoy a fascinating introduction to the wonderful world of fungi at Formby. **£5 BE**

Wednesday 17 October

Speke Hall (also 24 October & 7 November)
Spooky Speke
6pm & 7.15pm
Enjoy a hearty winter dish and sweet treat to calm your nerves, followed by a torchlight tour of the hall to discover the tales of its previous inhabitants. **£23 BE**

Formby
Formby footprints walk
1–4pm
Discover the fascinating story of Formby's prehistoric footprints and search for traces on the foreshore with one of our archaeology experts. **£10 BE**



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Women and Power

Exploring women's lives, voices and achievements

Beatrix Potter Gallery

The Right Sort of Woman
Until 28 October
During normal opening times
Featuring Beatrix Potter's original artwork, handwritten letters and personal items, this exhibition uncovers a lesser-known side to the well-loved children's author. Find out about the part she played in setting up district nursing for the Hawkshead area, her role as a local businesswoman and landowner, and her involvement in the wider Cumbrian community.*

Sizergh

A life in letters
Until 28 October
During normal opening times
Uncover the story of one of Sizergh's influential eighteenth-century residents, Cecilia Strickland, as her experiences of love, loss and hope are brought to life in an exhibition inspired by her surviving letters. As mistress of Sizergh following her marriage to Charles Strickland, she was responsible for transforming the main block of the house into the space we know today and, following Charles' death, she continued to manage the house on behalf of her young son.*

Allan Bank

Edith Rawnsley: the creative force behind the Keswick School of Industrial Art
13 October & 17 November
2–2.30pm
A talk bringing to life one woman's dedication and commitment to revive traditional craft skills in the Lake District in the midst of the Industrial Revolution.*
Talk: an introduction to the Keswick School of Industrial Art
19 October & 16 November
11am–2pm (a 15 minute talk on the hour)
Join Dr Alwyn Turner for a talk illustrated by items from Keswick School of Arts.*



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Half term

Friday 19 October

Dunham Massey (until 31 October)

Cobweb crafts

12 noon–4pm

Have a go at spooky cobweb weaving.*

Saturday 20 October

Hare Hill (until 4 November)

Autumn nature trail

10.30am–4pm

Follow our nature trail through the wooded garden and celebrate autumn at Hare Hill.*

Speke Hall (until 4 November)

Visionary Victorians

10.30am–4pm

Join us for a half term inspired by Victorian inventors and pioneers of scientific discovery.*

Rufford Old Hall (until 4 November)

Scarecrow Festival

11am–4pm

Come along for our second scarecrow festival, this time themed around influential women.*

Monday 22 October

Quarry Bank (until 26 October)

October half term: been through the mill

11am–4pm

Find out about the gory accidents that happened to Quarry Bank's mill workers, discover what it was like to live and work with a disability in the past and meet the mill physician. Part of Manchester Science Festival.*

Wednesday 24 October

Formby

Make a bird box

1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Make a bird box with our rangers. £5 per bird box kit BE

Little Moreton Hall (until 28 October)

Hallowtide

11am–4.30pm

Discover how the Tudors celebrated Halloween, explore some of the smells of the season and take part in Hallowtide activities.*

Thursday 25 October

Formby

Squirrel fun

11am–2pm

Go squirrel spotting, meet our squirrel feeders, make your own squirrel ears and get your whiskers painted. Booking advisable

Friday 26 October

Quarry Bank (also 27 October)

Spooky tours

6.30–9.30pm, tours every 15 minutes

Join us, if you dare, for a ghostly and haunting trip through the mill, performed by nrg theatre company with the help of Staffordshire University students. Age 12+. £10 BE

Lyme (also 29 October)

Pumpkin carving

10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

We'll supply the pumpkins and tools so you can create your very own scary Jack-'o-lantern! Age 5+.* £5 BE

Friday 26 October

Lyme

Fright run

2pm & 6pm

Join the Halloween fun run around the park – fancy dress is a must! 2pm – a little scary, perfect for young families; 6pm – scare-tastic, age 6+, head torch needed.* £2 BE

Saturday 27 October

Tatton Park (also 28 October)

Pick your own pumpkin

11am–1pm

Enjoy a guided tour of the farm to meet all your farmyard favourites, then head off to the field to search out the perfect pumpkin and find out what you can create with this seasonal favourite. £12 BE

Quarry Bank (until 2 November)

Ghostly goings-on

11am–4pm

Scare yourself on a spooky tour of the Apprentice House and toast a ghostly marshmallow over a campfire. In the mill, you can dress up and 'snap a spook' or join in with haunting crafts. Age 5+.*

Hare Hill (also 28 October)

All about owls

10.30am–4pm

Watch live owl displays and enjoy other interactive autumnal activities, as the Feathery Folk return for an owl-themed weekend.*

Tatton Park (until 31 October)

Haunted Halloween

11am–4pm (last entry 3pm)

Dare you enter the Old Hall at Tatton Park, reputedly one of the most haunted buildings in the country? Take an eerie tour, join in ghoulish activities in the ancient grounds and hear spine-tingling tales of haunted happenings.*

