



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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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?\*

**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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**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.

**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.\*

**'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**

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### 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.\*

**Sew a poppy field**  
Monday 22 October  
11.30am–3.30pm  
Drop in to craft a fabric poppy to commemorate someone dear to you and help us create a field of treasured memories.\*

**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.\*

**Quarry Bank**  
Lost Voices  
Until 7 October  
In 1918 women in Britain were finally given the right to vote, but only if they were over 30 and owned property. This meant that for the majority of the female workforce in the cotton mill at Quarry Bank, nothing changed. 'Lost Voices' explores the experiences of women whose stories were not heard then, and which are often lost to us today because of their age or status.



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## Look out for....

### Dunham Massey

#### A Taste of Autumnn

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!\*

**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**

### 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.\*

**Stability and Survival**  
19 September–4 November  
During normal opening times  
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**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.\*

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Behind the scenes: machines  
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**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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**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.\* **£**

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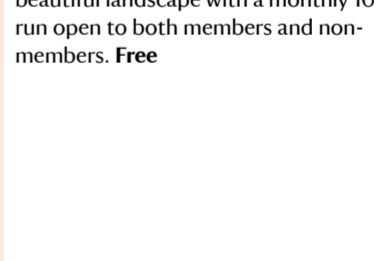
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## October

### 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**

## 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.\*



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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

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Key: \* – normal admission charges apply

£ – small charge for some activities

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