



National Trust

Events for autumn and winter 2018
Herefordshire | Shropshire | Staffordshire
Warwickshire | West Midlands | Worcestershire

What's on



© National Trust Images/Chris Lacey/John Miller/Armel de Souza



Herefordshire

Berrington Hall

Apple Month at Berrington

Mon 1 Oct – Wed 31 Oct, 10am–5pm
Join us as we celebrate our harvest with a full month of traditional apple themed activities. With a children's trail, apple themed treats in the tea-room, crafts and apple pressing on selected weekends. Also on Sat 6 Oct & Sun 7 Oct, horse and carriage rides.

Key to symbols

- B** Booking advisable. Call individual property
- B** Booking essential. Call individual property
- B** Booking essential. Call Central Box Office on 03442 2491895 (5% booking fee applies)
- R** Event repeated on other dates, check website for details
- School holiday event
- Christmas event

'Eye am She' by Lorna J Brown

Mon 1 Oct – Dec 2019, 11am–4pm
Lorna J Brown introduces 'Eye am She', a mixed-media art installation, inspired by the life of Ann Bangham and the 18th-century seedlings of modern celebrity culture. This is an entirely fresh perspective on Berrington's past, Georgian culture and the women that lived here. **R**

A Dress Fit for a King

Mon 1 Oct – Dec 2019, 11am–4pm
Uncover elements of an original 18th-century Court Mantua dress, owned by Ann Bangham, the wife of Berrington's original owner, Thomas Harley. Learn more about the Harley's story and discover more about the Georgian's culture. **R**

Crime and Punishment of the 18th Century

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–4pm
Discover some of the gruesome tales of crime and punishment in the 18th century. With a trail to complete, stories to uncover and gruesome facts to learn, there's plenty to do. **£2.50 per trail** (includes a prize)

Christmas with the Georgians

Sat 17 Nov – Sun 23 Dec (Sat & Sun only) & Thu 27 Dec – Tue 1 Jan, 10am–3pm
Celebrate a Georgian Christmas – see the mansion decorated with traditional Georgian decorations, a beautiful Christmas tree and styled as if it was the evening. There will also be carriage rides on selected days and an outdoor children's trail.

Brockhampton Estate

Apple and Cider Pressing Day

Sun 14 Oct, 11am–4pm
Join us with Little Cider Press and press Brockhampton apples into delicious cider to brew at home. Find out about our new orchard project and discover how we will be expanding and restoring Brockhampton's traditional orchards for future generations. **All £10**

Broomstick Making

Tue 30 Oct, 11am–4pm
Natural craft activity with Really Rural, make your own besom and take flight. **Child £3, concession £5**

Wartime Showman's Cinema

Sat 10 Nov & Sun 11 Nov, 11am–4pm
Travelling cinema tents were a popular form of entertainment in the early 20th century. Step inside and experience cinema like it used to be on the centenary weekend of World War One. Featuring newsreel footage filmed at the time, see the First World War as people on the home front experienced it then.

A Wartime Christmas at Brockhampton Trail

Sat 17 Nov – Sun 23 Dec (Sat & Sun only), 11am–3pm
Discover how families celebrated Christmas during the war years and make presents to share with your family. **£2.50 per trail** (incl. prize)

Croft Castle and Parkland

Music in the Castle: 16th – 18th Century

Sun 7 Oct, 1.30pm–3.30pm
See the castle brought to life with beautiful period music played on a Baroque recorder, bass viol and violin.

Ancient Tree Walk


Sun 21 Oct, 2pm–4pm
Join our countryside ranger as he takes you on a journey around Croft's ancient trees. Find out about the 1000 year old Quarry Oak, the story behind the Spanish Chestnut avenue and what other legendary and notable veteran trees Croft has hiding in its historic parkland. **All £5 B**

This is just a selection of our events. To find even more great things to do visit us online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands

Halloween Spooktacular 
 Sat 27 Oct & Sun 28 Oct,
 10am–4pm
 Enjoy ghost stories, spooky trails,
 pumpkin carving, broom stick racing
 and more family fun. **All £6**

Willow the Witch's Garden Trail 
 Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov,
 10am–4pm
 Follow our trail through the gardens,
 deciphering the clues and discovering
 different spells and potion ingredients
 as you go. Cast the incantation at the
 end to claim your prize. **All £2.50**

Tales of the Supernatural Kind
 Wed 31 Oct, 7pm–9pm
 Hear tales of the spooky happenings
 and see if you can sense anything
 unusual. After your ghost walk, enjoy
 a 2-course light supper in the tea-
 room. **£30 per person** (incl. supper) **B**

1918 Christmas on the Home Front 
 Sat 17 Nov – Sun 16 Dec (Sat & Sun
 only), 10am–4pm
 Step back in time to 1918 and see
 the castle decorated for a wartime
 Christmas. Find out how the Croft
 family would have been celebrating
 the end of the war, with music,
 decorations, carol singing and more.