Sunday 28 October

Gawthorpe Hall

Pumpkin trail

1–4pm

Join us on a muddy autumnal hunt for Halloween pumpkins round the grounds of Gawthorpe Hall. £2.50

Rufford Old Hall

North West Reptile Club

11am–4pm

Are you brave enough to hold a scary beast and learn some interesting facts about the reptiles?*

Wednesday 31 October

Quarry Bank

Halloween murder mystery dinner

7–10.30pm

Test your wits in an interactive, Halloween-themed murder mystery, with a two-course dinner included. Age 18+. £37.50 BE

November

Sunday 4 November

Rufford Old Hall

Cook on a campfire

12.30pm, 1.15pm, 2pm & 2.45pm

Learn how to light a fire without matches and cook some tasty treats on the fire. Limited tickets available on the day.* £2

Wednesday 21 November

Speke Hall (also 22 November)

Christmas decorating workshop

1pm onwards

Enjoy a guided tour of the Hall to see our traditional Victorian Christmas decorations before taking part in a workshop to make your own to take home. £18 BE

Friday 23 November

Speke Hall (also 30 November, 7 December)

Festive Fridays

12.30–4pm (last entry 3.30pm)

Enjoy peaceful Christmas festivities with a stroll around the Hall, decorated for a traditional Victorian Christmas, and tuck into a delicious meal in the restaurant.*

Lyme

A Regency Christmas (Friday–Monday until 24 December)

11am–3pm

See how Christmas would have been celebrated by the people who lived at Lyme in the early 19th century – they enjoyed a month of festivities and gatherings from St. Nicholas's Day through to Twelfth Night.*

Saturday 24 November

Speke Hall (also 25 November 1, 2, 8 & 9 December)

Victorian Christmas weekends

12.30–4pm (last entry 3.30pm)

Experience the sights, sounds and scents of a traditional Victorian Christmas and enjoy family activities including trails and sugar mice making.*

Speke Hall (also 25 November 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 & 16 December)

A visit with Father Christmas

10.45am onwards

Have your Christmas wish list at the ready and visit Father Christmas. £4 per child BE

Dunham Massey (weekends until 23 December)

Christmas courtyard

11am–3.30pm

Come to the decorated servants' courtyard for festive activities for all ages.* £

Tuesday 27 November

Tatton Park (also 28 November–2 December, 4–9, 14–16 & 21–23 December)

Food Glorious Food Christmas Mansion

11am–4pm (last entry 3pm, opens 12.30pm on 23 December)

Journey through enchanting rooms themed around 'Food Glorious Food', with decorations created from fresh foliage, special lighting and seasonal music, and enjoy a festive treat at the end. £ incl. National Trust members

Thursday 29 November

Rufford Old Hall (Thursday–Sunday until 16 December)

Christmas at Rufford Old Hall

11am–4pm

See the house decorated for Christmas and enjoy a warming treat in the tea-room.*

Friday 30 November

Dunham Massey (until 30 December)

Christmas at Dunham Massey

4.45–10pm (last entry 8.30pm)

A sparkling evening trail with thousands of lights through the gardens. Adults £16.50, child £10, family £50 BE

Friday 30 November

Quarry Bank (until 6 January)

Christmas at Quarry Bank: once upon a winter's day

During normal opening times

Get lost in traditional stories at Quarry Bank this Christmas. In the mill, you can step into a winter wonderland and re-discover festive classics such as *A Christmas Carol* and *The Nutcracker*. Outside, follow *The Snow Queen* trail, or head to the Apprentice House for a special Christmas tour.*

Quarry Bank (also 7 & 14 December)

Baby and toddler meet Father Christmas

10.30am–4pm

A Christmas baby and toddler storytelling and play session, which includes a private family visit to Father Christmas and a gift. Age 6 months–5 years.* £9 per child BE

December

Saturday 1 December

Quarry Bank (also 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23 December)

Meet Father Christmas

10.30am–4pm

Join in with stories, games and festive activities, including a private family visit to Father Christmas and a gift. Age 4–10.* £9 per child BE

Gawthorpe Hall (also 2 December)

Victorian Christmas

11am–3pm

A festive weekend with Father Christmas, children's activities, music, decorations and a chance to see the Victorian kitchen.*

Tatton Park (also 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23 December)

Father Christmas at the farm

11am–4pm

See your favourite farmyard friends when you visit Father Christmas and his reindeer, Prancer and Dancer, and enjoy live music from carol singers and brass bands, children's entertainers and face painting. Adult £7, child £6.50, incl. gift from Father Christmas

Rufford Old Hall (also 2, 8, 9, 15 & 16 December)

Christmas Grotto

10.45am–3.45pm

Visit Father Christmas in the grotto and let him know your Christmas wishes.* £5 BE

Notes

Events are correct at the time of going to print.

Key: * – normal admission charges apply

£ – small charge for some activities

BE – booking essential through the property

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