



National Trust

Events and activities for spring 2019
North East | Yorkshire

What's on

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



Wallington

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Saturday 16 February

Wallington (until 24 February)

Signs of spring

10am–4pm

Head to Toobelz House, Wallington's indoor play space, for lots of spring-themed arts and crafts this half term.*

Monday 18 February

Washington Old Hall (until 22 February)

Spring half-term holidays

11am–3pm

Hunt for bugs, beast and birds, help build a bug hotel and bird feeder or learn how to build a pond at home.*

£ 50

Cherryburn (until 22 February)

February half-term fun

11am–3pm

Join in with bird-themed nature events to welcome back our feathery friends after the cold winter months.*

Cragside (until 22 February)

February half-term fun

11am–3pm

Investigate the engineering behind Cragside with electrifying experiments in the Young Engineers' Zone.*

Souter Lighthouse & The Leas (also 19 & 21 February)

Build a bird box

11am–4pm

Build a bird box and learn about different birds it may attract to your garden. £3 50

North East

Regular events & exhibitions

Daily

Wallington

Cycle hire and Dragon cycle trail

From 10am

Get active and outdoors at Wallington with the newly launched, low-cost cycle hire.* Bike hire from £4 50

1 March–31 May

Gibside

Route to relaxation

During normal opening times

Turn off your phone and take a quiet moment for yourself. Follow Gibside's route to relaxation walk alongside the river and spend time reconnecting with nature.*

Every Tuesday 10 February–2 April

Cragside

Behind-the-scenes conservation tour

11.30am & 2pm

Join the house team for a spring clean. Discover classic Victorian cleaning methods and enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the servants' wing of the house, which is not usually open to visitors.*

Every Friday & Saturday

3 May–14 September

Gibside

Summer nights

6–9pm

Explore Gibside after hours and quench your thirst with ale and lager on tap, bottled cider or wine. On the first and third Friday of each month, there are also special beer and a bite nights, with live music and tasty street food.*

Every fourth Sunday

Cragside

Trust 10

8–11am

Lace up your trainers and enjoy a run with a view on a free 10k run around the Cragside estate. **Free**

Every fourth Sunday

Cragside

2k family fun run

8–11am

Suitable for beginners and little legs, this 2k pushchair-friendly running route around Tumbleton Lake is the perfect family fun run. **Free**

February

Friday 1 February

Gibside (until 28 February)

Plodge

10am–3.30pm

Winter at Gibside is never short of mud. Bring your wellies and follow the plodge trail to find the best spots to get muddy and messy.*



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Half Term

Saturday 16 February

Wallington (until 24 February)

Snowdrop planting

11am–3pm

Help the Wallington gardeners plant another 100,000 snowdrops this half term. Head to the East Wood where you'll find everything you need to get stuck into some serious snowdrop planting.*

Wallington (until 24 February)

Spring flower trail

12 noon–5pm

The house is full of flowers – in paintings, on pottery and stitched into textiles. Follow our spring flower trail for a spot of spring indoors.*

Cragside

Stargazing

6.30–9pm

Join us for a night with the stars. There'll be a colourful talk, a chance to handle space rocks billions of years old and a tour of the constellations with telescopes. Age 6+. Adult £15, child £7.50, incl. soup and a hot drink BE 50

March

Sunday 31 March

Cragside

Mother's Day

11am–3pm

Show mum how special she is by making a floral gift.*



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Easter Holidays

April

Saturday 6 April

Wallington (*until 22 April*)
Lambing Shed Live
12.30–2pm & 2–3.30pm
Take a tractor trailer ride for a guided tour of the lambing shed at nearby Broom House Farm. Book via Broom House Farm, tel: 07469 203088 or email: info@broomhousefarm.co.uk **£7.50** (under 2s free) **BE** **50**

Sunday 7 April

Souter Lighthouse & The Leas (*also 21 April 12 noon–2pm*)
Seashore safari
11am–1pm
Join rangers and members of the Coastal Conservation Group to search rock pools for salty sea creatures galore. **£2 BE** **50**