Father Christmas's Workshop 
 Sat 1 Dec – Sun 16 Dec
 (Sat & Sun only), 10am–4pm
 Find Father Christmas in his workshop
 and enjoy some Christmassy crafts.
 Don't forget your Christmas lists!
£6 per child (incl. crafts and visit to
 Father Christmas, with gift) **B**

The Weir Garden

Spooky Stories of the Weir Garden 
 Fri 26 Oct, 4.30pm–6.30pm
 Join us as we wander through the
 garden on a spooky walk. What can
 you hear? Listen to a spooky story
 around the campfire and enjoy some
 warming soup. **Adult £5, child £2.50** **B**

Spooky Happenings at The Weir Garden 
 Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov,
 10.30am–4pm
 It's getting very spooky. We haven't
 seen Wendy, can you find her? **£2.50
 per trail** (incl. a prize)


Pumpkin Carving 
 Wed 31 Oct, 11am–3pm
 It's time to design, empty and carve
 your very own pumpkin. Join us in
 the glasshouse as you prepare for
 Halloween. **£3.50 per pumpkin**

Father Christmas visits The Weir Garden 
 Sun 9 Dec, 10am–3.30pm
 Chestnuts roasting on an open fire,
 the smell of toasted marshmallows
 and a special appearance from
 someone special. With a few craft
 stalls why not pop along to enjoy a
 festive day with us? **Child £4.50** (incl.
 trail and meet Father Christmas)



Shropshire

Attingham Park


Deer Rut Walks 
 Sat 13 Oct & Sun 14
 Oct, 5pm–7pm
 Autumn is a busy
 season for our fallow deer
 as they look for mates – join
 our Deer Manager, Colin Morris, to
 learn about our herd and watch the
 rut in progress. May not be suitable
 for young children as it requires long
 periods of quiet and stillness. Approx.
 2 miles, 2 hours. **Adult £8, child £5** **B**

The College Series: Restoring the Lost Pleasure Grounds
 Thu 18 Oct, 6.30pm–8.30pm
 Pam Smith, Gardens Consultant
 for the National Trust, will describe
 the long-term project to restore the
 Georgian Pleasure Grounds and the
 evolution of the grounds. The talk will
 delve into the fascinating elements of
 this popular walk. **All £8** **B**

Attingham Woollen Woods 
 Sat 20 Oct & Sat 27 Oct – Fri 30
 Nov, 9am–6pm
 Help us create a stunning autumn-
 themed family trail and get crafty at
 the same time. Felt, sew, craft, knit or
 crochet an autumn critter and post it
 to us by 20 Oct for it to be included
 in our Woollen Woods. Critters can be
 made from any waterproof materials
 but must include some wool.

Pumpkin Carving 
 Mon 29 Oct & Tue 30 Oct,
 10.30am–12noon & 1pm–3pm (every
 15mins, lasting 30mins)
 Carve your own pumpkin, ready
 to take home in time for those
 Halloween visitors! Children must
 be accompanied by an adult and
 supervised during pumpkin carving
 activity. **All £5** **B**


Make a Wooden Elf Workshop 
 Sat 24 Nov, Sat 1 Dec & Sat 8 Dec,
 10am–3pm (every 15mins, lasting
 30mins)
 Using wood from the Attingham
 estate and pre-cut by our skilled
 Outdoor Team, join one of our series
 of timed workshops during the day.
 Places are limited for each timed
 session. **£8 per item** **B**

A 1940s Christmas at Attingham Mansion 
 Sat 1 Dec – Sun 23 Dec, daily timed
 entry 10am–12noon, 12noon–2pm,
 2pm–3.30pm
 Discover the sights and sounds of
 an atmospheric, festively decorated
 1940s mansion. To help keep every
 visit special, all visitors must pre-book
 a timed ticket. **B**

Father Christmas at Attingham Park 
 Sat 1 Dec – Sun 23 Dec,
 weekdays 2pm–4.15pm,
 weekends 9.30am–3.45pm (15 min
 time slots throughout the day, please
 see website for details)
 Pre-book your visit to see Father
 Christmas and his elves. Step through
 the wardrobe for a magical experience
 and receive a teddy bear memento of
 your visit. **£8.50 per child** **B**

Willow Reindeer Workshop with Wild Craftist 
 Sun 2 Dec, 10.30am–4pm
 Be inspired by the Attingham Park
 deer and join the Wild Craftist for
 the day to make a willow reindeer
 sculpture of your very own. **Per
 deer £75** **B** (online only at www.
 wildcraftist.nutickets.com)

Carding Mill Valley and the Long Mynd

Making Bird Boxes 
 Mon 29 Oct, 12noon–1pm,
 1pm–2pm, 2pm–3pm,
 Our ranger team will help you to make
 a wooden bird box to hang in your
 garden. All materials supplied. **All £5** **B**

Making Bird Feeders 
 Thu 1 Nov & Fri 2 Nov, 11am–3pm
 Our ranger team will help you to make
 your own log or pine cone bird feeder
 to hang in your garden. All materials
 will be supplied, just bring your
 enthusiasm. **All £2**

Talk, Soup and a Roll: A Day in the Life of a Ranger
 Mon 5 Nov, 12noon–2pm
 Over a bowl of soup find out how our
 ranger team spend their days looking
 after the Long Mynd. **All £8** **B**

Stars in Your Skies: Current Lunar Research 
 Sat 10 Nov, 8pm–10pm
 Join the SIYS team for
 another fascinating
 evening talk. The final event of
 the year looks at modern moon
 missions and the future of lunar
 landing. Another opportunity to see
 deep sky objects as there is no moon
 this evening. A bowl of homemade
 soup and a roll are included, served
 from 7.30pm. **All £10** **B**

An Evening of Christmas Festivities at Carding Mill Valley 
 Tue 4 Dec, 4pm–9pm
 Our popular seasonal late evening,
 with a Christmas craft-making session
 from 4pm. Our shop will be open until
 9pm and the tea-rooms will also be
 open with mulled wine and mince pie
 slices on the menu, all soundtracked
 by some local musical guests.

