



National Trust

Events and activities for spring 2019  
The Lakes | Cheshire, Lancashire & Merseyside

# What's on

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## The Lakes

### Look out for...

#### Wordsworth House & Garden

**This Land is Our Land**  
9 March–8 September

The Lake District has been shaped by thousands of years of human activity and isn't 'natural' or static – it's a living landscape. It's always been a place where tensions about land use, human experience, inspiration and expectations of nature have been played out. The recent award of World Heritage Site status has reignited debates about how England's most prized mountain landscape should best be cared for. At Wordsworth House and Garden, birthplace and childhood home of poet William Wordsworth, multiple – often contradictory – voices share their passion for the area and thoughts on its future.

*This Land is Our Land*  
Saturday–Thursday,  
9 March–8 September  
11am–4pm

An exhibition exploring nature's power to shape us and the impact we, in turn, have on the environment. Contributors include writers Robert Macfarlane, Sarah Hall, Hunter Davis and George Monbiot, artist Julian Heaton Cooper and others living and working in the Lakes.\*

*Become a rock artist*  
Monday 1, 8, 15 & 22 April, 27 May  
11.30am–3.30pm

Follow in the footsteps of the land's earliest inhabitants and decorate a pebble to tell a personal story.\* **50**

*Become a natural artist*  
Wednesday 3, 10 & 17 April, 29 May  
11.30am–3.30pm

Let nature awaken your creativity and make a piece of wild art from found objects or create a poem out of stones.\* **50**

*Singing the people's landscape*  
Saturday 6 April, 7.30pm

Join us for a raucous night out with folk band Tryckster. Listen to traditional tunes overdriven with fiery rhythms and original songs born of the Cumbrian landscape. **£15** incl. glass of wine **BE**

*Managing a living landscape*  
Thursday 11 April  
7.30pm

National Trust General Manager Tom Burditt talks about the opportunities and challenges of looking after the Lakeland landscape. **£5** incl. coffee and cake **BE**

*The Lakes: a global landscape*  
Thursday 16 May  
7.30pm

National Trust Archaeologist Jamie Lund unearths the human legacy of the Lakeland landscape and its international significance. **£5** incl. coffee and cake **BE**

*Buttermere lakeshore*  
Sing in the Cumbrian landscape  
Monday 6 May, 2pm

Singer and composer Dave Camlin invites you to a May Day community sing to celebrate this radical northern landscape. No experience necessary, all abilities welcome – come and sing your heart out! **Free**



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### Regular events & exhibitions

Daily from 16 February  
**Beatrix Potter Gallery**  
*Telling Tales* exhibition  
10.30am–4pm  
Featuring original artwork from some of Beatrix Potter's most popular 'little white books', 'Telling Tales' looks at why, over 100 years after the publication of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, her delightful characters still resonate with so many of us today.\*

Daily from 16 February  
**Hill Top**  
*Samuel Whiskers' children's trail*  
10am–4pm  
Make your way around Beatrix Potter's farmhouse and see if you spot Samuel Whiskers' family who have come to visit.\*

Tuesday–Sunday from 16 March  
**Sizergh**  
*Cecilia's story: a life in letters*  
12 noon–3.30pm  
Uncover the story of one of Sizergh's influential 18th-century residents, Cecilia Strickland, as her experiences of love, loss and hope are brought to life in an exhibition inspired by her own words.\*

Every Tuesday from 12 February  
**Sticklebarn**  
*Adventure films*  
7pm  
Head to Sticklebarn for high-adrenaline movies on the big screen upstairs. **Free**

Every Tuesday in April  
**Fell Foot**  
*Pizza nights*  
5–7pm  
Make Tuesdays great again with pizza for the whole family on the lakeshore. **£**

Wednesday 13, 20 & 27 March, 24 April, 1, 8, 15 & 22 May  
**Wordsworth House & Garden**  
*Undressing the Wordsworths*  
11.30am  
From louse-filled bigwigs to loose women, join the 'maid' as she strips back the layers to reveal how Georgians dressed and cared for themselves.\*

