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# What's on

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## Events near you for spring 2019



Bath Skyline

## Find out more

The selection of events here is a small part of what's on offer. You can visit the events page of the website at [nationaltrust.org.uk/whats-on](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/whats-on) and use the search function to find out everything that's going on near you, or at your favourite place.

Facilities and access information can be found on each place's homepage on the website, as can contact details if you require further information.

### How to book

We have indicated where there is an event charge and where booking is necessary. Please note that normal admission charges apply unless you are a member. All children must be accompanied by an adult. And please check beforehand as to whether or not dogs are welcome. We do take every effort to ensure that all event details are correct at the time of going to press. The National Trust reserves the right to cancel or change events if necessary. **Tickets are non-refundable.**

### Key to symbols



Mother's Day

## BATH AND BRISTOL

### Bath Skyline

Bath BA2 5AH

#### Sunset Skyline walk

Sun 10 Mar, 2.30-7pm

On this ranger-led six mile guided walk you can learn all about nature conservation and the history of Bath, take in the atmosphere and watch the sunset over the city.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £6**

#### City to countryside walk

Tue 16 Apr & 14 May, 10am-2.30pm

Stretch your legs, learn about the local history and glimpse a different side to Bath, as you wander from city to countryside on this Bath Skyline guided walk.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £4**

### Nature walks

Sun 7 Apr, 2-6.30pm, 14 Apr, 5.15-8.15am & 5 May, 4.30-7.30am

Guided walks with Skyline rangers and local naturalists to learn about the dawn chorus (14 Apr & 5 May, includes breakfast), and a ramble around the Bath Skyline in search of the signs of spring (7 Apr).

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £13 (dawn chorus), £6 (spring nature walk)**

### Archaeology of the Bath Skyline

Sat 11 May, 10.30am-12.30pm

A guided amble around Bathwick Wood, looking at its contribution to the building of Bath through water and stone.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £6**

### Woodland adventure day

Thu 30 May, 10.30am-2.30pm

A day of fire lighting, games, creativity and cooking over the campfire in Fairy Wood, Claverton Down. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Adult £5, child £10**

### Dyrham Park

Near Bath SN14 8ER

#### Lady's Day

Sat 30 - Sun 31 Mar, 11am-3.30pm

Create a dried flower wreath using harvested flowers and willow from the garden, sample some 17th-century Lady's Day cake and plant some herbs to take home this Mother's Day weekend.

#### Wild garlic season

Mon 1 - Tue 30 Apr, 10am-4pm

At Dyrham Park this April you can pick up a bag and hunt for wild garlic, take home some recipe sheets and sample a wild garlic scone from the tea-room.

#### Photography workshop - capturing the light of the 17th century

Sun 7 Apr, 11am-12noon

Dutch masters were experts at using good light for their paintings. By the end of this workshop with a professional photographer, you'll know about the best light for photographing people and landscapes.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £45**

### May Day weekend celebrations

Sat 4 - Sun 5 May, 11am-3pm

This May Day Bank Holiday weekend, celebrate the arrival of a 'merry May.' There will be music and crafts and a chance to learn traditional country dances outdoors in the glade.

#### Sing into spring

Sun 5 May, 7-9am

Folk singer and musician Matt Norman leads an early morning wandering walk through the woodland and valley, teaching folk songs whilst taking in the sounds of countryside spring. No prior singing experience necessary.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £12**

#### May half term

Sat 25 May - Sun 2 Jun, 10am-4pm

This half term, trails and activities help get you out and about in the great outdoors, with lots of fun facts to find about trees, habitats and the wildlife of this 270-acre site.

### Leigh Woods

Near Bristol BS8 3PL

#### Three-day hedgelaying course

Sun 3 - Sun 17 Feb, 10am-3.30pm

Hedgerows are a vital part of the countryside, as a field boundary and a wildlife habitat. This course teaches the skills of traditional hedgelaying, with Organic Farmer Mike Amos at Lower Failand Farm.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £80 for all three days**

#### Dawn chorus walk

Sun 24 & Sat 30 Mar, 5.30-7am

Calling all early birds - why not take in the early morning air and discover the sounds of spring with local bird expert Ed Drewitt?