Dudmaston

Reindeer-Making Workshop 
 Sat 10 Nov, 11am–4pm
 Ben from the Wild Craftist will
 provide all the materials and advice
 you need to make your own 4ft
 reindeer. Learn the art of weaving
 and take home your masterpiece to
 display indoors or out. **£75 per item.**
B (www.wildcraftist.nutickets.com)

Christmas Craft Fair 
 Sat 24 Nov & Sun 25 Nov,
 11am–4pm
 The orchard and courtyards will play
 host to over 70 local artists, food
 producers and craftspeople, who'll be
 selling a selection of present-perfect
 goodies. Join in with the caroling or
 have a go at making seasonal crafts to
 take home – there's plenty to get you
 into the festive spirit!

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop 
 Sun 9 Dec & Sun 16 Dec,
 10am–12noon or 1.30pm–3.30pm
 Join the team from Big Little
 Things flower shop for either a
 morning or an afternoon of festive
 fun and creativity. We'll provide all
 the materials you need to make a
 Christmas wreath for your front door.
All £39.50 **B**

Kinver Edge and the Rock Houses

Apple Weekend
 Sat 20 Oct & Sun 21 Oct, 11am–3pm
 Try pressing apple juice in our
 orchard, learn about traditional crafts
 and enjoy seasonal treats in the tea-
 room. Bring your own apples if you
 have them, and take the juice home!

Willow Lantern Making 
 Mon 29 Oct & Tue 30 Oct,
 11am–4pm (45 min intervals)
 Celebrate Halloween this year by
 making a willow lantern that you can
 take home, then join us in a magical
 procession on Halloween evening
 through the woods and up to the Hill
 Fort. Pre-book your slot to make a
 lantern either on Mon 29 or Tue 30
 Oct. **Child £3.50** **B**

Christmas at the Rock Houses 
 Sat 1 Dec – Sun 9 Dec
 (Sat & Sun only), 11am–3pm
 Visit Kinver Edge and the Rock
 Houses this Christmas and explore
 magical wintry walks, enjoy the rock
 houses by candlelight and visit Father
 Christmas in his cave grotto for a
 traditional gift. **Child £3**

Sunnycroft

Encrusted Embroidery Workshop
 Wed 3 Oct, 11am–3pm
 This workshop uses buttons and
 other embellishments such as rings,
 shells, beads etc, to make a beautiful
 piece of raised embroidery work. It
 is suitable for beginners, although
 some knowledge of basic embroidery
 stitches is useful. Light lunch and
 materials provided as part of the
 workshop. **All £45** **B**

Sashiko Embroidery Workshop
 Wed 24 Oct, 11am–3pm
 This workshop will show you how
 to use the traditional techniques
 of Sashiko quilting. Suitable for
 beginners and more experienced
 stitchers who would like to expand
 their skills. Workshop will include
 materials and a light lunch. **£45** **B**


Halloween Half-term Fun 
 Fri 26 Oct – Mon 29 Oct,
 10.30am–4pm
 Go bats this October as you follow
 our bat trail around the garden. Once
 you have done the trail, why not
 pick up a bat craft pack with all the
 materials you need to make your very
 own bat? **£1.50 per craft pack**

Christmas at Sunnycroft 
 Sat 1 Dec – Sun 23 Dec (Fri's -
 Tue's only), 10.30am–4pm
 Come and see the house dressed for a
 traditional family Christmas, complete
 with carol singers in the Billiard room,
 hand-crafted decorations and a 16ft
 Christmas tree in the Staircase Hall.

Sunnycroft Christmas at Night Tour 
 Tue 4 Dec & Wed 5 Dec, 5pm–7pm
 A special Christmas evening tour
 hosted by the Sunnycroft Servants.
 Come and see the beautifully
 decorated house ready for Christmas.
 A special treat complete with carol
 singers and mince pies. **All £25** **B**

Wenlock Edge

Dormouse Walk
 Sun 7 Oct, 10am–12noon
 Walk with us through the beautiful
 ancient woodland they call their
 home, look for evidence of these
 adorable creatures and learn about
 their ecology and what we are doing
 to help them. **All £3** **B**

All Hallow's Eve Walk 
 Fri 26 Oct & Sat 27 Oct,
 7pm–9pm
 Join us as we wander through the wild
 Wenlock woods at night and watch
 out for bats, witches and ghouls!
 Please wear sensible shoes, warm
 clothes and bring a torch. This event
 may not be suitable for children under
 the age of 10 years old. **All £5** **B**