Every Thursday from 21 March  
**Townend**  
*Taste of Townend*  
1.30–4pm  
The Brownes' family cookbook is full of great recipes, from meaty mince pies and macaroons to 17<sup>th</sup>-century medicines. We'll be cooking all afternoon to recreate some of them.\*

Thursday 4, 11 & 18 April plus Friday 19 April  
**Wordsworth House & Garden**  
*Spooky stories by the fire*  
11.30am & 2.30pm  
Join the 'servants' by the kitchen fire to hear some of the ghostly tales William and Dorothy Wordsworth might have enjoyed. Age 7+.\*

Every Friday from 22 February  
**Beatrix Potter Gallery**  
*Conservation in action*  
1–3pm  
Chat to our conservation team and find out how we care for the little treasures Beatrix enjoyed collecting throughout her life.\*

Every closed Friday from 1 March  
**Hill Top**  
*Hill Top exclusive tour*  
2–3pm  
Experience Beatrix Potter's beloved home, Hill Top, out of hours and get up close to items from the collection. **£15 BE**

Saturday 9, 16 & 23 March, 27 April, 4, 11 & 18 May  
**Wordsworth House & Garden**  
*How green was my Georgian?*  
11.30am  
In the Wordsworths' time, everything from leftover food to teeth and hair was recycled. Find out from the 'maid' if we could learn some useful lessons today.\*

Every Sunday from 10 February  
**Sticklebarn**  
*Quiz night*  
8pm  
Get your thinking caps on for the weekly pub quiz – the winning team takes home the kitty. **£1**

Every Sunday from 10 March plus Saturday 30 March, 6, 13 & 20 April, 25 May, 1 June  
**Wordsworth House & Garden**  
*Pastimes from the past*  
11am–4pm  
Think outside the Xbox and try your hand at some of the indoor and outdoor games William and Dorothy Wordsworth would have enjoyed.\*

Every weekend 2–24 March  
**Wray Castle**  
*Sky of birds and paper meadow*  
10am–4pm  
To celebrate the arrival of spring, help us create a sky of birds and paper meadow in the former Drawing Room.\*

Every weekend from 30 March  
**Steam Yacht Gondola**  
*Walkers cruises*  
11–11.45am or 11.55am  
Cruise to Lake Bank jetty (45 mins) for walks at the southern end of Coniston Water or Parkmoor jetty (55 mins) for the east shore. Adult **£12/£15**, family **£26/£35**



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## January

### Sunday 27 January

**Footprint** (also 3 April, 15 May)  
*Rustic bench making*  
9am–6pm  
Make a rustic greenwood bench or stool using hand tools. Book via Woodmatters, tel: 07702 256425 or email: garethandro@woodmatters.org.uk **£95** incl. materials **BE**

## February

### Saturday 2 February

**Footprint** (also 27 March, 8 May)  
*Spoon carving*  
9am–5pm  
Use traditional greenwood techniques to carve at least one spoon. Book via Woodmatters, tel: 07702 256425 or email: garethandro@woodmatters.org.uk **£65** incl. materials **BE**

### Saturday 9 February

**Sticklebarn** (until 17 February)  
*The best of 2019 at Sticklebarn*  
11am–9pm, see website for details  
Get a taster of some of the best things Sticklebarn will have to offer throughout 2019, including live music, local ales and seasonal food. **Free**

### Wednesday 13 February

**Allan Bank**  
*Valentine's printmaking workshop*  
10.30am–12.30pm & 1.30–3.30pm  
Drop in for a fun printmaking workshop with local artist Karen Lester. Create designs inspired by Valentine's Day to print onto card using simple press printing techniques.\* **£6**

### Thursday 14 February

**Sticklebarn**  
*Valentine's Day at Sticklebarn*  
7pm  
Enjoy a romantic Valentine's evening below the mountains with an evening of great food, drinks and live music from Miranda Sykes. **£25**