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £10**

#### Family nature day

Fri 12 Apr, 9.30-11am, 11am-12.30pm, 12.30-2pm & 2-3.30pm

The rangers are leading a day exploring the nature and wildlife of Leigh Woods. Can you help with a butterfly survey, learn about bats, dormice, ancient trees and much more?

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £3.50**

## Corfe Castle



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### Veteran tree walk

Sat 11 May, 10am-12 noon

A walk with ranger Tor Stanfield, around Leigh Woods National Nature Reserve, discovering wonderful veteran trees, what makes them so special and how the rangers look after them.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £7.50**

## Prior Park Landscape Garden

Bath BA2 5AH

### Garden tours

Tue & Thu from Feb, 11.30am-1pm

These informative guided tours lead you through historic Prior Park, giving you a chance to find out about the project to restore the Georgian dams at the bottom of the garden.

### Wild garlic season

Sat 23 Mar - Sun 14 Apr, 10am-4.30pm

Wild garlic carpets the garden in spring, with a sprinkling of tiny flowers, and a delicate scent. You can forage for the best leaves to take home, and pick up some recipe cards.

## Tyntesfield

Near Bristol BS48 1NX

### February half term at Tyntesfield

Mon 18 - Thu 21 Feb, 11am-3pm

You can warm up this winter with a herbal tea-making session and learn all about the amazing properties of herbs. Then create your own Victorian pomander filled with herbal fragrances of your choice.

**£4**

### TYNTEtots 2019

Wed 27, Thu 28 Feb, Wed 20, Thu 21 Mar, Wed 24, Thu 25 Apr, Thu 23, Fri 24 May, 10-11.45am & 1-2.45pm

Storytelling, crafts and games for two to five year olds and their families inspired by classic stories including 'Thumbelina,' 'The Little Red Hen,' 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and 'Peter Rabbit.'

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Child £8, two children £14, three children £21**

### Celebrating Mother's Day at Tyntesfield

Mon 25 - Fri 29 Mar, 4-5pm

Sat 30 - Sun 31 Mar, 11am-3pm & 12 noon-4pm

Why not treat your mum at Tyntesfield this Mother's Day with an afternoon tea, a handmade card, a gift from the garden team, or all of the above?

**Price details on the website**

### Make a celtic backstool

Sat 27 - Sun 28 Apr, 10am-4pm

On this two-day workshop, with the expert guidance of the Somerset Bodgeys, you can make a three-legged celtic backstool using traditional woodworking tools and techniques.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £130 including materials, use of tools and hot drinks**

### Victorian month at Tyntesfield

Sat & Sun 4 - 26 May, and daily in half term, 10.30am-4.30pm

The Victorian era is coming to life at Tyntesfield this May, with fairground entertainment and illusions, horsedrawn carriage rides and traditional Victorian falconry displays.

### Seasonal food and craft market

Sun 19 May, 10am-3pm

From freshly baked bread and fine cheeses to hand-made jewellery and ceramics, there's plenty of seasonal treats for you to discover from an array of local food and craft producers at Tyntesfield.

## DORSET

## Brownsea Island

Poole Harbour

### Spring ranger days

Wed 20 Feb, 10 & 17 Apr, 29 May, 11am-3pm

Budding young rangers can discover how to conserve nature, support the ranger team with vital habitat management tasks and learn wildlife tracking skills. Suitable for ages 7-15.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**

**Feb event includes activity and boat fare: child £20, adult £7**

**Apr and May excludes boat fare: child £15**

### Seashore ramble

Fri 22 Mar, 11am-1pm. Fri 26 Apr & 24 May, 2-3pm

Explore Brownsea's coastlines on this free, ranger-led wildlife walk. Learn about the curious creatures that make this shoreline their home such as shore crabs and snakelocks anemones.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**

### Island life through the ages

Fri 5 Apr & 3 May, 11am-1pm

These free guided walks take you through the life and times of families who once called this island home. You'll find out what life was like on Brownsea and the challenges that came with living on an island.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**