Halloween at Wenlock Edge 
 Sat 27 Oct, 3pm–5pm
 Come to the woods and take part in a
 creepy craft before going in search of
 a witch who will tell us spooky stories.
 Children are encouraged to come in
 fancy dress – the best will win a prize
 and all the little monsters will leave
 with a ghostly treat. Wear sensible
 shoes and wrap up warm. **All £3** **B**

Staffordshire

Biddulph Grange Garden

Bonfire, Fireworks and Lantern Walk 
 Fri 26 Oct – Sun 28 Oct, 6pm–8pm
 Enjoy a walk around the candle-lit
 garden, brave the spooky gothic
 tunnel, then wander to the tennis
 lawn to try the BBQ and bar. Then it's
 time to light your sparklers, enjoy the
 bonfire and watch the fireworks. Enter
 the free annual costume competition
 on arrival. The shop will also be open
 until 7pm. **Adult £10, child £6** **B**

Halloween Trail and Spooky Tunnel 
 Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov,
 10am–4.30pm
 Follow the clues around the garden
 and brave the spooky tunnel to
 receive your prize. **£2.50 per child**
 (includes a prize)

Dino Knit and Natter
 Tue 13 Nov, 10.30am–12.30pm
 We love fossils and dinosaurs so join us
 at Biddulph Grange Garden to join us
 for a dinosaur-themed knit and natter.
 We have simple dinosaur patterns and
 wool for you to start and take home
 with you, or bring your own patterns
 and top tips to share.

Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop 
 Tue 4 Dec – Fri 7 Dec, 11am–12.30pm
 Join our gardening team to create a
 wreath for your home, made from
 hollies, berries and foliage from
 the garden. This is also the perfect
 opportunity to see our gardening
 behind-the-scenes area. All materials
 included, plus lunch and hot drink in
 our tea-room. **£27 per person** **B**

Breakfast with Father Christmas 
 Sat 8 Dec – Sun 23 Dec (Sat &
 Sun only), 9.30am–10.30am
 Join us for breakfast and meet Father
 Christmas. He'll be here to sing a song
 and wish you a Merry Christmas, then
 you can sit in front of the fire and tell
 Father Christmas your Christmas wish
 list. Each child will receive a small toy.
Adult £8.50, child £10.50 **B**

Moseley Old Hall

Tudor Threads and Stuart Sewing
 Sun 7 Oct & Mon 8 Oct, 11am–4pm
 Discover the lost art of hand making
 your clothing, from underwear to
 outerwear. Our volunteers are sewing
 costumes from the 16th and 17th
 centuries using techniques almost lost
 from everyday life.

If You Go Down To The Woods Today...
 Sat 20 Oct & Sun 21 Oct, Sat 17 Nov &
 Sun 18 Nov, 10.30am–3pm
 Join us for outdoor fun to tick off
 more things on your list of '50 things
 to do before you're 11¾'. There is a
 different theme each month which
 you can find out about on the website
 or follow us on Facebook for updates.
 Each activity will have the opportunity
 to learn something new and create
 something to take home. **Child £1.50**

This is just a selection of the hundreds of National Trust events and activities taking place in the West Midlands.

Warwickshire

Baddesley Clinton

Baddesley Ghost Tours

Fri 26 Oct, 6.30pm, 7.15pm, 8pm & 8.45pm

Join us after hours for a candlelit ghost tour of the moated manor house. Learn all about Baddesley's creepy tales and ghostly goings on. Tea and cake in the restaurant is included. **£20 B**

Family Fun Days: Halloween

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 11am–3.30pm

Join us for a spooky outdoor trail with take-home activities. **£2.50**

Christmas House Tours

Fri 7 Dec, Fri 14 Dec & Fri 21 Dec, 5.45pm–10pm

Enjoy the house dressed for a traditional Christmas on one of our tours, followed by a 3-course festive supper in the Barn Restaurant. A glass of wine is included. The shop will also be open for festive shopping. **£35 B**

Charlecote Park

Willow Workshop: Harvest Baskets

Sun 21 Oct, 10am–4pm

Join our workshop and create a harvest basket to take home.

All materials and instruction is supplied during this day-long willow weaving workshop. Tea/coffee and cake will be supplied. **£65 B**



Make & Bake: Christmas Delights

Tue 20 Nov, 10am–2.30pm

Learning how to bake wonderful 17th-century-style spiced bread and St. Clement's biscuits, followed by Pomanders and Potpourri. All ingredients and tuition are provided for you to create your tasty bakes to take home. Refreshments and lunch included. All welcome. **Adult £45 B**

Christmas Pudding Stir

Sun 25 Nov, 11am–3pm

Watch us prepare a traditional Christmas pudding on Stir-up Sunday, and talk to our costumed cooks about 17th-century Christmas traditions. Have a go at stirring the pudding yourself and make a wish.

Shugborough Estate

October Half-term

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–4pm

Join us at harvest time – search for the pumpkins in the gardens and enjoy tasty homemade treats in the tea-room. Explore the arboretum and parkland, see the trees dressed in their vibrant best, play conkers in the parkland and explore more '50 things' activities. **£1**

Christmas at Shugborough

Sat 1 Dec – Sun 23 Dec, 10am–3pm

See the themed decorations that adorn the Mansion, Servants' Quarters and Park Farm House, and treat yourself to some warming indulgences from our tea-room. Bring your family and friends to our spectacular lantern workshops and parades, and join a rousing chorus on our carol evening. Please see our what's on page to book your place.