Monday 8 April

Washington Old Hall (*until 22 April*)
Easter holiday activities
11am–3pm
There'll be free 50 things to do before you're 11¾ activities and Easter crafts to take part in every day of the holidays, ideal for your little explorers to discover nature.* **50**

Wallington (*until 11 April, also 15–18 April*)
Lambing Apprentice
2–4pm
Join the Broom House lambing team for an afternoon, caring for the pregnant ewes and new-born lambs and helping with all of the routine tasks in the lambing shed. Max 2 people per session, age 10+. Book via Broom House Farm, tel: 07469 203088 or email: info@broomhousefarm.co.uk **£35 BE**

Cherryburn (*until 22 April*)
Easter holiday
11am–3pm
Join in the fun this Easter at Cherryburn, with bird and nature crafts, and artsy activities.*

Cragside (*until 22 April*)
Easter holiday fun
11am–3pm
This Easter we're getting closer to nature at Cragside. Follow the nature trail, have a go at pond dipping, and help the gardeners by planting seeds.* **50**

Souter Lighthouse & The Leas (*until 10 April, also 15–17 & 28–29 April*)
Spring sports
11am–3pm
Have a go at outdoor games and mini-sports activities for all the family. **Free**

Saturday 13 April

Souter Lighthouse & The Leas
Ranger ramble: Marsden circular
10am–1pm
Join our rangers and local Coastal Conservation Group on a spectacular 7 mile walk over Cleadon Hills and along sea cliffs. **Free BE**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

Pull on your wellies and follow a nature-themed trail at your favourite places to earn a Cadbury chocolate reward:

Allen Banks *Saturday 20–Sunday 21 April, 10am–2pm* **£2.50**

Cherryburn *Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 11am–3pm* * **£2.50**

Cragside *Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 11am–3pm* * **£2.50**

Gibside *Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 10am–4pm* * **£2.50**

Housesteads Fort, Hadrian's Wall *Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 11am–3pm* * **£2.50**

Lindisfarne Castle *Tuesday 9–Sunday 28 April, check website for times* * **£2**

Northumberland Coast, Low Newton *Monday 22 April, 11am–3pm* **£2**

Penshaw Monument *Monday 22 April, 12 noon–3pm* **£2**

Souter Lighthouse & The Leas *Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 11am–4pm* **£2.50**

Wallington *Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 11am–4pm* * **£2.50**

Washington Old Hall *Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 11am–3pm* * **£2.50**

Sunday 28 April

Souter Lighthouse & The Leas
Bird ringing demonstration
6am–12 noon
Witness Whitburn Ringing Group in action, recording and ringing birds captured in mist nets – a rare opportunity to see wild birds at close quarters. **£2 BE**

May

Sunday 5 May

Gibside
Dawn chorus walk
6–8am
Get up with the lark to hear the dawn chorus as the sun rises over Gibside. Listen for native birds, such as robins and great tits, plus summer migrants like the chiffchaff. **£12** incl. a hot breakfast sandwich **BE**

Northumberland Coast, Tughill Mill Wood
Dawn chorus walk
5.30am
Join our ranger for an early morning walk through the woodland at Tughill Mill to celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day. Tel: 01665 576874. **£5** (under 16s go free) **BE**

Souter Lighthouse & The Leas
Dawn chorus
5am
Join our rangers and local Coastal Conservation Group on an early morning ramble taking in the sounds of the dawn chorus. Finish with bacon butties and coffee in the Lighthouse Café. **£10 BE**

Washington Old Hall
Dawn chorus
5am–8.30am
Come for an early morning stroll around the gardens to hear the dawn chorus as well as hopefully spotting well-known garden birds, and perhaps some rare ones too.* **£7.50 BE**

Monday 6 May

Cherryburn
May Day
11am–3pm
It's time to celebrate the May bank holiday with traditional maypole dancing, music and family fun.*

Monday 6 May

Wallington
Wheellie fun cycling festival
11am–3pm
Head to Wallington for a day of led rides for families and adults, bike maintenance talks, a mini cycling obstacle course for little legs and other cycling fun. You can also hire a bike on the day or bring your own and ride the family-friendly Dragon cycle trail.*

Saturday 11 May

Gibside
Bat walk
8–10pm
After dark Gibside becomes a playground for thousands of bats as they emerge to feed. Armed with bat detectors, join a local bat expert to discover the bats that call it home. **£10** incl. a hot drink and cake **BE**

Sunday 12 May

Souter Lighthouse & The Leas
Nature reserve walk
11am–1pm
Take in the sights and sounds of local wildlife on a guided tour of Whitburn Coastal Park Nature Reserve with rangers and the Coastal Conservation Group. **Free BE**

Tuesday 14 May

Wallington (*also 21 May*)
Bluebell walk
1.30–3.30pm

Discover the Delft Burn on the Wallington estate – a great spot for wildflowers and bluebells galore.* **£10 BE**

Saturday 25 May

Gibside (*until 2 June*)
May half term: stick week
10am–4.30pm
Create a journey stick to remember your walk, play stick-themed games or build a huge den. There's so much fun to be had with the humble stick.*

Wallington (*until 2 June*)
May half term: tales from the river bank
11am–4pm
A week of celebrating rivers. From river dipping to a new trail along the river bank, explore the wonderful River Wasbeck.*

Durham Coast

Bioblitz
10am–3pm
Help the rangers with a series of wildlife surveys including rock pools, marine mammals, woodland, grassland, birds and fresh water streams. No need to be an expert! Meet at Hawthorn Hythe meadow, off the coastal footpath about 1 mile south of Noses Point car park. **Free**

Monday 27 May

Washington Old Hall (*until 31 May*)
May half term
11am–3pm
Join us every day of half term for an activity. We'll be hunting for bugs, beasts and birds, and building a bug hotel.* **£** **50**

Allen Banks
Bat walk
8.45–10.30pm
Join the ranger team for a talk and walk around Allen Banks and have a go at using specialist equipment to hear and see bats. **£2 BE**

Thursday 30 May

Souter Lighthouse & The Leas
Beach clean
9.30–11.30am
Lend a hand to keep local beaches litter free and become a hero for the marine environment. Bags and litter pickers provided. Age 6+. **Free**

Yorkshire Regular events & exhibitions

Tuesday–Sunday 9 February–24 March
Nunnington Hall
Places and Culture art exhibition
by *Val Archer*
10.30am–5pm
Taking inspiration from still life, interiors and architecture, Val Archer brings canvas and paper to life with colour and texture.*

Sunday–Thursday from 17 February
Ormesby Hall
A Boosbeck furniture shop
11am–4pm

The Pennymans helped local unemployed miners learn carpentry skills when the mines closed in the 1930s. They built 'Boosbeck' furniture, named after where it was made; we'll be recreating a Boosbeck furniture shop and displaying new parts of the collection.*

Wednesday–Sunday from 1 March
Goddards House & Garden
Home!
10.30am–5pm
New displays tell the story of one Yorkshire home from its beginning in 1926 through to the current day. Discover the Terry's family home and their stories of family life in this protected oasis away from their busy chocolate factory.*

Every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday in May
Treasurer's House
Special 'By Appointment' experiences
1.30–4pm every 15 minutes

Join an entertaining guided experience around the house and take a peek inside doors and cabinets normally off limits.*

Every Saturday 6 April–18 May
Goddards House & Garden
Sports Saturday
10.30am–5pm
Play games in the garden as the Terry family did; try tennis, croquet and clock golf.*

Weekends until 3 March
Beningbrough Hall, Gallery & Gardens (*also 26 Feb–1 March*)
Sounds of Winter: Whispering Spaces
11am–3.30pm
In the quiet of a winter garden, whispering sounds and voices echo past histories and nature's secret activity through a series of soundscapes.*

Daily from 4 May
Rievaulx Terrace
A Tale of Two Sketchbooks
by *Fiona Bowley*
10am–5pm
Inspired by the rich social history and theatrical landscape of Rievaulx Terrace, experience a unique immersive exhibition, exploring the imagined meeting of two 18th-century female artists from contrasting backgrounds.*



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Tuesday–Sunday from 18 May
Nunnington Hall
British Wildlife Photography Awards exhibition
10.30am–5pm
See photographs from this national photographic competition, celebrating British wildlife in all its beauty and diversity.*

Every Monday from 29 April (except bank holidays)
East Riddlesden Hall
Greener gardening
2–3pm
Join our gardening team to discover how you can combine good design and colour with wildlife conservation, and get tips for greener gardening.*

Every Tuesday from 30 April
East Riddlesden Hall
Herbs for health and home
2.30–3.30pm
Discover how herbs were used in everyday life for cures, cosmetics and cooking, and hear about their modern uses.*

Every Friday from 29 March
Marsden Moor
Friday plant sales
10am–3pm
Brighten up your garden with our great value, home-grown garden plants, upcycled wooden planters and bird boxes. On sale next to the Information Room.

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January

Monday 28 January

Brimham Rocks (*also 13 May*)
Mindful yoga
10am–12 noon
Relax and celebrate the return of the light while setting an intention for the year ahead. Come back in May to unwind in spring surroundings and explore your connection to the earth. Tel: 07837 996058. **£10 BE**

Wednesday 30 January

Nostell (*also 13 February*)
Conservation, coffee and cake
10am–12 noon
On this behind-the-scenes event, take a peak into Nostell's collection stores and try out some conservation cleaning techniques. **£15 BE**

February

Saturday 2 February

Marsden Moor
Guided walk: the elusive mountain hare
10am–3.30pm
Take in views over Wessenden on this 8 mile walk. We'll cross the moorland top and keep our eye open for the elusive mountain hare along the way. Meet at Marsden railway station and expect steep climbs. **Free**

Tuesday 5 February

Nostell (*also 26 February*)
Curator talks
10am–12 noon
Join Nostell's Curator Simon McCormack and our experienced team of volunteers for a talk, coffee and cake followed by a tour of select rooms and artefacts. **£15 BE**

Friday 8 February

Middlethorpe Hall & Spa
Maturing Malt with Spirit of Yorkshire
7.30pm
Spirit of Yorkshire are creating Yorkshire's first single malt whisky, and it's yours for the tasting in its various stages of maturity. Tel: 01904 661301. **£89.50** incl. a three-course dinner and drinks **BE**

Saturday 16 February

East Riddlesden Hall (*weekends only until 10 March, also 18–21 February*)
Art exhibition in the Airedale Barn: Traces
11am–3pm
Inspired by fragments of china, clay pipes and glass found during the renovation of a local 17th-century farmhouse, Barbara Greene's 'Traces' creates connections between the objects and lives of people who have lived and worked in the Aire Valley over the centuries. **Free**

Half Term

Saturday 16 February

East Riddlesden Hall (*until 24 February, closed on Friday*)
Where will your wellies take you?
10.30am–4.30pm
Get muddy in the mud pie kitchen and build your own hideaway den. There'll also be willow bird feeder and nest making and traditional gingerbread making in the house on selected days.* **£** **50**

Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal (*until 3 March*)
Wild wood adventures
10am–4pm
Find clay faces in the trees, build dens in the woods and make your very own wooden staff for wizards and wanderers!* **50**

Nostell
Night Run
6.30–8.30pm
Grab a head torch and explore Nostell's parkland in a new light. Choose from our family-friendly Explorer route (3.5km) or our longer Adventurer route (7km). **£7/14 BE**

Sunday 17 February

Brimham Rocks (*also 23 March, 18 May*)
Nature explorers
11am–1pm & 2–4pm
Come and see Brimham differently through changing activities that engage the senses, exercise your creativity and energise your interest in nature. **£**

Ormesby Hall

(*until 24 February*)
Once Upon a Book
11am–3pm
Follow the classic books trail through the house – can you find the Three Little Pigs or Little Red Riding Hood? Come dressed as your favourite character and join us for storytelling and crafts.*

Monday 18 February

Hardcastle Craggs (*until 22 February*)
February half-term woodland adventures
12 noon–3pm
Join us for changing activities all week: make nature-inspired magic wands and log animals, cook on a campfire, become a ranger for a day or make bird feeders. **Free** (but **£** **BE** for campfire activity) **50**

Nostell (*until 22 February*)
February half term
11am–3pm
Get stuck into messy play on Monday, build a bird box on Tuesday, try wild art on Wednesday or get creative with *Dovetail, Biscuit, Splat* workshops on Thursday and Friday.* **50**

Friday 22 February

Brimham Rocks (*also 22 March, 29 April, 23 May*)
Brimham through the ages
2–3.30pm
Follow our guide, as you travel back 320 million years to when the site was formed, in a 90 minute walk discovering the history of Brimham Rocks. **Free**

Saturday 23 February

Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal (*also 2 March*)
Make a clay face
11am–3pm
Get creative: make a clay face and decorate with nature on trees around the estate.* **50**

Saturday 23 February

Nunnington Hall (*until 3 March*)
Nature is calling: half-term adventures
12 noon–3pm
From garden trails to habitat homes, bird box and feeder making, get stuck in and give nature a helping hand.* **£** **50**

Beningbrough Hall, Gallery & Gardens (*until 3 March, closed Monday*)
February half-term fun
11am–3.30pm
Join in with changing activities including storytelling, a family trail and Artrageous craft workshop.*

March

Saturday 2 March

Yorkshire Dales, Malham Village
A beginner's night sky
7–9pm
Join our rangers at Malham Cove for a ramble through the galaxy and be introduced to some of the constellations and sights of the night sky. **£6.50 BE** **50**

Wednesday 6 March

Middlethorpe Hall & Spa
Woman in Gold by History Wardrobe
10.30am
Inspired by the dazzling embellishments of artist Gustav Klimt, and the fate of one of his most famous paintings, History Wardrobe explore the lure of gold in fashion and the hidden world of women in art. Tel: 01904 661301. **£59.50** incl. a three-course lunch and wines **BE**

Thursday 7 March

Yorkshire Coast, Ravenscar (*also 2 May*)
Industrial intrigue
10am–2pm
A leisurely 2 mile walk with a ranger, exploring how centuries of human activity have shaped the coastal landscape. **£5 BE**

Friday 22 March

Goddards House & Garden (*also 23 March*)
The making of a fragrant garden
11.30am–3pm
Meet one of the garden team for a walk and talk in the garden and see how we're reviving the spirit of the fragrant garden using the original 1920s design as our inspiration. Tel: 01904 771956. **£20** incl. two-course lunch **BE**

Saturday 23 March

Beningbrough Hall, Gallery & Gardens
All that glistens is golden...
10.30am–3.30pm
Join Rob Oldfield on a tour of the gilded frame collection at Beningbrough. Find out what stories these intricate pieces tell and have a go at gilding your very own item with gold leaf. Tel: 01904 472014. **£45 BE**

Saturday 30 March

Nunnington Hall (*also 31 March*)
Mother's Day weekend
11am–4pm
Enjoy a delicious Mother's Day brunch before a special 'Ladies of the hall' tour to hear more about the women and mothers who made Nunnington Hall their home. Kids can also decorate a gift for mum.* **£ BE**

Yorkshire Dales, Malham Tarn
A beginner's night sky
7–9pm
Come on a ramble through the galaxy with our rangers and let us introduce you to some of the constellations and wonders of the night sky. **£5 BE** **50**

Saturday 30 March

Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal
Bird detectives trail (*until 28 April*)
10am–5pm
From giant eggs and nests to chirpy bird sounds, discover the life of birds on this interactive trail.*

Sunday 31 March

Goddards House & Garden
Mother's Day
10.30am–5pm
Treat mum to an indulgent afternoon tea in the cosy drawing room or dining room with a glass of fizz. Expect spring bulbs in the orchard and stroll around the new fragrant garden. Tel: 01904 771956. * **£19.95** for afternoon tea or **£24.95** with a glass of fizz **BE**

Ormesby Hall
A floral treat
11am–2pm
Bring mum to see the seasonal flowers in the house, while the kids make a lavender bag and decorate a plant pot.* **£**

April

Tuesday 2 April

Nostell
Mark's gardening morning
9am–12 noon
Join Kitchen Gardener Mark for this practical workshop and pick up top tips for your garden, from compost making to seed sowing. **£25 BE**

Wednesday 3 April

Middlethorpe Hall & Spa
RHS garden tour: spring colour
10.30am
Join Head Gardener Andrew Leighton to see the thousands of bulbs planted last year. Tel: 01904 661301. **£44.50** (£35.50 for RHS members) incl. Prosecco, a three-course lunch and wine **BE**

Wednesday 17 April

Brimham Rocks
Discover climbing
1–4pm
Join us for a climbing taster experience on the weird and wonderful rocks with Harrogate Climbing Centre. Age 7+. **£7** **BE**

Friday 19 April

Nunnington Hall (*until 22 April*)
Captain Compost and the Compost Club
10.30am–5pm
Join Captain Compost in his final battle to defeat Colonel Chemicals. Solve the puzzles, complete the garden obstacle course and jump in deep with the Compost Club!* **£**

Marsden Moor
Guided walk: Good Friday family walk
2–4pm
Enjoy a 3 mile family-friendly walk to Sparth reservoir and back. Meet at Marsden railway station. **Free**

Saturday 20 April

Brimham Rocks
Family outdoor day
10am–4pm
Join Harrogate Climbing Centre for a day weaselling, climbing and abseiling. Age 7+. Tel: 01423 815024



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Sunday 21 April

Ormesby Hall (also 22 April)
Ormesby Grange Farm on tour
11am–4pm

Get up close with the farm animals from Ormesby Grange Farm as they visit the stables this Easter, including two cheeky alpacas.*

Tuesday 23 April

Yorkshire Coast, Robin Hood's Bay (also 28 May, 5–7pm)
Rock pool rummage
1–3pm

Search the rock pools with a ranger. Learn about amazing anemones, crazy crabs, funny fish and lots more. Age 4+. £4 per child **BE** **50**

Wednesday 24 April

Yorkshire Dales, Hudswell Woods
Introduction to geocaching
1–3.30pm

Fancy having a go at geocaching but not sure how to go about it? Join us to learn the basics and then put it into practice. Adult £5, child £3.50 **BE** **50**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

Pull on your wellies and follow a nature-themed trail at your favourite places to earn a Cadbury chocolate reward:

Beningbrough Hall, Gallery & Gardens Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 10.30am–4pm * £2

East Riddlesden Hall Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 9.30am–4.30pm * £2

Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 11am–4pm * £2.50

Goddards House & Garden Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 10.30am–5pm * £1.50

Hardcastle Crag Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 11am–3pm £2

Marsden Moor Friday 19–Saturday 20 April, 10am–3pm £2

Nostell Monday 15–Monday 22 April, 10am–3pm * £2.50

Nunnington Hall Saturday 13–Sunday 28 April, 10.30am–5pm * £2.50

Ormesby Hall Sunday 7–Monday 22 April, 11am–4pm * £2

Rievaulx Terrace Saturday 13–Sunday 28 April, 10am–5pm * £2.50

Treasurer's House Saturday 13–Monday 22 April, 11am–4pm * £2

Yorkshire Coast, Ravenscar Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 10am–4pm £2

Yorkshire Coast, Robin Hood's Bay Friday 19–Sunday 21 April, 10am–4pm £2

Yorkshire Dales, Hudswell Woods Saturday 20 April, 10.30am–2.30pm (last entry 1pm) £2

Tuesday 14 May

Beningbrough Hall, Gallery & Gardens (until 17 May)

And...relax!

11.30am–4pm

Looking for some time out? Lose yourself in creativity with a sketchbook tour, explore what digital technology has to offer a budding artist or join a short talk about the exhibition.*

Marsden Moor

Guided walk: meet the lambs

6.30–8.30pm

Bring all the family on this 2.5 mile walk to meet the lambs you see on the moors and learn about how the orphan lambs are looked after. Sorry, no dogs. Meet at Marsden railway station. **Free**

Friday 17 May

Nostell

Nostell Nights

6–9pm

Try something a little different for your Friday night, for adults only. Explore after hours and help us celebrate the influential designer and furniture maker, Thomas Chippendale.*

Sunday 19 May

Marsden Moor

Spring plant fair

10.30am–3pm

Enjoy browsing through a large selection of home grown plants for sale, along with local produce to buy and information stalls. In the Old Goods Yard car park. **Free**