### Early bird wildlife walks

Sat 27 Apr & 4 May, 7.30-10am

An opportunity to take a boat to the island long before the public arrive and soak up the uninterrupted sounds of spring birdsong. Price includes ranger-led walk, boat fare and breakfast.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**

**Adult £25, child £12.50**

## Burton Bradstock

Near Bridport DT6 4RF

### Spring Tide Food Festival

Sat 18 - Sun 19 May, 10am-4pm

This foodie festival on the Jurassic coast pulls together some of the best local food, drink, art and entertainment available, as well as a wide range of quality products from local craftsmen.

**£2, under 12s free**

## Clouds Hill

Bovington BH20 7NQ

### Volunteer recruitment drop-in session

Sun 17 Feb, 11am-1pm

Can you help as a volunteer at Clouds Hill? If you're interested in becoming a room guide, volunteering in reception or at Hardy's Cottage or Max Gate, you could drop in for a chat.

## Corfe Castle

Wareham BH20 5EZ

### Volunteer drop-in day

Sat 9 Feb, 11am-3pm

Meet staff and volunteers at Corfe Castle welcome centre. Find out about the different volunteering opportunities on offer and how you can get involved.

### February half-term fun at King John's castle

Sat 16 - Sun 24 Feb, 10am-3.30pm

Young knights and damsels can take part in a series of interactive activities this half term, including the 'Great Escape' teddy bear zip wire, family castle quest and castle building.

### Nordic walking course

Sat 2, 9 & 16 Mar, 9.30-11am

Step in to spring this March with a three-part Nordic walking course. Get out and about and enjoy the Purbeck landscape and learn a new skill with local Nordic walking expert Lynne.

**£40 (for all three dates)**

**Booking essential 01929 481332**

### Mother's Day high tea at Corfe Castle

Sun 31 Mar, 11am-3pm

Why not treat your mum to a day out at Corfe Castle, with a special Mother's Day high tea in the 18th-century tea-room? Includes a selection of cakes, scones and sandwiches.

**Booking essential 01929 481332**

**£12.95**

### Saxons and Vikings: the siege of Wareham

Sat 4 - Mon 6 May, 10am-5.30pm

Witness the sound and fury of Saxon and Viking warriors in pitched battle as they recreate the siege of Wareham. King Alfred's court and the little warrior's training school both return.

### May half-term medieval mischief

Sat 25 - Sun 26 & Tue 28 May - Sun 2 Jun, 10am-5pm

You could celebrate a little May madness at the castle, by joining in with the medieval jester academy, playing the games you discover as you explore, and finding shields to complete the quest.

## Golden Cap

Near Bridport DT6 6RA

### Orchid discovery walk

Mon 6 May, 10.30am-12.30pm

Come along and discover the amazing orchids in the meadows. Help volunteer ecologists survey the orchids on this guided walk from Stonebarrow Hill above Charmouth.

**Booking essential 01297 489481**

**Donations welcome**

## Hardy's Cottage

Near Dorchester DT2 8QJ

### Hard times and hungry months

Thu - Sun until 31 Mar, 11am-3.15pm

During the winter months you can gather around the warm hearth and discover how hard life would have been for Victorian families, with frost in the air and the landscape stripped bare.

### Volunteer recruitment drop-in session

Wed 13 Feb, 11am-1pm

Can you help as a volunteer at Hardy's Cottage? If you're interested in becoming a room guide, volunteering in reception or at Max Gate or Clouds Hill, you could drop in for a chat.

## Kingston Lacy

Nr Wimborne BH21 4EA

### Estate walks

Various dates and times, see website for details

Enjoy the opportunity to experience Kingston Lacy park and estate on a range of beautiful estate walks throughout the year.

### Snowdrops

Fri 1 - Thu 28 Feb, 10am-4pm

On a walk through the gardens at this time of year, you'll find carpets of brilliant white. Over 40 varieties of snowdrop on display are a welcome sign that spring is on its way.

### Celebrating spring

Sat 16 - Sun 24 Feb, 10am-4pm

Discover the first signs of spring this half term by exploring the garden and parkland with a family activity booklet. Get hands on and have a go at some spring-themed crafty fun.

### girl.boy.child

Wed 27 Feb, 6.30pm welcome drink, 7pm performance

Renowned singer-songwriter David McAlmont delves into the closets of three historic houses to explore LGBTQ histories and their contemporary significance.

McAlmont's performance brings to life extraordinary tales of people who challenged conventions of sexuality and gender as well as the places they created and inhabited, told through an emotionally-charged blend of song, image and historical narrative.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £15 adult, £12 student**

### Beyond the portrait

Daily from 1 Mar, 11am-4pm

Visit the house to discover the stories of four women who have been instrumental in shaping Kingston Lacy across 400 years of the estate's history.

## Portland House

Weymouth DT4 8RZ

### Spring opening

Fri 10 May, 2-5pm, Sat 11 May, 11am-5pm, Sun 12 May, 11am-4pm

Overlooking Portland harbour from the Weymouth side, the Art Deco holiday villa Portland House is a reminder of a glamorous bygone age. You're invited for a special peek into this villa, not usually open to the public.

## Max Gate

Dorchester

### Volunteer recruitment drop-in session

Wed 6 Feb, 5-7pm

Can you help as a visitor reception or food and beverage volunteer at Max Gate? If you're interested in volunteering here or at nearby Hardy's Cottage or Clouds Hill, drop in for a chat.

### Tuneful stories

Sat 23 Mar, 27 Apr & 25 May, 1-4pm

Tim Laycock brings Thomas Hardy's home to life with music and stories from Hardy's own time. Three 25 minute performances will take place in the Drawing Room between 1-4pm.

**£3 suggested donation**

## Studland Bay

Studland

### Sunrise wildlife walks

Sat 9 Feb, 7.30-9.30am

You could join a wildlife expert on a sunrise walk around the Studland Peninsula, enjoying an expert's insight into the hugely varied wildlife here. Followed by a breakfast question time with the expert.

**Booking essential on website**

**Adult £25, child £15**

### Volunteer drop-in day

Sun 10 Feb, 11am-2pm

At the Discovery Centre, meet staff and volunteers, find out about the different volunteering opportunities on offer and learn about how you can get involved.

### Champers and a hamper

Sat 16 Feb, 12-3pm

You could treat yourself and a loved one to a Valentine's champagne picnic hamper for two. A spectacular picnic hamper, a bottle of champagne and a roaring outdoor fire are sure to make you feel special.

**Booking essential on website**

**£50**

## Second World War submerged at Studland

Sat 23 Mar - Thu 4 Apr, 10.30am-3.30pm

Discover the fantastic research being done about the Valentine Tanks which tragically sank in 1944. This free exhibition showcases the submerged tanks and history of Operation Smash.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

### Chedworth Roman Villa

Yanworth GL54 3LJ

#### February half term

Sat 16 - Sun 24 Feb, 11am-3pm

This February half term there's a special trail to complete, craft activities for children and even the chance to meet Chedworth's Romans. Look out for the children's mosaic workshop on Thu 21 Feb.

#### Matronalia at the Villa

Sat 30 - Sun 31 Mar, 11am-3pm

You can learn the secrets of Roman make-up and fashion this Mother's Day weekend with demonstrations from an expert, or make a special gift for your mum in the craft room.

#### Easter activities at the Villa

Sat 6 - Mon 22 Apr, 10am-4.30pm

This Easter there's a fun seasonal nature trail for children and adults to enjoy, children's craft activities to complete and the chance to meet Chedworth's Romans.

#### May half term

Sat 25 May - Sun 2 Jun, 10am-4.30pm

As the days get longer it's the perfect time for a fun-filled family day out, with seasonal craft activities from making a mosaic, badge or paper-craft, to fashioning yourself as a Roman.

### Hidcote

Near Chipping Campden GL55 6LR

#### Make a willow garden structure

Sat 23 Mar, 10am-4pm

Why not join professional basket maker Helen Lomberg as she teaches you to make a willow structure for your garden?