Halloween Pumpkin Trails

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–3.30pm

Join us during half-term for a spooky Halloween trail. Explore the grounds to uncover clues to help you solve our puzzle. If you're clever enough there's a pumpkin waiting at the end for you to take home and carve into a spooky face. **£3 per trail**

Boundary Walk

Fri 9 Nov, 10am–1pm

On this guided walk, find out about our conservation challenges and how we manage our sheep, deer, trees and parkland – not to mention the seasonal wildlife, plants and projects around the park. **£15 B**

Ceramic Penguin Winter Workshop

Sat 10 Nov, 10am–12.30pm

Join local ceramics artist Ros Ingram to create your own unique clay penguin sculpture. Designed for all levels of artistic ability, you will be guided, step by step, through the process of sculpting an Emperor, King or Rockhopper penguin. **£45 B**

Willow Workshop: Christmas Reindeer

Sun 18 Nov & Sun 2 Dec, 10am–4pm

Join our workshop and create a festive reindeer to take home. All materials and instruction are supplied during this day-long willow weaving workshop. Tea/coffee and cake will be supplied. **£65 B**

Willow Weaving: Real Christmas Wreaths

Sat 8 Dec, 10am–12noon

Make yourself a willow Christmas Wreath for the door this year. We will supply instruction and all the materials. **£25 B**

Willow Angels

Sun 9 Dec, 10am–1pm

Learn how to weave willow during this workshop. At the end you'll have a fantastic Christmas Angel to decorate your home with this year – all made from natural materials. Tea/coffee and cake will be supplied. **£35 B**

Coughton Court

Family Fun Days: Halloween

Thu 25 Oct – Sun 28 Oct & Thu 1 Nov – Sun 4 Nov, 11am–3.30pm

Fiendish fun and frights on our spooky outdoor trail with take-home activities and crafts. **£2.50 per trail**

Fawkes Feast

Sat 3 Nov, 6pm–11pm

Exclusive black tie event with a champagne reception followed by a private tour of the house. The evening includes a 7-course meal served in the Throckmorton family dining room with an after dinner speaker. **£150 B**

Christmas at Coughton

Sat 24 Nov – Sun 2 Dec, 10am–4pm

Get into the Christmas spirit. Festive shopping in the Coach House Shop, the house decorated for a traditional Christmas, delicious seasonal food in the cafe, and at weekends a Christmas Market in the Stableyard.

Candlelight Coughton

Tue 27 Nov & Wed 28 Nov, 6pm–9.30pm

Enjoy a traditional 3-course Christmas meal and experience the house decorated for the Throckmorton family's Christmas. Walk the festive rooms by candlelight and take a tour of the house with our guides. **£35 B**

Christmas Wassail

Sat 8 Dec – Sun 9 Dec, 4.30pm–6pm & 7.30pm–9pm

Christmas stories and carols from Birmingham Crescent Theatre, mulled wine, roaring fires and mince pies. The shop will be open between performances for last-minute gifts. **Adult £27, child £11 B**

Packwood House

Family Fun Days: Halloween

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 11am–3.30pm

Spooky outdoor trail with take-home activities. **£2.50 per trail**

Supper with the Head Gardener

Wed 7 Nov, 6pm–8.30pm

Join the Head Gardener for a relaxed evening in the café with a 2-course meal and a lecture on how the beautiful gardens have evolved into what you can see today. Glass of wine and tea and coffee included. **£30 B**

Christmas Breakfast Tours

Mon 3 Dec, Mon 10 Dec & Mon 17 Dec, 9.30am–11am

Join us for a delicious breakfast in the Garden Kitchen Café, followed by a tour of the house dressed for Christmas and the attic spaces. Explore unseen parts of the house. **£17.50 B**

Christmas Evening Tours

Thu 6 Dec, Thu 13 Dec & Thu 20 Dec, 6pm–9pm & 7pm–10pm

Join us for a tour of the house dressed for Christmas, followed by a delicious two-course supper in the Garden Kitchen Café. **£30 B**

Upton House and Gardens

Christmas Afternoon Tea In Iris's

Fri 2 Nov – Fri 21 Dec (Fri's only), 3pm–4pm

Treat yourself to a delicious Christmas-themed afternoon tea in our vintage kitchen. Enjoy a traditional spread of scones with jam and cream, a selection of finger sandwiches and some dainty cakes of the season, all washed down with a pot of your favourite tea. **£15 B**

Stir up Sunday

Sun 25 Nov, 12noon–4pm

Join in the traditional activity of 'stirring up' the Upton Christmas pudding. Take away a piece of the pudding to enjoy on Christmas day. Stir-up Sunday is a centuries-old tradition where cooks spend the last Sunday before Advent 'stirring up' their Christmas pudding. **£2**

Bead an Angel Christmas Decoration Workshop

Tue 27 Nov, 10.30am–12.30pm

Join our talented crafter, Laurelie, learning how to bead a beautiful art deco angel, perfect for your Christmas tree. Includes all materials, tuition and refreshments. **£20 B**

Christmas Gift Fair

Sat 1 Dec & Sun 2 Dec, 11am–4pm

A carefully selected range of stalls with a Christmas feel. Try local cheeses, pick up some unique local art or textiles and listen to the Christmas choir.