Saturday 25 May

Beningbrough Hall, Gallery & Gardens (until 2 June)

Play week

10.30am–5pm

Come out and play with explorer backpacks, activities to try out and the wilderness play area to adventure in. Who can build the best den and what really does live in a pond?* **50**

Goddards House & Garden (until 2 June, closed Tuesday)

Home for the holidays

10.30am–5pm

Compare your school holidays to the Terry children; play games inside and out, from 1920s pinball called Bagatelle to garden games like clock golf, tennis, bowls and croquet.*

Hardcastle Crag

Guided walk: bluebell walk

10am–2pm

See the spectacular sea of bluebells at Hardcastle Crag on this moderate 5 mile amble. Meet at Midgehole Road car park. **Free**

East Riddlesden Hall (until 2 June, closed Friday)

Get out and get active

10.30am–4.30pm

Get your hands dirty hunting for bugs or making mud pies, or test out your balancing skills. There'll also be traditional gingerbread and butter making on selected days.* £ **50**

Nunnington Hall (until 26 May)

Nature Fest

11am–4pm

Get hands on with bird box making and bug hunting, and get closer to nature with Lion Learners animal encounters.* **50**

Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal (until 3 June)

Inspired by nature

10am–5pm

Take part in a nature scavenger hunt, paint with goodies from the garden and join a guide to discover creatures great and small around the site.* **50**

Sunday 26 May

Yorkshire Coast, Ravenscar

Geocaching taster day

10.30am–2pm

A treasure hunt challenge for all ages, celebrating 50 years of the Cleveland Way. Hire a GPS unit to search for hidden boxes and clues on a 1.5–2mile trail. £5 per unit (£20 deposit plus proof of ID) **50**

Hardcastle Crag

Guided walk: dawn chorus

4–7am

Set your alarm clocks and join our local bird expert on a 4 mile walk to witness nature waking up. £7 incl. a hot drink and light breakfast **BE**

Yorkshire Dales, Malham Tarn

Birdsong walk

8–10.30am

Join our ranger for a guided walk on the National Nature Reserve to find out how to recognise birds and their songs. Adult £5, child £3.50 **BE**

Ormesby Hall (until 2 June)

A bug's discovery

11am–4pm

Discover what bugs slither and crawl through the gardens on the bug discovery trail, and see what mischief they get up to inside the house. Help to build bug habitats and mini versions to take home.* **50**

Ormesby Hall (also 27 May)

Wildlife explorer days

11am–3pm

Join us in the garden for some wildlife-themed activities and meet some cuddly and creepy animals from Kirkleatham Owl Centre.*

Monday 27 May

Hardcastle Crag (until 31 May)

May half-term woodland adventures

12 noon–3pm

Join us for changing activities all week: make mini rafts, build dens, cook on a campfire, become a ranger for a day or try pond dipping. **Free** (but £ **BE** for campfire activity) **50**

Nunnington Hall (until 2 June)

Nature @ Nunnington

12 noon–3pm

Join in with a nature-inspired week of activities, including a 'nurture and grow' garden trail, critter crafts and nature natter.*

Nostell (until 31 May)

May half term

11am–3pm

Build a den on Monday, go meadow bug hunting on Tuesday, hop on a bike on Wednesday, get creative in *Dovetail*, *Biscuit*, *Splat* workshops on Thursday and Friday.* **50**

Wednesday 29 May

Yorkshire Dales, Upper Wharfedale
Den building and geocaching

11am–2.30pm

Join us on a digital treasure hunt in Buckden and then build a den to hide in. £5 **BE** **50**



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Notes

Events are correct at the time of going to print.

Key:

* – normal admission charges apply

£ – small charge for some activities

50 – 50 things to do before you're

11¾ activities

BE – booking essential through the property

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(booking fee applies)

Getting in touch

To find out more, please visit nationaltrust.org.uk/north-east or nationaltrust.org.uk/yorkshire or call our places on the numbers below.

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Cherryburn & George Stephenson's Birthplace 01661 843276

Cragside 01669 622033

Durham Coast 01723 870423

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