**Booking essential 01386 438333 £50**

#### Unearthing Hidcote: Arts and Crafts

Daily from Mon 1 Apr, 10am-5pm

During 2019, Hidcote will be exploring the Arts and Crafts movement that grew in the North Cotswolds and how it may have influenced the garden.

#### Beginners enamel workshop

Sat 6 Apr, 10am-4pm

You could learn how to make a beautiful piece of enameled jewellery or a key ring during this workshop for beginners.

**Booking essential 01386 438333 £50**

#### Easter origami workshop

Sat 13 Apr, 2-4pm

Expert origami artist Tony O'Hare will be teaching how to make spring-inspired pieces.

**Booking essential 01386 438333 Adult £15, child £12**

#### Easter at Hidcote

Mon 15 - Sun 28 Apr, 10am-5pm

An extra-special nature inspired trail around the garden with activities to get involved in and prizes to be won for completed trails.

**£3**

#### Rachel Dein: Hidcote through the seasons

Daily from Mon 29 Apr, 10am-5pm

Acclaimed botanical artist Rachel Dein will be exhibiting her unique castings at Hidcote, made using plants and flowers from the garden collected throughout the seasons.

### Lodge Park and Sherborne Estate

Aldsworth GL54 3PP

#### Sherborne Park ranger walks

Fri 29 Mar, 12 & 26 Apr, 10 & 24 May, 10am-12 noon

You could join the rangers for a walk off the beaten track to find some of the farmland birds, raptors and other wildlife, and see sweeping views across Sherborne Old Park and Sherborne Brook.

**Booking essential 01451 844257 £5**

#### Nature talk with Brett Westwood

Thu 11 Apr, 10.30am-1.30pm

Brett Westwood, author and presenter on BBC Radio 4 and BBC Two's Springwatch, will give this talk about how wildlife in the UK is changing, and new species which are emerging, followed by a light lunch.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £32**

### Newark Park

Near Wotton-under-Edge GL12 7PZ

#### Snowdrop season

Daily from Sat 2 - Sun 17 Feb, 10am-4pm

You could pull on your walking boots and enjoy a wintry walk, discovering the carpets of snowdrops across the Newark estate.

#### Wild about wild garlic

Daily in Apr & May, 11am-5pm

Head out into the fresh air and discover the beautiful views over the Cotswold countryside awash with swathes of wild garlic this spring.

### Snowhill Manor and Garden

Broadway WR12 7JU

#### Snowhill garden talks

Various dates from Mon 18 Mar - Fri 31 May, please see website, 11am-4pm

From overgrown wilderness to rural idyll, a garden guide will take you on a tour of the garden revealing its hidden secrets and sharing the vision behind its design.

#### Family trail

Sat 6 - Sun 28 Apr, 11am-5.30pm

The garden is full of secrets and is a magical place at this time of the year. Why not come to explore and find out more about Charles Wade's special garden?

#### Waking up Wolf's Cove

Sat 13 - Sun 14 Apr, 11am-5.30pm

The team will be 'waking up' Wolf's Cove, the tiny Cornish fishing village in the heart of Snowhill garden, after its winter sleep. Find out about the conservation work that has taken place here.

#### Storytelling for all

Various dates from Sat 25 May - Sun 2 Jun, please see website, 12 noon-4pm

The garden is at its best in spring, with the orchard full of blossom. Why not come and explore, then settle down and let your imagination go as the storyteller weaves tales of Snowhill and beyond?

## SOMERSET

### Barrington Court

Barrington TA19 0NQ

#### Half-term fun and den building

Sat 16 - Sun 24 Feb, 10.30am-3pm

This February half term there's plenty to interest all the family, including den building and outdoor activities with the ranger team, where you can learn new skills and use your imagination.

#### Springtime nature trail

Sat 6 - Mon 22 Apr, 10.30am-4pm

This family-friendly nature-themed trail will lead intrepid explorers out into the wider estate, to learn how Barrington's natural habitats and the creatures that call the estate home are cared for.