Upton Makes the House Desirable this Christmas

Sat 1 Dec – Sun 23 Dec (Fri's to Mon's only), 12noon–4pm

See the house decorated for a stylish 'modern' 1920s Christmas. Visit Lord and Lady Bearsted's new country house decorated for a jazz-time twenties Christmas.

Christmas Paper Decorations Workshop

Tue 4 Dec, 10.30am–12.30pm

Join our talented crafter Laurelie learning how to paper craft table decorations. Laurelie will show you how to make a variety of options for both your table and presents. Includes all materials, tuition and refreshments. **£15 B**

Christmas Made-To-Measure Trail for Children

Fri 7 Dec – Sun 23 Dec (Fri's – Mon's only), 12noon–5pm

Follow our festive trail, discover how 1920s' children decorated their Christmas tree, meet a special guest and receive a present. **£6**

A Magical Upton Christmas Evening Tour

Sat 15 Dec & Sun 16 Dec, 5pm–7.30pm (every 30 mins)

A guided tour of a stylish Christmas of the 1920s. Discover the hints and tips from the best magazines of the day, with mulled wine and festive treats. **Adult £14, child £8 B**



© National Trust Images/Chris Lacey/Arndel de Souza

West Midlands

Birmingham Back to Backs

Back to Backs Murder Mystery

Sat 13 Oct & Sat 8 Dec, 7pm–9pm

There's been a murder at the Back to Backs, can you help solve the mystery? Enjoy Court 15 in a new and unique way. Interrogate the suspects, follow the clues and help the police solve the mystery. **£22 B**

Create Your Own Rag Rug

Sat 27 Oct, 10.30am–12.30pm & 1.30pm–3.30pm

Discover a new skill of rag rugging. Perfect for beginners, our craft specialists will show you this timeless craft. All tools and materials provided. **£27.50 B**

Candlelit Tours of the Back to Backs

Fri 2 Nov, 6pm–7.45pm, 6.20pm–8pm, 6.40pm–8.15pm & 7pm–8.45pm

Court 15 becomes even more atmospheric in the twilight and this is a not to be missed chance to see the Back to Backs in a new light (or lack of). Hear the stories of the extraordinary lives of the ordinary people who called Court 15 home for over 160 years. **All £6** (includes a hot drink and toast) **BR**

Discover Your Irish Family History

Sat 3 Nov, Beginners session: 10.30am–12noon & Advanced session: 1.30pm–3.30pm

Find out where your Irish family have come from with the help of our genealogy specialist. Our family history expert Maggie will guide the beginners through searching for their family whilst the advanced workshop will delve more into navigating pre-1865 records. **Beginners session £11, advanced session £14 B**

Create Your Own Christmas Rag Wreath

Sat 17 Nov – Sat 8 Dec (Sat's only), 10.30am–1pm & 1.30pm–4pm

Rag rugging was an essential part of the lives of back-to-back families. On this workshop, our craft specialists will teach you how to make a rag wreath to decorate your home. You'll also learn the skills to start your own rag rug projects. **£30 B**

Wightwick Manor and Gardens

Don't Go into the Cellar, presents 'Morbidity Curiosities'

Mon 22 Oct, 7.30pm–9.30pm

Morbidity Curiosities: Queens of Victorian Horror celebrates some of the finest gothic literature from female authors of the 19th century. Join us in the Great Parlour for a unique adaptation featuring a female duo, multi-role play, sound effects and atmospheric lighting. A truly chilling and claustrophobic production! **All £15 B**

Halloween Half-term Family Fun

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–4pm

Follow the pumpkin trail around the garden to solve our fiendishly frightening puzzle. There will also be spooky craft sessions on Tue 30 Oct & Wed 31 Oct, 11am–3pm. (Last entry 2.30pm) **£1.50 per crafter**. There may be a wait at busy times.

Don't Go into the Cellar, presents 'Frankenstein 1899'

Wed 28 Nov, 7.30pm–9.30pm

A new age of enlightenment and reason will be challenged, and scientific fact cast asunder, when the charismatic preacher, Frankenstein, shocks Britons with his claims. For the Reverend can communicate with the dead, and those sceptics intolerant of his beliefs will soon pay for their blasphemy. **All £15 B**

An Evening of Christmas Carols

Thu 6 Dec, Wed 12 Dec & Thu 20 Dec, 7.15pm–9.30pm (tickets on sale from Thu 1 Nov)

Voices of Tantallon sing a wide variety of seasonal music, giving a super evening of musical entertainment in the Great Parlour. **All £15 B**

Visit Father Christmas at Wightwick Manor

Sat 15 Dec & Sun 16 Dec, Sat 22 Dec & Sun 23 Dec, 10am–4pm (tickets on sale from Thu 1 Nov)

Father Christmas is making his annual appearance in his magical sitting room. Please book tickets early – available online only. **Child £8 B**