### Saturday 16 February

**Wray Castle** (until 24 February)  
*The great Wray Castle drawing challenge*  
10am–5pm  
Dramatic views, gothic details and natural wonders – there's lots to sketch, as the young Beatrix Potter found. Can you complete all of the drawing challenges?\*

### Friday 22 February

**Sizergh** (also 23 February, 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 & 16 March)  
*Hawfinch watch*  
8am  
Wrap up warm, keep your eyes and ears peeled, and challenge yourself to spot this elusive bird in the beautiful surroundings of Sizergh.\*

## Saturday 30 March

**Wray Castle** (until 28 April)  
*Birds of Wray Castle quest*  
10am–5pm  
Imagine yourself in the feathers of one of the resident birds, and explore what life's like for each of them around the grounds.\*

**Acorn Bank** (until 22 April)  
*Spring trail*  
11am–3pm

Explore Acorn Bank with our new springtime trail. Adventure around the wood and discover the wildlife that call it home.\* **£2**

## Sunday 31 March

**Wray Castle**  
*Mother's Day spring crafts*  
10am–4pm

Inspired by springtime around Wray Castle, make a fascinator or mask for the important ladies of the day.\*

## April

### Wednesday 10 April

**Derwent Water** (also 30 May)  
*Derwent Island House open day*  
10.15am–2.30pm

Paddle a canoe across Derwent Water to enjoy a guided tour of the Georgian house and gardens, and see the lake from a different perspective. Adult **£14.25**, child **£4**, family **£28.50** **BE**

### Friday 19 April

**Sticklebarn** (until 22 April)  
*Pace egg racing*  
12 noon & 3pm

This old British tradition is coming to Sticklebarn over Easter – have a go at racing a pace egg to claim the winner's prize. **Free**

## Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

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

**Allan Bank** Friday 19 April, 10.30am–4pm \* **£2.50**

**Beatrix Potter Gallery** Saturday 13–Sunday 28 April, 10.30am–4pm \* **£2**

**Buttermere** Friday 19 April, 11am–2.30pm **£2.50**

**Derwent Water** Monday 22 April, 11am–2.30pm **£2.50**

**Ennerdale** Sunday 21 April, 11am–2.30pm **£2.50**

**Fell Foot** Sunday 21 April, 11am–3pm **£2**

**Hill Top** Saturday 13–Sunday 28 April, 10am–4pm \* **£2**

**Sizergh** Monday 22 April, 10am–4pm \* **£2**

**Steam Yacht Gondola** Friday 19–Monday 22 April, see website for timetable

**Normal fares apply, donation for trail**

**Tarn Hows** Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 10.30am–3pm **£2**

**Townend** Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 1–4pm \* **£2**

**Whitehaven Coast** Saturday 20 April, 11am–2.30pm **£2.50**

**Wordsworth House & Garden** Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 11am–4pm \* **£2**

**Wray Castle** Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 10am–4pm \* **£2.50**

## Saturday 18 May

**Keswick** (until 19 May)  
*Keswick Mountain Festival*  
11am–10pm

A festival of running, cycling and swimming, plus films, talks and a cracking live music stage, with Cat Bells and Skiddaw as a backdrop. Sign up to raise funds for clean mountain rivers as the event supports our Riverlands campaign. **£**

## Saturday 25 May

**Footprint** (until 27 May, also 28–30 May)  
*Woodland explorer camp*  
9.30am–4.30pm

Three unforgettable days for 8–14 year olds. Live wild in the woods, sleeping under the stars in a shelter you've built, using bushcraft, tracking animals, playing woodland games and lighting fires. Book via Woodmatters, tel: 07702 256425 or email: garethandro@woodmatters.org.uk **£175** (**£160** for additional siblings) **BE**

**Wray Castle** (until 2 June)

*Wild about Wray activity challenge*  
10am–5pm

Does your family have what it takes to complete all the activities, from musical trees to the bog of doom?\*

## Monday 27 May

**Allan Bank**  
*Spring needle felting workshop*  
10.30am–4pm (drop-in sessions, 30–60mins per class)

Create your own needle-felted greeting card using Herdwick and Merino wool, with guidance from artist Kathryn Thompson.\* **£5**

## Wednesday 29 May

**Keswick**  
*Force Crag Mine open day*  
10.30am–3pm

Join a guided tour of the processing mill and discover the story of the last mineral mine to be worked in the Lake District. **£6**

## Thursday 30 May

**Wordsworth House & Garden** (until 31 May)  
*Walk on the wild side*  
11.30am & 2.30pm

Join a costumed servant on a fun, family garden tour to taste flowers, touch bugs and discover how to turn your own outside space into a wildlife haven.\* **£0**

**Acorn Bank**

*Newtopia*  
11am–3pm

Join us for a fascinating look into the wonderful world of newts. We'll be in the sunken garden chatting through all things newt and doing newt related crafts.\*

## Saturday 18 May

**Fell Foot** (until 19 May)  
*Fell Foot Outdoor Festival*  
10am–4pm

Celebrate the outdoors and get active at our second outdoor festival – you could try sailing, rowing, yoga, Nordic walking, wild swimming and much more.



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## Monday 29 April

**Footprint** (8 week course until 17 June)  
*Drawn to nature: sculpture*  
10am–12.30pm

Discover the creative possibilities of making art and craft in the natural environment, using natural materials such as willow, wool, feathers and clay. Book via kate.lund@breweryarts.co.uk **£140** **BE**

## May

### Thursday 2 May

**Footprint** (until 3 May)  
*Explore what matters camp*  
1pm Thursday–4pm Friday

Take some time out from your busy life, disconnect from technology and reconnect with nature on this two day camp; create woodland craft projects, share conversations and explore what matters to you. Book via scotty@explorewhatmatters.com **£195** incl. all meals **BE**

### Friday 10 May

**Steam Yacht Gondola** (also 7 June)  
*Grand Victorian circular tour*  
10.15am–5pm

Accompanied by a guide, you'll retrace the steps of Victorian and Edwardian tourists on an adaptation of one of the original Furness Railway grand tours of the Lake District. In partnership with Windermere Lake Cruises, Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway and Mountain Goat Tours. **£75** incl. entry to all attractions and lunch at Claife **BE**

### Friday 17 May

**Allan Bank**  
*Talk: an introduction to the Keswick School of Industrial Arts*  
11am, 12 noon, 1pm & 2pm

Dr Alwyn Turner will show a large collection of Keswick School of Industrial Arts artefacts to illustrate a 15 minute introductory talk.\*

## Saturday 18 May

**Fell Foot** (until 19 May)  
*Fell Foot Outdoor Festival*  
10am–4pm

Celebrate the outdoors and get active at our second outdoor festival – you could try sailing, rowing, yoga, Nordic walking, wild swimming and much more.



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## Look out for...



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## Quarry Bank

### Rights of the Child

From 6 April

This year, it's 200 years since the Peterloo Massacre, a key moment in British history when working people marched to demand a voice and were cut down. In the aftermath of the massacre, there was increased demand for representation and opportunity, particularly for children. 'Rights of the Child' explores the experiences of the hundreds of children who worked at Quarry Bank, on the front line of the Industrial Revolution.

### Rights of the Child

6 April–29 September

*During normal opening times*

In a new exhibition, we're exploring what the Peterloo Massacre meant to the people who were there at the time and it's significance today. The exhibition will focus on the children who lived and worked at Quarry Bank, and the changes to their rights between 1784 and the present day. It'll also feature new protest banners created by banner maker Ed Hall with help from local community groups and schools.\*

### Spring holidays: right to play

6–18 April

11am–4pm

In the past children at Quarry Bank didn't always have the right to play. This spring holiday we're playing in the great outdoors and finding out why play matters. Join in with nature-themed adventures in the garden and woods.\*



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## Dunham Massey

### Green Guardians

1 March–9 June

This spring we're celebrating nature and those who look after it, with events and activities exploring the great outdoors and the plants and animals who call it home.

### Faces of Change: Nature's Champions

Saturday–Wednesday, 23 March–9 June

11am–5pm (last entry 4pm)

Discover portraits from the National Portrait Gallery collection in the house. From David Attenborough and Beatrix Potter to Vivienne Westwood and Joe Strummer, see portraits of people who've shaped the way we think or feel about green spaces and nature today.\*

### Percy the Park Keeper's spring trail

1 March–9 June

10.30am–4pm

Join Percy the Park Keeper and his woodland friends on the first of four seasonal activity trails across the year. Look out for other Percy inspired events too!\*

**Special guided walks**  
*Every first Saturday*  
11am–1pm  
Join one of these special guided walks on the estate – there's a different theme each month.\*

## Regular events & exhibitions

Daily until 15 February

**Speke Hall**

*Winter outdoor trail*

10.30am–3.30pm

The Hall's wrapped up for winter but there's still plenty to explore. Whether you're 6 or 60, bring your wellies and go for a great winter walk with our self-guided map.\*

Daily until 28 July

**Speke Hall**

*Trust New Art: The Bell Tree*

10.30am–4pm

Step into a magical environment and experience award-winning artist Serena Korda's sculptural sound installation, inspired by the fascinating story of hidden rebellions at Speke Hall.\* **£**

Daily from 23 March

**Lyme**

*The Last Words*

10.30am–5pm

Inspired by *The Last Words: A Spell Book* by Robert MacFarlane and Jackie Morris, discover a new trail to seek, find and speak words from the natural world that are disappearing from children's vocabulary.\*

Wednesday–Sunday from 30 March

**Little Moreton Hall**

*The other side of the hall*

11am–4.30pm

Explore inside the original staff accommodation, where a set of rooms never seen before are revealed. Find out more about the modern inhabitants of Little Moreton, their work for the National Trust and what it's like to live in a wonky Tudor mansion house.\*

Wednesday–Saturday from 13 March

**The Hardmans' House**

*Pet Portraits exhibition*

11am–3.30pm

Discover the photographic images of pets taken by Edward Chamberé Hardman in his studio at Rodney Street, Liverpool. Often posed with props, these playful images of cats and dogs capture the affection mid-century pet owners had for their four-legged companions.\*

Wednesday–Saturday from 13 March

**The Hardmans' House**

*Capturing Chamberé Hardman*

11am–3.30pm

Explore a new exhibition that delves into the archives to uncover different aspects of Hardman's legacy and reveal the recently developed film rolls which were tucked away in the house for over 40 years! After careful conservation and development, the photographs can now be seen for the very first time.\*

Wednesday–Sunday from 30 March

**Little Moreton Hall**

*Get your body Tudor ready*

11am–4.30pm

Throughout the year, discover Tudor attitudes to health and food with a different activity each month, from making butter in a churn to making a Tudor pinch pot to keep your remedies in. Explore the way in which the Tudors looked after their health and wellbeing, and get your body Tudor ready!\*

Daily from 25 May

**Hare Hill**

*Wind in the Willows trail*

11am–4pm

Follow the adventures of Ratty, Mole, Toad and Badger this summer at Hare Hill. 111 years ago, twin brothers Charles and Patrick Brocklehurst might have re-enacted the tales as they played in their gardens at Hare Hill, and we're inviting you to follow in their footsteps with an interactive, illustrated *Wind in the Willows* trail.\* **£1**



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Every fourth Monday (except Bank Holidays)

**Hare Hill**

*Walk with the experts*

2–3.30pm

Enjoy an informative seasonal tour with one of our gardeners or rangers.\*

Every first Saturday

**Quarry Bank**

*Make and take*

1–3pm

Give us a helping hand at making sessions where you can make one for Quarry Bank and one for you. Make something different every month, from creative crafts to fat cakes for garden birds.\*

Every second Saturday

**Quarry Bank**

*Baby and toddler storytelling and play*

9.30–10.15am, 10.15–11am, 11–11.45am

Bring your little ones to Quarry Bank for a special storytelling and play session just for them. **£** **BE**

Every fourth Saturday from 23 February

**Quarry Bank**

*Have a go: nature explorers*

1–3pm

Head outdoors and try your hand at pond dipping, wild art and lots of other nature adventures every month! **£0**

Every fourth Sunday

**Speke Hall**

*Trust10*

9–10.45am

Trust10 is a free monthly trail run open to both members and non-members. Try the 5k or 10k route and take on a fresh running challenge in a beautiful landscape. **Free**

Weekends in May

**Dunham Massey**

*Music in the garden*

12 noon–4pm

Spread out your picnic blanket, pop the Prosecco and let the music carry you away.\*

## February

### Saturday 2 February

**Tatton Park** (until 3 February)

*The Wedding Show*

10am–5pm

Plan your perfect day at the North's premier bridal exhibition. There'll be more than 150 of the region's finest wedding suppliers, choreographed catwalk shows, live music, a dressed marquee showcase and a Champagne bar. Book via www.bridetheweddingshow.co.uk **£10** (**£15** on the day)

### Saturday 9 February

**Dunham Massey** (until 24 February)

*Winter woolies bird feeder*

12 noon–3pm

Follow the knitted trail then make your own bird feeder to take home.\*

### Tuesday 12 February

**Tatton Park**





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## Easter Holidays

### April

#### Monday 1 April

**Dunham Massey** (various dates until 28 April)  
*Percy the Park Keeper storytelling*  
12 noon–3pm  
Hear stories about nature, Percy and his woodland friends, and have a go at making up your own stories.\*

#### Saturday 6 April

**Speke Hall** (until 19 April)  
*Easter holidays family fun*  
10.30am–4pm  
Explore the grounds of Speke Hall through an interactive nature trail. Spot signs of spring and discover some of Speke's hidden secrets.\*

**Tatton Park** (until 14 April, closed 8 April)  
*Lambing week at the farm*  
12 noon–5pm

Say hello to newborn lambs and learn lots about lambing at our regular 'meet the sheep' talks. You may even catch a glimpse of lambs being born!\*

#### Thursday 11 April

**Tatton Park**  
*Secrets of the lambing shed*  
10am–12 noon  
Join our resident sheep expert Elly Edwards to discover the secrets of a successful lambing period and the signs of early labour in sheep. Meet our ewes and lambs and help out during one of our favourite times on the farm. **£15 BE**

#### Wednesday 17 April

**Gawthorpe Hall**  
*Pace egging*  
1–4pm  
Get involved in the Lancashire tradition of decorating and rolling eggs. Bring a boiled egg to decorate and then roll. **£2.50** per child, booking recommended.

#### Sunday 21 April

**Gawthorpe Hall** (until 22 April)  
*Easter Bunny trail*  
1–4pm  
Hunt for the Pendelfin bunnies round the grounds of the Hall. **£2.50**

## Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

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

**Dunham Massey** Monday 1–Sunday 28 April, 11am–4pm \* **£2.50**

**Hare Hill** Saturday 6–Monday 22 April, 10.30am–4pm \* **£2.50**

**Little Moreton Hall** Saturday 6–Sunday 28 April, 11am–4pm \* **£2.50**

**Lyme** Saturday 6–Sunday 28 April, 10.30am–5pm \* **£2**

**Quarry Bank** Friday 19 April–Monday 22 April, 10.30am–4pm \* **£2.50**

**Rufford Old Hall** Friday 19–Monday 22 April, 11am–4pm \* **£2.50**

**Speke Hall** Friday 19 April–Monday 22 April, 10.30am–4pm \* **£2.50**

**The Hardmans' House** Saturday 13–Saturday 27 April, 11am–3.30pm \* **£2.50 BE**

#### Sunday 21 April

**Alderley Edge** (also 5 & 26 May)  
*Guided walk*  
2pm  
Discover the history and legends of Alderley Edge as you explore with our local walks guides. **Free**

#### Tuesday 23 April

**Dunham Massey** (until 26 April)  
*Tulip tours*  
11.15am & 2.15pm  
Join our expert team of garden tour guides for a walk around the garden to discover the many new varieties of tulip on show this year.\*

#### Saturday 27 April

**Lyme** (also 25 May)  
*Pemberley walk*  
11.30am  
Discover the locations used during the making of the BBC's adaption of *Pride and Prejudice*, including Mr Darcy's famous pond, on a 1.5 mile walk round the garden and grounds.\*

## May

#### Saturday 4 May

**Lyme** (until 5 May)  
*Regency military weekend*  
10.30am–5pm  
Experience life in a Regency military camp, with costumed re-enactors the 33<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot. See live demonstrations and displays, including marches and surgical procedures.\*

**Little Moreton Hall** (until 6 May)  
*May Day celebrations*  
11am–4.30pm  
Discover the smells, sights and sounds of May Day, with springtime activities and Tudor maypole dancing.\*

**Speke Hall** (until 6 May)  
*Tudor May Day*  
10.30am–4pm  
Join us for a Tudor celebration of spring, with living history, food fit for a Tudor king and Tudor activities and demonstrations.\* **£**

#### Sunday 5 May

**Gawthorpe Hall**  
*Explore the Victorian kitchen*  
12 noon–4pm  
Use the spiral staircase to get to the kitchen, meet the housekeeper, find out about how the servants lived and worked, and have a go at writing out a menu with a quill pen.\*

#### Saturday 11 May

**Lyme** (until 12 May)  
*Dawn chorus walk*  
5.30–8am  
Join the rangers for an early morning walk to hear some of Lyme's more vocal residents.\* **£12.50** incl. breakfast **BE**

#### Monday 13 May

**Hare Hill** (until 17 May)  
*History and highlights*  
From 11am  
Join one of the team for a themed walk around the garden and estate.\*

#### Sunday 19 May

**Tatton Park**  
*An introduction to beekeeping*  
10am–3.30pm  
Get an overview of beekeeping with a presentation about honeybees, followed by a practical demonstration where we'll open a hive and take a look inside. Get up close to the bees, sample honey and make a beeswax candle to take home. **£25 BE**

#### Saturday 25 May

**Speke Hall** (until 9 June)  
*Tudor fun at Speke Hall*  
10.30am–4pm  
Step back in time this half term and explore the world of the Tudors. Solve the secrets of the outdoor trail, try your hand at Tudor crafts and hear some terrific tales.\*

**Little Moreton Hall** (until 2 June)  
*The Cheesy Tudors*  
11am–4.30pm  
Help us battle stinky smells to keep the dairy fresh. Have a go at churning butter and making cheese. It's not as easy as you think!\*

#### Tuesday 28 May

**Rufford Old Hall**  
*Plant it, grow it, see it*  
1–3pm  
Join the garden team to plant some seeds to take home and watch them grow.\* **50**

#### Thursday 30 May

**Rufford Old Hall**  
*Kite making*  
1–3pm  
Make a kite and fly it in the paddock.\* **£2 50**

#### Friday 31 May

**Rufford Old Hall** (until 1 June)  
*Walk barefoot*  
12 noon–4pm  
Kick off your shoes and try the sensory trail in the paddock.\* **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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NT – Trust New Art commission, supported using public funding by Arts Council England

## Getting in touch

To find out more, please visit [nationaltrust.org.uk/north-west](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/north-west) or call our places on the numbers below.

**Acorn Bank** 017683 61893

**Aira Force** 017684 82067

**Alderley Edge** 01625 584412

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