#### May Day fun

Mon 6 May, 10.30am-4pm

With plenty of fun activities going on, there will be something for everyone to enjoy at this May Day celebration - including a traditional maypole dance.

#### Wildlife days

Tue 28 - Fri 31 May, 10.30am-3pm

At these wildlife days there will be wildlife crafts and a variety of hands-on activities with friends from local wildlife charities.

### Coleridge Cottage

Nether Stowey TA5 1NQ

#### Family story time

Sun 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Mar, 2-3pm

Every Sunday afternoon in March a family-friendly story time takes place in the garden room.

### Dunster Castle

Near Minehead TA24 6SL

#### Dunster Castle: under the sheets

Sat 16 Feb - Sun 3 Mar, 11am-5pm

The dust cloths are out, the scaffolding is up and the collection shown as never before as Dunster Castle opens for the first time in February, with the winter clean in full swing.

#### Dunster Castle uncovered

Sat & Sun, 2 - 31 Mar, 11am-4pm

You can take a peek behind closed doors and discover parts of the castle you won't have seen before on these 45 minute tours, which run throughout the day and are not pre-bookable.

#### Have-a-go archery

Sun 7 - Wed 10, Sun 14 - Wed 17, Sun 21 - Tue 23 Apr, 11am-4pm

How good is your aim? You can have a go at archery on Green Court. Pistol shooting will be available on selected dates as well.

**£4 for eight arrows**

#### Armada alert with the Taunton Garrison

Sat 4 - Sun 5 May, 10.30am-4pm

With live demonstrations of rolling skirmishes, weaponry displays and musket displays from the Taunton Garrison throughout the weekend, you can see what life was like defending the castle with the threat of the Spanish Armada.

### Montacute House

Near Yeovil TA15 6XP

#### 'Elizabeth of Bohemia: the Winter Queen'

Daily, 11am-4pm

The National Portrait Gallery's special exhibition, 'Elizabeth of Bohemia: the Winter Queen' features contemporary portraits of this fascinating woman and those connected to her.

#### Spring escapades

Fri 1 Mar - Fri 31 May, 10am-3pm

You could take the challenge of St Michael's Hill, steeped in wildlife and history, by climbing to the top for one of the best views of Somerset. Pick up a trail from reception.

#### Level's best farmers' and craft markets

Various dates from Sat 30 Mar - Sat 29 Jun, 10am-2pm

Held in the old stables, this ever popular and award winning 'best in Somerset' market is filled with top quality local produce and crafts. Usually held on the last Saturday of the month.

## WILTSHIRE

### Avebury

Near Marlborough SN8 1RD

#### Still digging... recent excavations around Avebury

Daily from Mon 29 Apr, 10am-5.30pm

A pop-up exhibition in the Alexander Keiller Museum, shining a light on the results of excavations over the last 20 to 30 years alongside a selection of the artefacts discovered.

#### May Day celebrations

Mon 6 May, 11am-4pm

Have you ever wanted to dance around the maypole? At Avebury, you can celebrate the beginning of May with traditional festivities including Morris Dancing and maypole dancing, as well as family craft activities.

#### Spring foraging course

Sun 19 May, 12.30-4.30pm

On this half-day foraging course, you'll be guided through the Avebury landscape by Fred Gillam, who will teach you how to identify the edible plants growing in hedgerows, field and woods.

**Booking essential 3442491895 £50**

#### May half-term fun

Sat 25 May - Sun 2 Jun, 12 noon-4pm

This half term, children can join in with the '50 things to do before you're 11½' activities where they can discover more about the natural world whilst making something special to take home.

**Small charge to cover materials**

### Lacock Abbey, Fox Talbot Museum and Village

Nr Chippenham SN15 2LG

#### The explorer's guide to Lacock

Until Sun 19 May, 10.30am-5pm

Following the explorer's guide, families could use different senses to make the most of what spring has to offer around the garden and village.

#### Spring flowers at Lacock Abbey

Until Fri 31 May, 11am-4pm

Lacock's wooded grounds are full of flowers over the spring months. All spring there are lots of things to spot in the grounds; how many you can spot on this family trail?

#### Look inside a Lacock cottage

Mon 4 - Fri 8 Feb, 11am-3pm

Peek behind one of the oldest buildings in the village as the holiday cottage, 2 High Street, is open for you to explore.

#### Valentine's Day flower count

Sat 9 - Sun 17 Feb, 10.30am-5pm

Every year the garden team take part in a national Valentine's Day flower count to find out how many different blooms are growing in the abbey grounds. How many can you count?

#### Healing herbs in the Botanic Garden

Daily from Sat 20 Apr, 10.30-5pm

800 years ago, the nuns of Lacock Abbey couldn't just pop down to the doctors for their medicine, so they grew their own. Find out about what plants they used to cure ailments.

#### Channel of Peace

Daily from Sat 4 May, 10.30am-5pm

The second in a series of artistic responses to the art commission 'Peace' at Lacock. Inspired by the place's history of sanctuary, contemplation and reflection, the artists will create a reflective experience.



Prior Park

Tyntesfield



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**Mompesson House**

Salisbury SP1 2EL

**Standing by my darling's side: a Victorian experience of life, love and loss**

Daily from Sat 9 Mar, 11am-4.30pm

This exhibition tells the untold story of former resident Jinny Townsend and focuses on her life in Salisbury's Cathedral Close and her courtship and eventual marriage to Willie Hammick.

**Family trail**

Daily from Sat 9 Mar, 11am-4.30pm

Little ones can have a go at some of the activities Jinny Townsend enjoyed doing when she lived at Mompesson House.

**Stonehenge Landscape**

Near Amesbury

**Family woodland activity day**

Sat 23 Feb, 10.30am-3pm

Family half-term fun with the Stonehenge ranger on King Barrow Ridge, cutting hazel coppice and ash and then using various woodcraft tools to make things using the material that you have cut.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Adult £10, child £10

**Spring archaeology walk and Durrington Walls walk**

Sat 9, Wed 20, Sat 30 Mar, Wed 1 & Sat 18 May, 2-5pm

Wed 13, Sat 23 Mar, Wed 24 Apr & Wed 8 May, 1.30-4pm

On these enjoyable and informative walks around the Stonehenge and Durrington Landscape, the expert guides will have you looking at the landscape with new eyes.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

£8

**Stonehenge Wild Wednesday**

Wed 10 Apr, 10.30am-1.30pm

This fun activity day gives children time away from the digital world and allows them to get close to nature, on a 2.5 mile trail on King Barrow Ridge, with activities along the way.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

**Wings over Stonehenge - Stonehenge Airfield and Larkhill Airfield**

Sat 27 Apr & Wed 22 May, 10am-1pm

The Stonehenge and Larkhill Airfields were key sites in aviation history, particularly in training pilots to fly aircraft into battle during the First World War. These walks are led by expert guides.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

£8

**Stonehenge dawn walk**

Sun 28 Apr, 6.15-9am

Dawn in the Stonehenge Landscape is a sublime experience. On this 3-4 mile walk with a ranger you may spot skylarks, yellowhammers, deer and brown hare that make the World Heritage Site their home.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

£8

**Stourhead**

Near Warminster BA12 6QD

**Behind closed doors tours**

Mon-Fri, 1 Feb - 8 Mar, 11am-3pm

A chance to see behind the normally closed doors of the house. Tours may cover four floors with many stairs, and will give you an insight into what goes on behind the scenes.

Booking essential 01747 841152

**Winter warmer weekends in the house**

Sat & Sun, 2 Feb - 3 Mar, 11am-3pm

Why not warm up by the log fire in the Entrance Hall? There'll be board games for you to play, and volunteers will be on hand to share Stourhead's history with you.

**Meet the makers of Stourhead**

Daily from Sat 16 Mar, 9am-6pm

The 2019 programme explores the lives of the artists and craftspeople whose skills built the Stourhead we know today. Discover the builders, gardeners, furniture-makers and artists who left their mark on Stourhead.

**Sam Smith: contemporary artist 2019**

Daily from Sat 27 Apr, 9am-6pm

Video artist Sam Smith will unveil two new site-specific works, which will explore the symbiotic relationship between Stourhead's natural landscape and those who have cared for it over the past 300 years.

**Floralia: a celebration of spring**

Daily from Wed 1 May, 9am-6pm

As flowers in the garden begin to bloom, Stourhead celebrates Flora, Roman goddess of spring and the new life she brings each year. With rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias in bloom, the garden won't disappoint.

**The Courts Garden**

Near Bradford-on-Avon BA14 6RR

**Signs of spring - snowdrops at the Courts Garden**

Sat & Sun, 2 - 24 Feb, then daily (closed Weds) 25 Feb - 10 Mar, 11am-5.30pm

Welcome in the spring with a refreshing stroll around the garden and enjoy this season's early arrivals. On a self-led snowdrop trail you'll pick up snowdrop tips and facts.

**Spring flowers**

Daily (closed Weds) 2 Mar - 21 Apr, 11am-5.30pm

Crocuses, daffodils, snowdrops, primroses and hellebores; the flowers of spring burst into glorious life. Every visit to The Courts will be different as the flowers wake up after a long winter's rest.

**Wiltshire countryside**

**Dinton Park dawn walk**

Sat 20 Apr, 6-9am

Why not join a ranger for this 3-4 mile dawn walk around the woodland parkland in search of the wonders present at this time of year, followed by coffee and pastries?

£8

**Orchid Walk in Sutton Lane Meadows**

Sun 12 May, 11am-12.30pm & 1.30-3pm

Sutton Lane Meadows is a traditionally managed hay meadow, where an abundance of orchids and other meadow flowers thrive. On a short walk with a ranger you can explore their floral delights.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

£4

**Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts**



**BATH AND BRISTOL**

**Dyrham Park**

Sat 6 - Mon 22 Apr, 10am-3pm

£2.50

**Prior Park Landscape Garden**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 10am-3.30pm

£2.50

**Tyntesfield**

Sat 6 - Mon 22 Apr, 10am-3.30pm

£3

**DORSET**

**Brownsea Island**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 10am-4.30pm

£2.50

**Corfe Castle**

Mon - Sat, 6 - 22 Apr, 10.30am-4.30pm

£2.50

**Golden Cap**

Fri 19 Apr - Sat 20 Apr, 11am-3pm

£2.50

**Hardy's Cottage**

Sat 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-4.15pm

£2.50

**Kingston Lacy**

Sat 6 - Mon 22 Apr, 10am-4pm

£2.50



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**SOMERSET**

**Barrington Court**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-4pm

£2.50

**Brean Down**

Sat 6 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-2pm

£2.50

**Coleridge Cottage**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-4.30pm

£2

**Dunster Castle**

Sat 6 - Sun 28 Apr, 10am-4pm

£2.50

**Fyne Court**

Sat 6 - Mon 22 Apr, 10.30am-2.30pm

£2.50

**Holnicote Estate**

Fri 19 - Sat 20 Apr, 10am-2pm

£2.50

**Lytes Cary Manor**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-4pm

£2.50

**Wellington Monument**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-2pm

£2.50

**Max Gate**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-4.30pm

£2.50

**Studland Bay**

Sat 6 - Mon 22 Apr, 10.30am-3.30pm

£2.50

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

**Chedworth Roman Villa**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 10.30am-4.30pm

£2.50

**Lodge Park and Sherborne Estate**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-4pm

£2

**Newark Park**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-4pm

£2.50

**Snowhill Manor and Garden**

Sat 13 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-5.30pm

£2

**Westbury Court Garden**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 10am-4.30pm

£2

**Woodchester Park**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 10.30am-2pm

£2.50

**WILTSHIRE**

**Avebury**

Sat 6 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-4pm

£2.50

**Lacock Abbey, Fox Talbot Museum and Village**

Mon 8 - Mon 15 Apr, 10.30am-4pm

£2.50

**Mompesson House**

Fri 19 - Mon 22 Apr, 11am-4.30pm

£2

**Stourhead**

Sat 13 - Mon 22 Apr, 10am-3pm

£2.50

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