To find even more great things to do visit us online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands

Worcestershire

Croome

'Ceramic Landscape' Exhibition

Mon 1 Oct – Thu 31 Jan, 11am–4pm
Amy Jayne Hughes, a ceramicist, has been granted funding from the Arts Council to produce a new installation at Croome. She is currently working to create a new garniture set based on Croome's porcelain collection, which will be on display in the Saloon. **R**

Eleanor Coade Garden Tour

Mon 1 Oct – Wed 31 Oct (Mon, Wed & Thu's only), 11am & 1.30pm – please note the Monday tours are only at 1.30pm

Eleanor was an influential designer in the 18th century and a pioneer business woman. Join our volunteer-led, hour-long tour to find out about the many Coade stone statues and structures that her business created.

Meet the Stone Walling Team

Fri 5 Oct – Fri 26 Oct (Fri's only), 10am–12.30pm

Chat to our volunteer walling team about rebuilding the estate walls. With over four miles of wall to look after, Croome is fortunate to have a team who carry out this essential conservation work. Weather dependent – contact Visitor Centre for details.



RAF Guided Walk

Sun 7 Oct & Tue 16 Oct, 11am–1pm

Join our guide who will show you where, during the Second World War, a substantial part of the parkland was requisitioned for the building of a large military airfield, known as RAF Defford. Secrets are waiting to be discovered along the route. **B**

Apple Pressing Days

Sat 13 Oct – Mon 15 Oct, 11am–3pm

Make the most of any surplus apples or pears from your garden and make them into juice using the our apple press. Apples are also available for purchase from Croome's orchard. Bring a container for your juice! **Donations welcome**

Apple Bobbin: Family Trail

Sat 20 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–4pm

At Croome we have a variety of apples in our orchard. Go in search of some of them hidden in the park. Apple bobbin' is traditionally played at Halloween and was enjoyed by the Georgians. **£2 per trail** (incl. prize)

Garden

Conservation Tour

Fri 23 Nov & Tue 27 Nov, 11am–1pm

Get a behind the scenes look at Croome Park with Katherine Alker, Garden and Outdoors Manager. Find out more about the design of the landscape and how it is being restored. **£5 B**



Myths and Legends: Family Trail

Sat 1 Dec – Tue 8 Jan (excl. Christmas Eve & Christmas Day), 10am–3pm

What are the legends behind the shrubs and trees at Croome? Seek them out and discover the myths behind them. **£2 per trail** (incl. prize)



Clent Hills

Autumn Colours Ramble

Wed 10 Oct & Sun 28 Oct, 10am–1pm

See Clent Hills in all its autumn glory on a 5-mile guided ramble. The terrain can be steep at times; please wear sturdy walking shoes and come dressed for the weather. Sorry, we can't welcome dogs on this walk. **£2.50 per person B**

Wandering Wands Trail

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 9am–4pm

Have your own adventure as you wander about the hills. Pick up a trail from Nimmings Wood Car Park to discover more about the folklore of Clent Hills and make a memory wand of your journey. **£1 per trail**

Broomstick Making Workshop

Sun 28 Oct, 11am, 12noon, 1.30pm & 2.30pm

Find out about the folklore of Clent and discover traditional wood-craft methods by making your own besom broomstick to take home in this one-hour workshop. **£10 per child B**

Tales Around the Campfire

Sun 4 Nov, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm (45 mins each)

Join us around the campfire for story-telling sessions with a spooky twist. Enjoy ghostly goings-on with a warming hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows. **£5 per person B**

Ramble Around the Hills

Wed 14 Nov & Sun 25 Nov, 10am–1pm

Enjoy the brisk autumn weather and clean, crisp air on a 5-mile ramble around the Clent Hills. The terrain can be steep at times; please wear sturdy walking shoes and come dressed for the weather. Sorry, we can't welcome dogs on this walk. **£2.50 per person B**



Woodland Elves

Sat 8 Dec, 2pm–4pm

Father Christmas is on his way and we need your help to get ready. After the hard work of building a shelter, making decorations and setting up a trail, there is a reward of a delicious treat around the fire with a very special visitor. **£15 per child B**

Woodland Christmas

Sun 9 Dec & Sun 16 Dec, 10am–2.30pm (every half hour)

Have a very Christmassy adventure at Clent Hills. Explore the hills with a Christmas trail before making your way to the woodland grotto to meet our Father Christmas, dressed in woodland green. **£5 per child B**

The Firs

Photography at The Firs

Tue 11 Sep, 10am–4pm

Our volunteer photographers will give a guided walk, taking photos and sharing their skills and experience along the way. Light lunch and refreshments provided. Own camera and basic camera skills needed. **£40 B**

Apple Pressing Day

Sun 7 Oct, 11am–3pm

Make the most of any surplus apples or pears from your garden or our orchard and make them into juice using the apple press at the Firs. Please bring bottles for you to take juice away. **Donations welcome**



Apple Scrumping

Mon 8 Oct – Mon 5 Nov, 11am–4pm

Bring a bag and help us collect our windfall apples for you to take home. Great cookers, eaters and cider apples. **Donations welcome**

The Big Pest Test: Creepy Crawly Edition

Fri 26 Oct – Mon 5 Nov, 11am–4pm

With over 1,000 items to look after we have to make sure they are all protected from some dangerous Creepy Crawlies. Can you find and identify the pests?

