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People's Landscapes in the South West

This summer, two new artworks will reflect and respond to the stories of people in two unique places in the South West: the Tolpuddle Martyrs' tree and the Tin Coast.

Tolpuddle Martyrs' Tree and memorial green



©National Trust Images/Andrew Butler

Bob and Roberta Smith



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'Paint Freedom' in Dorset

The National Trust cares for the 320-year-old sycamore tree in the village of Tolpuddle, which is recognised as the symbolic birthplace of the Trades Union movement.

The Tolpuddle Martyrs met under the tree to discuss their poor wages and living conditions, and in 1834 were arrested and subsequently convicted for swearing a secret oath as part of the formation of a union.

We've commissioned the British contemporary artist Bob and Roberta Smith, who will be reflecting on the

history of the tree and the Martyrs, and the themes of justice, freedom and rights, through a piece of work titled *Paint Freedom*.

Of the artwork Bob says 'Trees are amazing things, they are symbols of life and this tree has been around for many years in Tolpuddle. So my idea was to invite people to paint their

version of the tree on a placard, and to use these to create a 'forest of trees'. The placards will also feature portraits of people who we think might have a similar fate to the Tolpuddle Martyrs.'

You can read more about Bob's participatory work, and others in the national programme, in your Magazine.

Paint Freedom is part of a series of activities, including walks and family events, taking place in the area throughout the summer. Find out more at nationaltrust.org.uk/tolpuddle

Botallack on the Tin Coast



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Callum Mitchell

'Gorthwedh: contrasts of the Tin Coast'

Set within the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site, the Tin Coast 'Gorthwedh' (meaning 'contrast' in the Cornish language, and pronounced gorse-weth) is a project that will be reflecting on the area's industrial past, its social changes and its meaning to residents and visitors today.

Callum Mitchell, a Cornish-born artist, will be working with the National Trust team on the Tin Coast, Falmouth University BA (Hons) Architecture students and other local artists.

The work will pose the question 'why is this place special to you?' and will include the creation of temporary structures on the landscape that will tell the stories as they start to take shape.

Of the commission Callum says: 'The themes, challenges and potential of the project are all very appealing to me and I'm confident that together we can create something that is innovative and engaging, as well as being representative of the local community.'

Gorthwedh is part of a series of events happening on the Tin Coast in summer and beyond. For more information and updates to this project, head to nationaltrust.org.uk/tin-coast

Wood, fashion and 100 years of the Forestry Commission

'Tree of Life' is the new fashion exhibition upstairs in Killerton House, Devon, celebrating Killerton's link to the founding of the Forestry Commission in 1919.

MP Francis Acland, whose family owned the Killerton estate, was instrumental in the creation of the Forestry Commission a hundred years ago.

The exhibition – revealing fabulous pieces from the National Trust's largest fashion collection – demonstrates how materials processed from various species of trees can be used to make fibre, cloth, dyes, paper, footwear and headgear.

It includes examples of clothing made from these materials, as well as decorative pieces patterned with motifs inspired by seasonal trees, leaves, blossom and fruit.

The story of Francis Acland's role in the Forestry Commission continues on the ground floor of Killerton House with another new exhibition: 'Seeing the wood and the trees.' This exhibition looks at what happened in 1919 when the Forestry Commission was founded and how the National Trust team at Killerton today is working to look after woodlands and trees on the estate for the future.

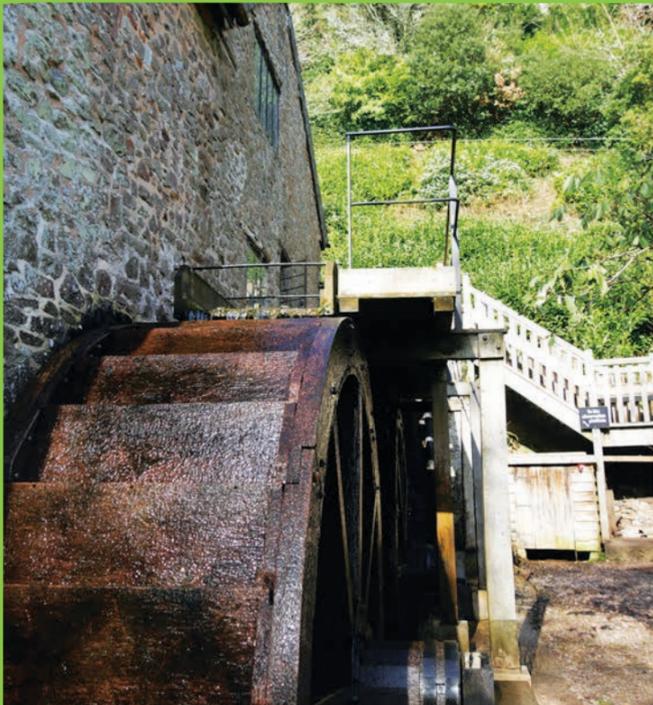
For more information visit: nationaltrust.org.uk/killerton



Charlotte Eddington, Assistant to the Costume Curator at Killerton, putting the final touches to a piece from the 'Resonance' collection by eco-fashion designer José Hendo.

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Ancient grain for new flour at Dunster Mill



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They're grinding spelt at Dunster Watermill in Somerset. Following requests from visitors for spelt flour Stephen Hayes, who is the Mill Operations Manager, decided to start working with the ancient grain which is popular due to its distinctive nutty flavour.

The mill at Dunster Castle already produces 10 tonnes of wholewheat flour each year, on a site with a tradition of milling dating back at least to the Domesday Book of 1086.

It's a rare example of a working 18th-century mill with double overshot waterwheels, meaning it operates with two separate wheels allowing the mill to run one or two millstones.

You'll be able to see the mill in action on the first Wednesday of every month, and certain other dates throughout the year. The Watermill Tea-room serves bread made with this very locally produced flour, and you can buy bags of spelt and wholewheat flour from the shop.



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Early morning light at Stourhead

Floralia: a celebration at Stourhead

In ancient Rome, Floralia was a celebration in honour of Flora the goddess of flowers. At Stourhead this May and June look out for floral arrangements and Roman symbols of fertility throughout the garden, including at the Temple of Flora, above left, which was the first of three temples to be built here in 1745.

As the rhododendrons and azaleas come into bloom there's also a chance to learn more about the floral stars of the collection. Stourhead's gardeners will be leading free tours at 2pm every Tuesday and Thursday in May and June. Spaces are limited and can be booked on arrival.

The Floralia programme will run from 1 May to 30 June. Find out more at nationaltrust.org.uk/stourhead



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Events for summer 2019
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What's on



©National Trust Images/Chris Lacey



In the garden at Montacute

©National Trust Images/James Dobson



Brownsea Island

Events near you for summer 2019

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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 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



Father's Day



Outdoor theatre

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

Bath Skyline

Bath BA2 5AH

City to countryside walk

Tue 4 & 18 Jun, 2 & 16 Jul, 6 & 20 Aug & 17 Sep, 10am-2.30pm

Stretch your legs, learn about the local history and glimpse a different side to Bath, on this guided walk.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £4

Wildflower amble

Sat 6 Jul, 10am-12.30pm

To celebrate National Meadows Day, we'll be exploring the wildflower-rich Sham Castle Down with local experts.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £6

Wild Wednesdays

Every Wed, 24 Jul - 28 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm

The Woodland Play Area is the setting for adventures, exploration and creativity. There's a different theme for every Wild Wednesday during the summer holidays.

Child £2

Bat walk

Fri 13 Sep, 7-9.30pm

Join the Bath Skyline rangers and a local bat expert to explore and hear the secret world of one of Britain's rarest groups of mammals. Starting and finishing at Bushey Norwood.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Adult £8, child £5 (suitable for age 8+)

Skyline forest school

Every Mon, 16 Sep - 21 Oct, 9.45-11.30am

With art, exploring, discovering, sensory play and nature activities, there's so much for you and your toddler to do with PlayWood Forest School.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Child £48 (for a block of six weekly sessions)

Dyrham Park

Near Bath SN14 8ER

Focus on Fountain Court

Sat 1 Jun - Sun 21 Jul, 10am-4pm

Talks, costumed storytellers and a children's trail themed around the 17th-century medicinal herb garden of Fountain Court, with activities for adults on weekdays.

Sunset deer park walks

Various Tue & Thu in Jun & Jul (see web for details), 7.30-9.30pm

Enjoy a leisurely guided walk around the park as the 'golden hour' sets in; perfect for photographers.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £10

Folktales of Gloucestershire: a solstice morning ramble

Fri 21 Jun, 9-10.30am

Before the park opens on solstice morning, walk with storyteller Anthony Nanson and hear folk tales of Gloucestershire and beyond, told at viewpoints around Dyrham Park.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £15

Summer solstice evening opening

Fri 21 Jun, 10am-9.30pm

This solstice day, stay a little longer or come along after work, to see of the setting sun from the topograph view point.

The great outdoors family trail

Thu 25 Jul - Sun 1 Sep, 10am-4pm

Explore the parkland on a self-led trail, with lots of activities to tick off your '50 things' list on the way.

£1

'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Fri 2 & Sat 3 Aug, 6.30-8.45pm

Bring a chair and a picnic and spend a summer's evening watching The Lord Chamberlain's Men's enchanting, fast-paced production of one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Adult £17, child £10, family tickets available

Prior Park Landscape Garden

Bath BA2 5AH

Garden tours

Every Tue & Thu, 11.30am-1pm

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.

Nature detective trails

Daily from Sat 1 Jun, 10am-4.30pm

Pick up an activity card from reception and explore the garden. Watch the birds, make friends with a minibeast, which theme will you choose?

Heritage Open Day

Sat 21 Sep, 10am-4.30pm

Free entry for all as part of the Heritage Open Days' festival of history and culture. Look out for special short talks in the garden throughout the day.

BRISTOL

Leigh Woods

Near Bristol

World Ranger Day activities

Wed 31 Jul, 10.30-11.30am, 12 noon-1pm, 1-2pm, & 2-3pm

A selection of activities for budding rangers: practical habitat management, a butterfly survey and a veteran tree survey, for ages 10 - 16. Park at North Road entrance (BS8 3PL), follow arrows to the event.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Owls, bats and bird calls

Wed 28 & Sat 31 Aug, Tue 3 Sep, 7.30-9pm

Join wildlife expert Ed Drewitt to explore the woods by night. Learn how to detect individual species of bats, spot tawny owls and identify birds from their calls. Meeting at North Road entrance (BS8 3PL).

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Adult £10.50, child £7.50



Tyntesfield

Near Bristol BS48 1NX

Outdoor theatre on the croquet lawn 🎭

14 Jun, 7-9.30pm: 'Much Ado About Nothing' with the HandleBards.

27 Jul, 7-9.30pm: 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' with The Lord Chamberlain's Men.

16 Aug, 6.30-8.30pm: 'Alice in Wonderland' with Immersion Theatre.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Price details: see website

Seasonal food and craft markets

Sun 16 Jun, 21 Jul, 18 Aug & 15 Sep, 10am-3pm

From freshly baked bread and fine cheeses, to hand-made jewellery and ceramics, there are treats to discover from an array of local food and craft producers.

TYNTEtots 2019

Wed 19, Thu 20 Jun, Wed 17, Thu 18 Jul, Wed 18 & Thu 19 Sep, 10-11.45am & 1-2.45pm

Storytelling, crafts and games inspired by classic stories including 'Alice in Wonderland,' 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Ugly Duckling.'

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Child £8, two children £14, three children £21 (2-5 years)

Seasonal sketching tours

Sat 22 Jun, Tue 9 Jul, Sat 7 & Tue 24 Sep, 9.45am-3pm

Draw the beautiful landscapes and changing colours of Tyntesfield on these sketching tours. Gemma from Green Fox's workshops will demonstrate working with different materials and methods.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£45 (includes materials and a sandwich lunch)

Wonders of the walled garden: family workshops

Tue & Thu, 23 Jul - 29 Aug (excluding 6 & 8 Aug), 10.30am-12.30pm

Take a tour around the walled garden, make something tasty with Tyntesfield produce and have a go at planting in these hands-on sessions for families.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £3, child (5-12 years) £6 (includes cold drink)

TYNTEfest 2019: Beatrix Potter tales

Wed 7 & Thu 8 Aug, 10.30am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm

Celebrate National Playday at Tyntesfield, with storytelling, face painting, crafts and games inspired by the tales of Beatrix Potter.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Child £9 (2-5 years)

Make a Windsor chair with the Somerset Boddgers

Mon 12 - Sat 17 Aug, 10am-5pm

Make your own Windsor chair with master craftspeople, the Somerset Boddgers, using hand tools and green woodworking techniques.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£360 (includes all materials, use of tools, food, drink)

Stow High in Transit

Mon 2 Sep - Mon 28 Oct, 11am-5pm

A thought-provoking photography exhibition by Olli Hellmann. Discover the links between the 'boom and bust' of Peruvian guano and the transformation of Tyntesfield, which was built with the profits made from trading this once-valuable commodity.

DORSET

Brownsea Island

Poole Harbour

Early bird wildlife walk

Sat 1 Jun, 7.30-10am

Take a boat to the island before the public arrive and soak up the uninterrupted sounds of summer birdsong. Includes ranger-led walk, boat fare and breakfast.

Booking essential 0334 249 1895
Adult £25, child £12.50

World Ocean Week

Mon 3 - Sun 9 Jun, 10am-4pm

Celebrate our oceans during the week leading to World Ocean Day. Join marine experts and find out more about your local sea life and what you can do to protect it.

Booking essential via website
Boat fees apply

Supper and safari

Every Thu in Jun, 7-10.50pm

Supper in the harbour-fronted café, followed by a nighttime safari to meet some of the animals that appear once the sun starts to set. Recommended for adults only.

Booking essential 0334 249 1895
£35 (includes safari, dinner and boat fare)

Brownsea Open Air Theatre presents 'Richard III' 🎭

Mon, Wed & Fri, 24 Jul - 9 Aug, 7.30-10pm

An evening of traditional Shakespeare in beautiful surroundings. Bring a picnic and enjoy the island when the rest of the public has gone home.

Booking essential 07845 782924
£25 (includes boat fare)

Cinema under the stars

Fri 20 & Sat 21 Sep, 7.30-10pm

Love film, love stars, love Brownsea? Bring a picnic and enjoy some of your favourite films under the night sky. Complete your experience with an overnight stay: joint camping and cinema tickets available.

Booking essential 01202 707744
Adult from £12, child from £8

Corfe Castle

Wareham BH20 5EZ

Medieval falconry

Sat & Sun, 8 - 9, 22 - 23 & 29 - 30 Jun, 10am-5pm

Explore the period when falconry developed into a sophisticated and noble sport, with flight displays and educational talks. Birds of prey demonstrate aerial manoeuvres in and around the castle ruins.

Shakespeare at Corfe Castle 🎭

Pack a picnic and enjoy an evening of open-air theatre within the castle ruins.

Sat 13 July, 7.30-9.30pm: Illyria present 'The Tempest.'

Fri 19 Jul, 7.30-9.30pm: the Chapterhouse Theatre Company present 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £18, child £9, family £45

Medieval village

Wed 24 Jul - Mon 19 Aug, 10am-5pm

Travel back in time to the 12th century and learn some skills you'd have needed to become a noble knight. Visit and help the siege engineer constructing additional defences for the castle.

Longbow in the Middle Ages

Thu 22 - Mon 26 Aug, 10am-5pm

Visit the medieval encampment of the Wolfshead Bowmen. Witness demonstrations of combat archery displays, and have-a-go sessions.

£2 for six arrows

Cinema under the stars

Fri 23 - Sun 25 Aug, 8.45-10.30pm

Purbeck Film Festival present open-air cinema at Corfe Castle. Why not pack a picnic and experience the magic of watching a film in the castle ruins?

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £10, child £6, family £27

Summer holiday open-air theatre 🎭

Two evenings of theatre within the castle ruins, presented by Illyria; perfect for enjoying with a picnic.

Tue 27 Aug, 7-9pm: 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves.'

Fri 30 Aug, 7-9.30pm: 'Frankenstein.'

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £18, child £9, family £45

Golden Cap

Near Bridport DT6 6RA

Dorset archaeological day

Sat 1 Jun, 2-4pm

Join Archaeologist Martin Papworth on a guided walk, looking at the historic landscape around Golden Cap. Meet at Langdon Hill car park, DT6 6EP. Mixed terrain including steps.

Booking essential
bit.ly/archaeological-events
£3

Jurassic Coast boat trip from Lyme Regis

Fri 12 Jul & Mon 9 Sep, 11am-1.30pm & 2-4.30pm

A choice of two circular trips with a light commentary on all aspects of the coastline. The trips head west in the morning and east in the afternoon.

Booking essential
stuartlinecruises.co.uk
£17

Hambleton Hill

Child Okeford DT11 8HD

Late night glow worm hunt

Thu 13 & Fri 14 Jun, 9-11pm

Experience the sights and sounds of a midsummer's night on this hillfort, seeking out these enigmatic creatures. Steep climb from the meeting point to the top of the hill.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £7, child £3 (5 - 16 years)

Hardy's Cottage

Near Dorchester DT2 8QJ

Tim Laycock's tuneful stories

Fri 21 Jun & 27 Sep, 1-4pm

As a boy, Hardy was immersed in the musical and storytelling traditions of his family, inspiring storylines and scenes in his novels. Tim Laycock brings the Hardy family home to life with stories, folklore and tunes.

Introduction to garden moths

Fri 5 Jul, 9-11am

A chance to find out about garden moths, the basics of moth trapping and what equipment and books can help.

Booking essential 01305 262366
Adult £5

Biodiversity day

Fri 26 Jul, 11am-2pm

The team of volunteer ecologists explain the valuable work they do for our wildlife and share some nature highlights from Hardy's garden and orchard.

Kingston Lacy

Nr Wimborne BH21 4EA

Music on the lawns

Every Sun, 16 Jun - 14 Jul, 1.30-4pm

Enjoy an afternoon of music on the south lawns. Relax, bring a picnic or enjoy a glass of Pimms while listening to live music. Pimms, cold drinks and ice creams available to purchase.

Honey bees and hives

Thu 11 Jul, 2-3pm

Join an interactive talk with the Kingston Lacy beekeepers and discover more about honey bees and hives they look after.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£8

Summer holidays

Mon 22 Jul - Sun 1 Sep, 10am-4pm

Keep little explorers busy at Kingston Lacy, with opportunities for the whole family to relax and discover nature with '50 things' activities to try.

'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves' 🎭

Thu 25 Jul, 7-9pm

Packed with cliff-hangers, larger-than-life characters, and laughs, Illyria promise a production to keep you on the edge of your seat.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Advanced prices: adult £16, child £8, family £40

'A Midsummer Night's Dream' 🎭

Thu 1 Aug, 7-9.30pm

The Lord Chamberlain's Men perform one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies, with music and dance in the open air.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Advanced prices: adult £16, child £10

'The Legend of King Arthur' 🎭

Thu 8 Aug, 7-9pm

With inventive staging, original songs and magical storytelling, Boxtree Productions invite audiences to enjoy this classic tale of the sword in the stone.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Advanced prices: adult £16, child £8, family £40

Pollinator walks

Fri 23 Aug & Wed 18 Sep, 10-11.30am

A walking tour of the garden with a ranger, finding out about different types of pollinators and learning how your garden can give them a helping hand, followed by a Q&A and cream tea.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £12 (includes cream tea)

Max Gate

Dorchester DT1 2FN

Tea with Hardy

Wed 5 & Fri 7 Jun, Wed 18 & Fri 20 Sep, 3.45-5pm

Every day at Max Gate, Thomas Hardy had tea, often with famous friends and visitors. Tea with Hardy and a mystery historical guest will be enacted by the New Hardy Players.

Poetry at Max Gate

Wed 19 Jun, 3-4pm

A performance of 'Standing on the Shoulders of Giants' by the New Hardy Players, including poems from poets who influenced Thomas Hardy and those that he inspired.

Tim Laycock's tuneful stories

Sat 22 Jun, 1-4pm

A combination of stories, folklore and tunes, all connected to the life and works of Thomas Hardy. There will be three performances over the afternoon, starting from 1pm, each around 30 minutes.

'Far from the Madding Crowd'

Thu 27 Jun, 7.15-9.30pm

A production by the ever-popular New Hardy Players based on Thomas Hardy's well-loved novel.

Booking essential via Dorchester Arts 01305 266926

Adult £15, child (under 18) £7.50

Studland Bay

Dorchester BH19 3AQ

Wakey, wakey, paddle and breckie

Every Sat, 1 Jun - 13 Jul, 8.15-11am

A two-hour kayak trip in Studland Bay followed by a full English breakfast at Knoll Beach Café.

Booking essential via website £30

Paddleboard yoga

Every Sun, 2 Jun - 25 Aug, 9-10am & 10-11am

Take your yoga to a new level while enjoying the great feeling of floating on the water. Followed by group breakfast on the beach with the instructor.

Booking essential via website £25 (includes healthy breakfast)

Hawaii Fish-O

Every Fri, 19 Jul - 30 Aug, 5-6.30pm & 6-7.30pm

Enjoy a one-hour taster stand-up paddleboard lesson followed by fish and chips at the café.

Booking essential via website £30

Family nightjar and bat evening

Mon 5 & 26 Aug, 7.30-10.30pm

Fish, chips and ice cream followed by a walk, discovering the wonders of bats and nightjars. In conjunction with Birds of Poole Harbour.

Booking essential via website £15

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Chedworth Roman Villa

Yanworth GL54 3LJ

Father's Day gladiator arena

Sat 15 - Sun 16 Jun, 10am-4.30pm

See your dad sold as a slave to fight in the gladiator arena. Legio II Augusta, a premier Roman re-enactment group, return with exciting displays of gladiatorial fighting.

The Romans are coming

Sat 3 - Sun 4 Aug, 10am-4.30pm

Discover what life was like in ancient Rome with re-enactors, military displays and drills.

Hidcote

Near Chipping Campden GL55 6LR

Rose month

Sat 1 - Sun 30 Jun, 10am-5pm

Pick up a rose trail and learn about the top 15 roses in the garden. On Thursday afternoons there are talks on the care of roses, their history and companion planting.

Beginners tapestry weaving workshop

Sat 8 Jun, 10am-4pm

Learn how to warp up a simple wooden frame, and then make a woven sample inspired by the colours of early summer, using age-old techniques.

Booking essential 01386 438333 £50

Harvesting basket workshop

Sat 6 Jul, 10am-4pm

Join Helen Lomberg as she guides you through how to make your own harvest basket.

Booking essential 01386 438333 £50

Rachel Dein: 'Hidcote through the seasons'

Daily from Aug, 10am-5pm

Acclaimed 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 summer ranger walks

Fri 7 & 21 Jun, 5 & 19 Jul, 2, 16 & 30 Aug, 10am-12 noon

See red kites soaring overhead and sweeping views as you join our rangers for a walk off the beaten track to find farmland birds, raptors and other wildlife.

Booking essential 01451 844257 £5

Badgers and TB, nature talk and tea

Thu 20 Jun, 1.30-4.30pm

Discover the lives of badgers with Professor Richard Delahay, Wildlife Biologist from the Animal and Plant Health Agency. Includes full afternoon tea served on vintage china.

Booking essential 0344 349 1895 £29

Avian antics

Wed 10 Jul, 6.30-9.30pm

Wildlife presenter Miranda Krestovnikoff shares how to bring more wildlife into your garden with this nature talk, with unusual tips and amusing anecdotes from years of filming birds. Followed by a light meal.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £48

The Household at Lodge Park

Sat 3 - Mon 5 Aug, 11am-4pm

The Household living history group bring Lodge Park to life with games in the Great Room. Find out what life was like in the 1600s with activities and technology from the time.

Newark Park

Near Wotton-under-Edge GL12 7PZ

Butterflies, bees and blooms

Sat 1 - Sun 30 Jun, 11am-5pm

Find out which species of flowers, butterflies and bees can be found at Newark Park and the best places to spot them.

Edwardian weekend

Sat 15 - Sun 16 Jun, 11am-5pm

Meet some colourful characters who can tell you all about Newark's Edwardian past, join in the games and the conversations to learn how people lived at Newark Park 100 years ago.

'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'

Sat 6 Jul - Sun 1 Sep, 11am-5pm

The beloved artwork of Judith Kerr's children's book is on exhibition, celebrating its 50th anniversary. Complemented by a tiger-themed trail around the garden, craft sessions and storytelling.

Classic car show

Sun 14 Jul, 11am-5pm

A collection of classic cars will be on display at this annual show, organised by the 750 Car Club.

Snowhill Manor and Garden

Broadway WR12 7JU

Have a go at stone carving

Sun 2 Jun & Tue 3 Sep, 10am-5pm

Create your own stone sculpture on a one-day workshop, taught by Miranda Wakeman, professional sculptor and qualified tutor.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £70

Snowhill centenary celebration

Sat 22 - Sun 23 Jun, 11am-5pm

On 24 June 1919, Charles Wade became the owner of Snowhill Manor and began the creation of his vision. Join us as we celebrate with music, theatre, storytelling and a delicious Peace Tea.

Summer family fun at Snowhill

Sat 20 Jul - Mon 2 Sep, 11am-5pm

Follow the family trails to discover the secrets of Snowhill, get involved in some summer activities or settle down and listen to a storyteller.

Children's wand making workshop

Wed 28 & Thu 29 Aug, 11am-5pm

Create a little magic. Using a shave horse and a spoke shave you can learn greenwood working techniques to make a magic wand to take home. Booking advisable 01386 852410 £5 per one hour session (suitable for ages 5+)

Pole lathe bowl turning workshop

Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sep, 10am-4pm

Discover the traditional techniques of turning a bowl from green wood in this one-day workshop and create a bowl to take home.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £70

SOMERSET

Barrington Court

Barrington TA19 0NQ

Sow and grow

Wed 5 Jun, 11.30am-12.30pm

Learn how to grow your own food on a gardener-led 'sow and grow' session and take a memento home with you.

Booking essential 01460 241289 £2

Jazz on the lawn

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Jun, 1-3pm

Bring a picnic and settle down to enjoy the footstomping jazz tunes of the Sunset Café Stompers.

Paint a hand-cut summer wooden decoration

Sat 20 Jul - Sun 1 Sep, 11am-4pm

Choose a hand-cut wooden shape, made from lime or tulip wood in the woodcarver's studio, to decorate.

£2 - £5

Nostalgic outdoor summer sports fun

Wed 24 Jul - Sun 1 Sep, 10.30am-4.30pm

Make the most of the warmer weather with family-friendly sporty activities taking place across the estate. All good fun that will put you through your paces.

Play with clay

Every Mon, Thu & Fri, 25 Jul - 29 Aug, 10am-4pm

Get creative this summer and play with clay, with expert guidance from resident potters. Using air-drying clay, you'll be able to take your creations home with you to decorate.

£5

'Much Ado About Nothing'

Fri 16 Aug, 7-9.30pm

Settle down on the South Lawn with a picnic and rug, as Three Inch Fools perform an imaginative and vibrant musical take on Shakespeare's play.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Adult £15, child £8

Cheddar Gorge

Cheddar BS27 3QE

Top of the Gorge festival

Fri 14 - Sun 16 Jun

Outdoor activities against a beautiful backdrop; great for spending a weekend with friends, family, like-minded outdoor enthusiasts and amateur adventurers. Tickets available for campervans, camping, and day entry.

Further details and booking at nationaltrust.org.uk/cheddar-gorge

Coleridge Cottage

Nether Stowey TA5 1NQ

Garden tours

Fri 7 Jun - Fri 30 Aug, 12.30-1.30pm

Hidden behind the cottage exterior, there's a garden and wildflower meadow, with stories to tell about Samuel Taylor Coleridge. On these short tours, knowledgeable guides share these tales.

C.S.I. : Coleridge Spy Investigation

Wed 24 Jul - Sun 1 Sep, 11am-4.30pm

Crack codes in the cottage and garden in this spy-themed trail and discover whether Coleridge was an inspired poet or French spy. £1

Dunster Castle

Near Minehead TA24 6SL

Armada Alert & Redcoats and Rebels with Taunton Garrison

Sat 15 - Sun 16 Jun, 10.30am-4.30pm

A weekend of rolling skirmishes, cannon and musket displays and a living history encampment.

'The Secret Garden'

Sat 22 Jun, 7-9pm

Loved by children and adults alike, relive this tale of secrecy and curiosity, performed by Chapterhouse Theatre.

Booking essential 01643 821314 Adult £16, child £11

'Frankenstein'

Fri 19 Jul, 7-9pm

Immerse yourself in this adaptation of Mary Shelley's seminal novel in the grounds of the home of Andrew Crosse, a reclusive electrical scientist.

Booking essential illyria.co.uk/frankenstein £13, concession £10

Victorian explorers with Exmoor Zoo

Thu & Sat, 25 Jul - 31 Aug, 11am-4pm

Get up close to a variety of animals, big bugs and creepy crawlies, and learn all about the Victorian age of exploration.

'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Wed 31 Jul, 7-9pm

Bring a chair and a picnic, and enjoy a summer's evening watching one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies performed by The Lord Chamberlain's Men in the open air.

Booking essential 01643 821314 Adult £16, child £11

'Much Ado about Nothing'

Sat 24 Aug, 7-9pm

Settle down for an evening under the stars watching Shakespeare's play based upon deliberate deceptions, some malevolent and others benign, performed by The Three Inch Fools.

Booking essential 01643 821314 Adult £16, child £10

'Wuthering Heights'

Sat 31 Aug, 7-9pm

See this tangled love story play out under the stars in front of Dunster Castle.

Booking essential 01643 821314 Adult £16, child £11



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The Botanic Garden at Lacock

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Holnicote Estate

Near Minehead TA24 8TJ

Deer and nightjar twilight trek with supper

Thu 18 Jul & 1 Aug, 6-9pm

Join Deer Ranger, Charles, for supper and a chat about Exmoor's deer and nightjar, before heading out for wildlife spotting at dusk. Look out for deer and their newborns and listen for the call of nightjar. **18 Jul:** suitable for ages 10+. **8 Aug:** family friendly, suitable for ages 5-17.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £20, child £14, includes supper

Deer and nightjar twilight trek

Thu 8 Aug, 7-9.30pm

As night falls, begin your Exmoor adventure, keeping your eyes peeled for red deer as you make your way up Dunkery Hill. Return as the dark closes in, listening out for nightjar.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £10, child (age 10-17) £5

Lytes Cary Manor

Near Somerton TA11 7HU

Lytes Cary craft market

Fri 21 - Sun 23 Jun, 10.30am-3pm

Held in the courtyard, the craft market showcases a variety of handmade products crafted by local artisans and artists. Entry is free to the market.

Have-a-go croquet

Tue 30 Jul & Thu 22 Aug, 11am-3pm

Have a go at the noble yet ruthless family game of croquet. Expert tuition provided by the Lytes Cary Croquet Club.

West Wing open days

Tue 13 - Thu 15 Aug, 11am-3pm

A chance to visit the West Wing, added in the early 1900s, which is normally rented out as a holiday let.

Lytes Cary farm days

Tue 20 Aug, 11am-3pm

Colour the Margins, a project aimed at saving threatened arable habitats and species, along with the Butterfly Conservation Trust and other experts, will be onsite with a schedule of activities showcasing conservation work.

Montacute House

Montacute TA15 6XP

'Much Ado About Nothing'

Sun 9 Jun, 7-9.30pm

Outdoor theatre by the HandleBards, cycling actors who carry everything needed to perform extremely energetic, charmingly chaotic and environmentally sustainable Shakespeare plays across the globe.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £16, child £8

'The Tempest'

Tue 25 Jun, 7-10pm

The HandleBards return for an evening of magic, musicality and Shakespearean mayhem.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £16, child £8

'Sense and Sensibility'

Fri 12 Jul, 7-9.30pm

Join the Pantaloons for an outside theatre production of this Austen classic.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £16, child £8

Meet the Taunton Garrison

Sat 10 - Sun 11 Aug, 10am-3pm

Come and meet a group of 16th-century soldiers and their followers who have an encampment in the garden. Learn about their clothes, weapons, food, drill, customs and much more.

Tintinhull Garden

Tintinhull BA22 8PZ

Silent Space at Tintinhull Garden

Every Mon & Wed, 3-5pm

Silent Space is an initiative encouraging people to connect with nature and their surroundings. The Pool Garden is our Silent Space; somewhere to switch off your mobile phone, relax and enjoy the silence.

Tintinhull House open days

Fri 20 - Sun 22 Sep, 11am-4pm

Have a peek around the house Tintinhull Garden was formed around. The house is normally rented out as a holiday let.

Wellington Monument

Near Wellington TA21 9PB

Heritage Open Days

Fri 20 & Sat 21 Sep, 10am-3pm

Over this special weekend, peek behind the doors of Wellington Monument, learn about the Wellington Monument project and enjoy views across the Blackdown Hills.

Booking essential 01823 451587

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Avebury

Near Marlborough SN8 1RF

Summer garden experience

Thu 13 Jun, 10am-12.30pm

Learn how to do tasks that are crucial at this time of year and get gardening tips from the Head Gardener on this practical workshop.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£18

Ancient Avebury walk and talk with an archaeologist

Thu 4 Jul, 10am-2.30pm

Explore a Neolithic tomb and encounter Europe's largest prehistoric mound with archaeologist Dr Nick Snashall, followed by lunch with Nick.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£30 (includes lunch and parking)

Summer foraging course

Sun 14 Jul, 12.30-4.30pm

On this half-day foraging course with Fred Gillam, take a walk and learn how to identify plants growing in the hedgerows, fields and woods.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£50

Summer of play at Avebury

Sat 27 Jul - Sun 1 Sep, 11am-5pm

With plenty of areas to explore and lots of family activities and events, there's so much to do.

Traditional crafts and food market

Sat 3 & Sun 4 Aug, 10am-5pm

Browse a range of stalls in the Old Farmyard to celebrate the Lammas Day harvest festival, and be tempted by delicious food and artisanal gifts.

Avebury wildlife adventure evening

Wed 28 Aug, 7-9.30pm

Experience the sights and sounds of the night and discover what life awakens at this time, from looking for bats and owls and watching the sunset, to stargazing or examining owl pellets.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

The Courts Garden

Near Bradford on Avon BA14 6RR

The HandleBards: Shakespeare by bike

Tue 18 & Fri 28 Jun, 7-9.30pm

Join us for two fast-paced, family friendly, bike-powered versions of Shakespeare's best-loved plays with travelling players the HandleBards. **Tue 18 Jun** is 'Much Ado About Nothing' and **Fri 28 Jun** is 'The Tempest.'

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £15, child £12

The Three Inch Fools: a musical take on 'Macbeth'

Thu 15 Aug, 7 - 9.30pm

A vibrantly musical performance of 'Macbeth' by The Three Inch Fools, a five-strong troupe of actors equipped with all manner of musical instruments.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £15, child £12

Autumn sculpture exhibition

Daily, Sat 7 Sep - Sun 20 Oct

(closed Wed), 11am-5.30pm

Enjoy the elegant, flowing forms of stainless steel and glass sculptures, inspired by nature and natural forms, by Somerset based sculptor Ian Marlow.

Lacock Abbey, Fox Talbot Museum and Village

Near Chippenham SN15 2LG

'Channel of Peace'

Daily until Sun 14 Jul, 10.30am-5pm

'Piece by Peace'

Daily from Mon 5 Aug, 10.30am-5pm
Inspired by the place's history of sanctuary, contemplation and reflection, artists create reflective experiences in a series of responses to the art commission 'Peace' at Lacock.

Mindful moments family trail

Daily until Sun 1 Sep, 10.30am-5.30pm

Pause, breathe and take a mindful moment on this fun family trail, with activities to make you aware of your feelings in nature's surroundings. Strike a yoga pose, meditate and smell the roses.

'Pride and Prejudice'

Thu 11 Jul, 7-9pm

Step back in time with Chapterhouse Theatre Company to meet Elizabeth Bennet, Jane Austen's notorious heroine. Bring along a rug and a picnic for an evening of outdoor theatre.

Booking essential 0844 249 1895
Adult £16, child (age 5-16) £11,
concession details on website

Photography exhibition at the Fox Talbot Museum by Maggie Taylor

Daily from Sat 20 Jul, 10.30am-5.30pm

Maggie Taylor returns to Lacock with 'Through the Looking Glass.' Using her point and click camera, flatbed scanners and Photoshop, she creates digital art that transports viewers into dreamlike worlds.

Summer holiday crafts at Lacock

Mon - Fri, 22 Jul - 30 Aug, 10.30am-4pm

Have fun creating masterpieces with a different themed craft each week in the colourful Botanic Garden.

'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves'

Fri 2 Aug, 7-9pm

Illyria return with one of their most popular shows, packed with cliff-hangers, larger-than-life characters and laughs galore.

Booking essential 0845 249 1895

Adult £16, child (age 5-16) £11,
concessions and family ticket details on website

Mompesson House

Salisbury SP1 2EL

'Standing by my darling's side:

A Victorian experience of life, love and loss'

Daily, 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, 11am-4.30pm

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

Summer toys and games

Sat 1 Jun - Sun 1 Sep, 11am-4.30pm

In the garden there'll be traditional outdoor toys and games that Jinny Townsend played at Mompesson.

Stourhead

Stourton, Near Mere BA12 6QD

Floralia: a celebration of spring

Daily until Sun 30 Jun, 9am-6pm

As the rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias bloom, celebrate the ancient Roman festival of spring. Wander blossom-lined paths alive with colour and find stories of the goddess of flowers in the Temple of Flora.

'Nearness' by Sam Smith

Daily until Mon 30 Sep, 11am-4pm

A two-part video and mapped walk through Stourhead by artist Sam Smith. 'Nearness' considers the landscape's point of view as its inhabitants, the climate and the world continue to change over time.

Meet the makers of Stourhead

Daily until Sun 10 Nov, 11am-4pm

Discover the builders, gardeners, furniture-makers and artists whose skills built the Stourhead we know today.

Tree climbing with The Big Tree Climbing Company

Sat 1 Jun & every Sat, 6 Jul - 7 Sep,

various times (see website)

See the world famous landscape from up high with the Big Tree Climbing Company. Six sessions per day, with eight bookable slots in each.

Booking essential via website
£20

Bank or bust

Sat 1 Jun - Sun 1 Sep, 10am-4pm

Pick up a game pack for groups of up to five, to play this life-sized version of a classic board game and 'get rich quick' around the house and garden.

£1 per player

Of Animacy Reading Group

Wed 26 June, 31 Jul & 28 Aug, 5.30-7.30pm

Of Animacy Reading Group, led by curator Nella Aarne, gathers at Stourhead over the summer months in conjunction with artist Sam Smith's exhibition 'Nearness'.

Booking essential:
nella@nellaaerne.art

Summer craft workshop

Weekdays in Aug, 10am-2pm

A lot of creative energy went into the making of Stourhead, from the buildings to the spider webs and bird nests. Now's the chance to get creative and build something for our friends in the wild.

£1 per craft activity

Wiltshire countryside

Discover Durrington Walls

Sat 8 Jun, Wed 10 Jul, Sat 3 Aug, Wed 11 & Sat 28 Sep, 1.30-4pm

Have you ever wondered where the builders of Stonehenge lived? The landscape guides lead a walk to explore the Durrington Walls and discover 6,000 years of hidden history.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £8, child free

Stonehenge summer archaeology walks

Tue 25 Jun, Wed 24 Jul, Sat 17 Aug, Sat 7 & Wed 18 Sep, 2-5pm

The Stonehenge landscape is an intriguing place, with many secrets lying tantalisingly below ground. These walks with an expert guide will have you looking at this landscape with new eyes.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £8, child free

Glow worm walk at Figsbury Ring

Fri 28 Jun, 9.45-11pm

The rangers lead a night-time walk to discover glow worms at this ancient site. The glow worm is actually a beetle; the females glow at this time of year to attract a mate.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £5, child free

Stonehenge wildlife walk and picnic

Sat 13 Jul, 11am-2pm

Discover the wildlife that make their home at the King Barrow Ridge, with its Bronze Age barrows and veteran beech trees. Please bring your own picnic.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Adult £5, child free

World Ranger Day at Dinton Park

Wed 31 Jul, 10am-4pm

Hands-on family activities with the rangers, plus why not pre-book a Tree Climb Adventure or have a go on a zip wire?

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
Child £10 (age 6-16), plus charges for tree climbing

Wild Wednesdays

Wed 7 Aug, 11am-4pm, at Figsbury Ring, Wed 14 Aug, 10.30am-1.30pm, at Stonehenge & Wed 21 Aug, 11am-4pm

at Pepperbox Hill
Free wild-themed family activities with the rangers, from cooking on a campfire to building dens, searching for mini-beasts, bow and arrow making and more.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895



Woodland at Arlington Court

Celebrating 70 years with 7,000 trees

Visitors will have the chance to sponsor one of 7,000 trees that the Arlington Court staff and volunteers are planting on the historic estate in North Devon. They're celebrating 70 years of the National Trust looking after Arlington Court, and true to the spirit of this lovely place the new woodland will help wildlife to thrive.

'Oak woodlands are amongst the very best habitats for wildlife and nature', says the Trust's Lead Ranger Julian Gurney. 'One mature oak tree is capable of supporting over 350 separate life forms, from the smallest lichens to wonderful large fungi, bats, birds, butterflies and moths.'

In 1949, Miss Rosalie Chichester, whose life's work was to create a nature reserve on her family estate, bequeathed Arlington Court and the surrounding land to the Trust. The new woodland – made up of oak, lime, rowan, cherry, crab apple and spindle saplings - will support more habitats for wildlife and nature.

'Unfortunately our woodlands have recently been affected by Phytophthora (confusingly known as 'sudden oak death'), meaning we've had to fell many trees to slow its spread. Native oaks, like those we plan to plant, are not affected by this disease which is great news for the future.'

Search online for 'Arlington Court woodland appeal'.

Watering at Woolacombe

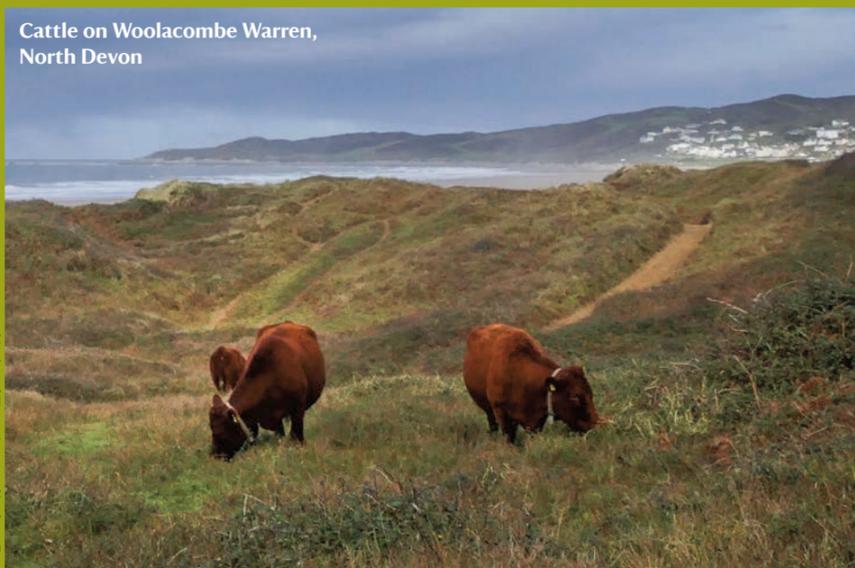
Over the summer, rangers at Woolacombe Warren will be creating a pond and water trough system to bring water to the cattle grazing the land.

By creating this natural, sustainable and free water source, the rangers will be saving the Trust the cost of transportation and fuel involved in taking water to the cattle.

The work is being carried out with careful consideration so it won't disturb the existing natural flow of water or the habitats and resident wildlife it currently supports.

Once the new reservoir system is in place, it should also create a thriving environment to be colonised by water-loving creatures like frogs, toads, newts, dragonfly larvae and water boatmen, and plants such as greater bird's-foot trefoil.

Cattle on Woolacombe Warren, North Devon



Inspecting the water damage



The Tudor Bedroom, restored and reopened

The calm after the storm

The winter of 2018 is one that the team at Newark Park won't forget. The Beast from the East's storms meant the Tudor house suffered a water leak in the East Wing, causing major damage.

Fortunately the leak was discovered and stopped quickly but the staff and volunteers at Newark Park then had a huge amount to do to get the house back to normal – starting with drying it out. They had to remove floorboards and some wallpapers, using specialist dehumidifiers and vacuum cleaners to extract the moisture from the cavities between the different floors.

In addition, they had the considerable task of moving items from the extensive collection to dry rooms, to minimise any risk of damage to these precious objects.

Fast-forward to today, and the house is fully open again having been repaired, restored and conserved, and the team at Newark are enjoying welcoming visitors back to enjoy the breadth of this fascinating and much-loved house once again.

Drake comes home

Don't miss a rare opportunity to see this painting of Sir Francis Drake in his former home at Buckland Abbey.

See What's On for dates and times.



Glorious gardens

We care for lots of gardens across the South West. Whether you're a passionate plant-spotter or looking for a colourful, fragrant spot to stop for a picnic we're sure you'll find a garden to suit you.

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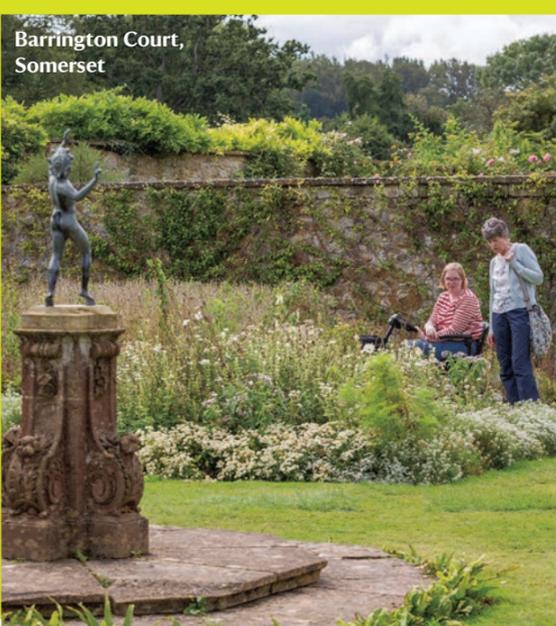
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Drogo: the end is in sight

After six years of major restoration work, the ambitious project to save Castle Drogo in Devon is nearing its conclusion. Outside there will still be building work and scaffolding, but inside the castle you can watch the big task of moving all the contents back in. Some rooms are already back to normal with others still to be returned throughout the year to redisplay the Drewe family home.



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The pop-up campsite at Cheddar Gorge

'Top of the Gorge' festival

On the weekend of 14-16 June the National Trust's 'Top of the Gorge' festival is taking place at Cheddar. A pop-up campsite provides a rare chance to enjoy the views over the Gorge from your own tent, and there's running, cycling, tree bathing, archery, food foraging and lots more to experience.

Day tickets start at £15 with weekend tickets also available. Find out more: nationaltrust.org.uk/topofthegorge

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