Make a Pooter (Bug Catcher)

Fri 26 Oct – Mon 5 Nov, 11am–4pm

Now the house spiders are heading in for warmth, make your own Pooter to catch and investigate them. **£2**

The Fleece Inn

Apple & Ale Weekend

Fri 12 Oct – Sun 14 Oct, 8pm–8pm

Annual celebration of apples, cider and cider making. Entertainment includes Morris dancing, mumming, cider-making demonstrations, skittles, apple tastings, and live music. Free entry and camping available.

Bonfire Night

Sat 3 Nov, 6pm–10pm

Bonfire, stationary engines, hand bells and vintage Tilley lanterns. A magical and more traditional way to celebrate Bonfire night. Free entry.

Christmas by Candlelight

Mon 3 Dec – Wed 19 Dec (Mon–Wed only) 6.30pm–9pm

Lit only by candlelight and the roaring open fires, December evenings at the Fleece offer dining with a difference. **B**

New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Party & Ceilidh

Mon 31 Dec, 7.30pm–2am

Celebrate the old year and ring in the new with a traditional ceilidh (country dance) fancy dress party. Fleece favourites the Blue Socks Ceilidh Band will provide entertainment for the evening. Children and families are very welcome – no dancing experience required! **Adult £14, family £32** (incl. late supper) **B**

The Fleece Annual Wassail!

Sat 12 Jan, 6pm–11pm

Join us for this pagan tradition of toasting the trees to encourage a good harvest. The apple orchard will be alive with cider, singing and Morris men, followed by a music session.

Greyfriars' House and Garden

Harvest Day

Sat 13 Oct, 11am–4.30pm

Celebrate harvest at Greyfriars with autumnal colours, local food and children's activities.

Greyfriars at the Worcester Christmas Market

Thu 29 Nov – Sat 1 Dec, 11am–9pm

Enjoy the festive season as the house comes to life during the Worcester Christmas Market. As we celebrate this Christmas, enjoy the decorated house, telling the Christmas memories of the people who have shaped it.

Hanbury Hall

Apple Weekend

Sat 6 Oct – Sun 7 Oct, 10am–4pm

A celebration of autumnal harvest and all things orchard. Usual favourites include local produce stalls, activities and crafts for children, expert advice and delicious food, all with an apple inspired twist!

October Half-term

Sat 27 Oct – Sun 4 Nov, 10am–4pm

Join us for a week of Halloween celebrations, a ghostly trail around the gardens and some spooky goings on.

Winter Fayre

Sat 10 Nov & Sun 11 Nov, Sat 17 Nov & Sun 18 Nov, 10am–4pm

Come and join us in an inspiring setting with shopping, food and drink. Browse beautiful stalls from local artisan producers, and find one-off gifts and indulgent treats.

It's Christmaaas

Sat 1 Dec – Sun 6 Jan, 10am–4pm

The party returns this year at Hanbury Hall! Come and join the party as Hanbury celebrates a very 70s and 80s Christmas. The tinsel is glowing, the laughter is flowing; the corks are popping, the Slade hits are dropping.

Winter Ramble

Wed 12 Dec, Thu 27 Dec & Sun 30 Dec, 10am–1pm

Explore the beauty of the Clent Hills as winter takes hold, revealing new views of the countryside. The terrain can be steep at times; please wear sturdy walking shoes and come dressed for the weather. Sorry, we can't welcome dogs on this walk. **£2.50 per person B**



© National Trust Images/John Miller/Arndel de Sera

Your contacts

Attingham Park	01743 708162
Baddesley Clinton	01564 783294
Back to Backs	0121 6222442
Benthall Hall	01952 882159
Berrington Hall	01568 615721
Biddulph Grange Garden	01782 517999
Birmingham Back To Backs	0121 666 7671
Brockhampton Estate	01885 482077
Carding Mill Valley and the Long Mynd	01694 725000
Charlecote Park	01789 470277
Clent Hills	01562 712822
Coughton Court	01789 400777
Croft Castle and Parkland	01568 780246
Croome	01905 371006
Dudmaston	01746 780866
The Firs: Elgar's Birthplace	01905 333330
The Fleece Inn	01386 831173
Greyfriars House and Garden	01905 23571
Hanbury Hall and Gardens	01527 821214
Kinver Edge and the Rock Houses	01384 872553
Moseley Old Hall	01902 782808
Packwood	01564 782024
Shugborough Estate	01889 880160
Sunnycroft	01952 242884
Upton House and Gardens	01295 670266
The Weir Garden	01981 590509
Wenlock Edge	01694 725000
Wightwick Manor and Gardens	01902 760106

Notes

Normal property admission applies to all events unless otherwise stated.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Family ticket includes two adults and two children.

Guided walks: Prior booking for guided walks is essential as places are limited. Contact numbers are given above. Sorry, no dogs allowed unless otherwise stated.

All event details correct at time of going to press.

This is just a selection of our events. To find even more great things to do visit us online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands