Those summer nights

What’s your favourite thing about a British summer? The smell of a barbecue wafting on the breeze? Staying out for a picnic tea? Or that simplest of pleasures, a great British beer garden?

With the hot days come the long nights, and we’ve got you covered for both this summer.

Enjoy the evening light

Don’t wait for the weekend to get your dose of vitamin D. Many of the places we care for are open dawn til dusk, perfect for a much needed walk after a busy working day. The boardwalk at Malham Tarn is ideal for a gentle evening stroll, where you can feel like the only people in the world sometimes. Enjoy dappled light painting the footpaths at Allen Banks, where evening is often the best time to catch a glimpse of wildlife through ancient trees. Or feel the sand between your toes on the Northumberland Coast – the golden sands of Embleton Bay are a good choice for a paddle. Keep your eyes peeled for seals, and if you’re really lucky, dolphins playing out at sea.

Picture perfect picnics

New this year, the walled garden at Wallington will stay open on Friday and Saturday nights in June for Serenades and Sunsets. Bring your blanket (or pick up a bestselling rug in the shop) and choose a scented spot amongst the colourful flowerbeds to enjoy live music.

Not your average beer garden

Every Friday night at Gibside this summer join us for street food and local beers on tap, washed down with a splash of live music. Gibside’s 600 acres are all yours for an evening stroll to work up an appetite – think dappled light in the woodlands, catching the last rays over the Derwent Valley on the Skyline walk, or kids’ favourite the Strawberry Castle play area.

Summer Solstice

Celebrations to mark the year’s longest day have taken place for millennia and they’re still going strong in North Yorkshire. At Nunnington Hall the house and gardens are staying open until 8pm on Sunday 23 June for a family garden party. Bring a picnic or treat yourself from the tea garden menu, enjoy games and garden crafts, and kick back to lively music including a rock choir and saxophone group. Or join a ranger on the Northumberland Coast for a late evening walk to mark the Summer Solstice and to look for nocturnal wildlife.

Even better: just don’t go home!

Love the idea of staying at your favourite National Trust place after hours? You can wake up there for sunrise too in one of our on site holiday cottages or campsites. Watch the sunrise over the Langdale valley from a family size camping pod, enjoy breakfast with roaming red deer on your doorstep at Lyme or wake up to the sound of the sea from the lighthouse keepers’ cottage at Souter.

For more holiday ideas go to nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays

We’d love to hear what you’ve been up to. Join the adventure and share your top spots this season:

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You’ll find your summer What’s on inside
With longer and lighter days, this is the time lots of us flex our green fingers. Our gardeners share their top tips to get the most from your garden this summer:

1. **A snip in time**
   A little snip after flowering can often lead to a second flush later in the summer. At Nostell the gardeners estimated they spend around 150 hours deadheading to make sure the roses bloom all summer long. Lavender also benefits from a haircut just after flowering. The plant saves energy by not seeding so you’ll be rewarded with next year’s display. Sniff out these highly scented plants in the Gertrude Jekyll walled garden at Lindisfarne Castle - which has just won the Countryfile Magazine Garden of the Year for 2019 - and in the newly created fragrant garden at Goddards.

2. **Give your garden what it wants**
   Water butts are a great investment. Rain water is pH neutral with less chlorine than tap water so is better for your plants. Make the most of any watering you do by picking the coolest part of the day, in the morning or evening. Imagine the watering needed to keep the flowers in the gardens at Wallington, Ormesby Hall and Cragside looking so colourful.

3. **Plant for beauty and taste**
   Decorative fruit and veg can make lovely additions to your summer menu. Make a plot to plate salad for the BBQ with trailing tomatoes and English marigolds, or grow mint to add to a cooling drink. Just keep it contained to stop it taking over. Get inspiration for growing your own from the walled gardens at Beningbrough Hall and Gibside or the herb border at East Riddlesden Hall.

4. **Follow nature and slow down**
   Grass tends to grow less in the peak of summer, so the best thing to do is raise the cutting blade or hold off mowing to reduce scorching. Instead, take some time out for a picnic: you can’t go wrong next to the summerhouse at Seaton Delaval Hall or in the Water Garden at Fountains Abbey.

5. **Let nature do its thing**
   Wild flowers not only look beautiful but also attract pollinators, so if you’ve got space to sow some wildflower seeds you’ll be rewarded with colour and wildlife. Take inspiration from the wild flowers at Rievaulx Terrace or along the Durham Coast; or join the crowds (of bees and butterflies) making the most of the meadows at Nunnington Hall.

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**Explore Wentworth Castle Gardens**

Join us as we begin a long-term journey with Barnsley Council and Northern College to nurture a new future for Wentworth Castle Gardens.

Re-opening this summer, after being closed for two years, South Yorkshire’s only Grade I-registered landscape has 63 acres of gardens and 500 acres of parkland to explore.

An endless variety of gentle walking trails, picnic and hide and seek spots will keep you occupied for many outdoor adventures. Step into the fairy-tale-like “ancient ruins” of Stainborough Castle and see how many other follies, special monuments and intriguing garden buildings you can find. Pause to take in the uninterrupted views of the Yorkshire countryside down to the valleys below.

Adventure around the maze-like Union Jack Garden, winding paths of the mysterious Fernery, wilderness paths in the woodland and Victorian Flower Garden. Spot unusual plants and keep your eyes and ears peeled for wildlife including woodpeckers, treecreepers, hares and insects.

Hear the whispering leaves around you in Lady Lucy’s Walk, an avenue of towering lime trees. As you head out into the rolling parkland, look out for deer and bursts of colour from summer wildflowers.

Don’t miss the Victorian Conservatory, full of exotic plants. One of the last surviving winter gardens in England, it was among the first places to have electric lighting (even ahead of Buckingham Palace).

Located just off the M1, other nearby attractions include Barnsley Museums, Nostell, Clumber Park and Hardwick Hall.

Read lots more about the history of this intriguing place in the interview with Andrew Morrison, Lead Curator for the North, in this issue of the National Trust magazine. nationaltrust.org.uk/wentworth-castle-gardens
Events and activities for summer 2019
North East | Yorkshire

What’s on

North East
Look out for...

Wallington

In these four walls
1-29 June
Join us for a celebration of Wallington’s walled garden. Take in a talk from experts or make yourself comfortable for ‘serenades and sunsets’, and tuck into a picnic tea in the evening sun, while being serenaded by musicians.

In these four walls - digging deeper
4, 6, 11, 18, 20, 25 & 27 June
Every Tuesday and Thursday throughout June, head to the walled garden for talks with our gardening experts, from bee-keeping to garden design, and other topics to inspire your own patches of greenery at home.*

A passion for painting
8 June - 3 November
Learn about the life and works of watercolourist Caroline, Lady Trevelyan, as we look at her paintings and explore her contribution to Wallington, scratching the surface of her story and influence as an under-represented member of the Trevelyan family.

A passion for painting - views of then and now
8 June - 3 November
During normal opening times
Discover special locations around the grounds where you can compare the landscape captured by Caroline Trevelyan in the 19th-century with the views today. Let the landscape inspire you, capture your favourite view and share it with us on our social media using #myWallington.*

Rhododendron gardener talk
June
Enjoy a walk and talk around the Rock Garden and Pinetum with Gardener Neil, who will chat about the history of this spectacular landscape, and the importance of the rhododendron collection and Cragside’s champion trees.*

Volunteer open day
Saturday 15 June
Cherryburn
Volunteer open day
8am - 2pm
Looking to learn a new skill or try something different? This hands-on day will give you a taste of the different volunteer roles and an opportunity to try something you may never have done before. BE

Cragside (also 8 & 15 June)
Framlington
Framlington gardeners talk
1.30 – 2.30 pm
Enjoy a walk and talk around the Rock Garden and Pinetum with Framlington gardeners, who will chat about the history of this spectacular landscape, and the importance of the rhododendron collection and Cragside’s champion trees.*

American Independence Day Ceremony
Thursday 4 July
Washington Old Hall
Free
Join us to celebrate Washington Old Hall’s ancestry at the annual flag raising event. Ceremony starts at 11am prompt.*

Wallington
delivers wider estate walks
1.10pm
Join our expert guides on a new walk of the estate and hear how the flamboyant Delaval family made their fortunes from salt, coal and glass. £2.50

Summer Holidays
Saturday 20 July
Gibside (until 1 September)
Wall summer holiday
8am - 3pm
From bird ringing to bug safaris, this summer holiday is all about getting up close and personal with Gibside’s wildlife.*

Regular events & exhibitions

Daily until 3 November
Lindisfarne Castle
New You See Me
A castle that’s not a castle, on an island that’s not an island... With a surprise around every corner, this family-friendly exhibition is inspired by a collection of truths, mistruths, hearsay, rumours and anecdotes. The stories and reminiscences are brought to life in a whole variety of ways.*

Daily from 15 June
Cherryburn
Conference for the Birds by Marcus Coates
8am - 3:30pm
Artist Marcus Coates has reimagined Thomas Bewick’s birthplace through a new installation, featuring a group of human-sized birds gathered round the fireplace discussing their lives, knowledge and culture.*

Every Friday & Saturday until 14 September
Gibside
Summer Nights
6 - 9pm
Explore Gibside after hours and up close and personal with Gibside’s wildlife.*

Every Saturday, Sunday & bank holiday Monday until 29 September
Pensthorpe
Summer solstice walk
9.30am
Join our ranger to watch the sunset and sunrises. Tel: 01665 576874.

Summer Solstice walk
Thursday 21 June
Northumberland Coast
9 - 1pm
Join our ranger to watch the sunset at the Long Nanny shorebird site and explore the woodland at Tugby Mill. We’ll be practising some mindfulness techniques and hoping to see some nocturnal wildlife. Tel: 01665 376874. Free BE

Friday 20 June
Gibside
Outdoor theatre: Wuthering Heights
7.30pm
Emily Bronte’s dramatic love story is brought to life on stage in an adaptation by award-winning writer Laura Turner. Adult £16, Child £11, family £44 BE

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Seahorse safari
See website for times
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Delaval delivers wider estate walks
1.10pm
Join our expert guides on a new walk of the estate and hear how the flamboyant Delaval family made their fortunes from salt, coal and glass. £2.50

Every other Sunday until 1 September
Gibside
Summer of music
1 – 4pm
Join us for a summer of music with live performances in the chapel, on the avenue and at the orangery celebrating everything from jazz and big band to steel drums and brass.*

May

Thursday 30 May
Souter Lighthouse & The Leas
Blood duck
9.30 - 11.30am
Become an environmental hero by helping us clean up the coastline. Bags and litter pickers supplied. Age 6+ - Free

Wallington
Wallington duck race
2pm
Stroll down to the start line on the River Wansbeck, choose your numbered duck and see if it’s the winner! Small prizes for first three ducks.* £1 per duck

Friday 31 May
Cragside (also 14 July)
Street Science with Newcastle University
8am - 3pm
Be wowed by the science buskers of Newcastle University. Can you work out the science behind these wonderful demonstrations?*

Coastal Conservation Group to
Souter Lighthouse & The Leas
1–4pm
See website for times
Join Coastal Conservation Group to undertake a beach clean and learn more about the local coastal environment. Free

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Yorkshire

Regular events & exhibitions

Sunday–Thursday
Ormesby Hall
Summer theatre
Mounting
11am–4pm

Jeff Powell, a local actor, brings his natural world to life in this beautiful setting. Join us for a magical summer experience.

Wednesday–Saturday
Seaton Delaval
Delitted house
11am–3pm

Join us for a fascinating visit to Seaton Delaval Hall, one of the finest Palladian houses in the north of England.

Tuesday–Saturday
Souter Lighthouse & The Leas
Coasteering
11am–3pm

Get ready for an adventure at Souter Lighthouse! Coasteering is the ultimate water sport, combining surfing, swimming, and hiking.

Sunday–Thursday
Cragside
Summer holiday bushcraft
9am–3pm

Experience the beauty of the Northumberland countryside through bushcraft activities.

Thursday–Sunday
Seaton Delaval Hall
Landscape art exhibition
11am–4pm

Discover the art of landscape painting as Seaton Delaval Hall hosts a new exhibition.

Wednesday–Friday
Nunnington Hall
Bare Bones – Blue Tokay family exhibition

Explore the fascinating world of animal bones and see how they tell the story of the natural world.

Tuesday–Thursday
Ormesby Hall
Summer show
11am–4pm

Witness a celebration of the beautiful world of flowers and plants, with expert demonstrations.

Friday–Monday
Seaton Delaval Hall
Delitted house
11am–3pm

Step back in time and experience the history of Seaton Delaval Hall.

Saturday–Sunday
Cragside
Summer holiday bushcraft
9am–3pm

Enjoy a fun-filled day of bushcraft activities in the Northumberland countryside.

Tuesday–Thursday
Ormesby Hall
Summer flower show
11am–4pm

Join us for a beautiful display of summer flowers, with expert demonstrations and workshops.

Get active outdoors this summer

North East

Various dates 25 May–3 September
Cragside
Canoing and kayaking
See website for times

Experience the thrill of canoing or kayaking on tranquil Tumbleton Lake, surrounded by beautiful countryside.

Monday 27 May
Seaton Delaval Hall (also weekdays until 1 September)
Construction Kids
9.30am–noon
Build your own mini boat at Craggs and learn about the life cycle of a salmon.

Monday 19 August
Seaton Delaval Hall (also weekdays until 1 September)
Construction Kids
9.30am–noon
Create your own wooden toy at Craggs and learn about the life cycle of a butterfly.

Saturday 27 July
Souter Lighthouse & The Leas (also 28 July)
Souter Sleepover
9am–12 noon
Pitch your tent and enjoy a night under the stars at Souter Lighthouse.

Sunday 28 July
Souter Lighthouse & The Leas
Summer holiday bushcraft
9am–3pm

Join the ranger team for some fun and adventure in the great outdoors.

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Sunday 29 July
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11am–3pm

Get a glimpse into the lives of the people who lived here during the 18th century.

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Tuesday 23 July
Souter Lighthouse & The Leas (also 30 July, 6, 13 & 20 August)
Summer holiday bushcraft
9am–3pm

Discover the beauty of the Northumberland countryside through bushcraft activities.

Wednesday 24 July
Allen Banks
Summer holiday bushcraft
10am–3pm

Join the ranger team for some fun and adventure in the great outdoors.

July–August
Souter Lighthouse & The Leas
Coasteering
11am–3pm

Experience the thrill of coasteering, combining swimming, surfing, and hiking.

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Join us for a thrilling adventure in the Northumberland countryside.

Get active outdoors this summer

South West

Various dates 25 May–3 September
Cranborne Chase
Partnership with Cranborne Chase
See website for times

Discover the beauty and diversity of Cranborne Chase, a unique landscape.

Saturday 20 July
Cranborne Chase (also 21 July, 27 July, 3, 10 & 17 August)
Summer fun at Cranborne Chase
8am–3pm

Join us for a summer-long celebration of nature, with activities uncovering the beauty and resourcefulness of the natural world.

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Every Friday & June
Goddards House & Garden
Find out Fridays: everything but the kitchen sink
10.30am–5pm
Discover items that are not usually on display and chat to the team to find out more about old sink plugs, lamps shades on chandeliers and a telephone system that could prove dangerous!

First Saturday of the month
Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal
Natural day at Sunbeach Grange
8am–4pm
Enjoy a hint of magic and alchemy as wood is dyed different colours using natural materials.

Every Saturday (Jude & July)
East Riddlesden Hall
Historian behind the scenes
10.30am–12.30pm
Become a volunteer for a day and help us to control this non-native species that prevents wildflowers from growing.

May

Wednesday 29 May
Hayburn Wyke, Yorkshire Coast (also 31 July, 12 August)
Small mammal survey
8.30am–12 noon
Help rangers with a survey of the wood mice.

Friday 31 May
Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal
Wildflower wanders
8am–4pm
There’s an extraordinary world just waiting to be discovered hiding under the surface one still ponds in the water gardens.

June

Saturday 1 June
Hardcastle Craggs (also 2 June)
Wildlife biologist
12 noon–4pm
Pick up your counting sheet and join in with this fun, interactive activity to help you to learn more about the species that live here. Free.

Sunday 2 June
Ravenscar, Yorkshire Coast
Re-connect with nature: birthing workshop
8am–4pm
Imagine if you could see birthing. Explore the science behind birth details with Richard Baines, Director and Ecologist at Yorkshire Coast National Trust, by transforming sound files into visual representations. £60 E0

Thursday 6 June
Rievaulx Terrace (also 1 July)
Wildlife wonderland
1.30–3pm
Join Head Gardener Nick for a guided walk through the woodland and along the terrace to discover how we manage and develop the wildflower banks.

Beningbrough Hall, Gallery & Gardens (also 12, 20 & 27 August)
Clock tower insight
12.30–1.30pm
Join the team as they open the door to the clock tower and help uncover the history of the most important time piece on the estate.

Saturday 8 June
Brimham Rocks (also 14 July, 14 September)
Nature explorers
8am–2.4pm
Exercise your curiosity and energise your interest in nature through changing activities such as wild waling, pond dipping and charcoal drawing.

Saturday 9 June
Malham Tarn, Yorkshire Dales
Wildflower wanders
8am–4pm
Discover the colour, fragrance and variety of wildflowers on a scenic stroll around the boardwalk of Malham Tarn National Nature Reserve. £5 E0

Marsden Moor (also 1 September)
9.30am–3.30pm
Join and enter a tree’s canopy with experts from The Big Tree Climbing Co. £40 E0

Sunday 16 June
Nunnington Hall
Barbecue, beer and sports
12 noon–4pm
Celebrate Father’s day with a pint of beer, a bite from the barbecue and fun dads versus kids sport day.

Ormesby Hall
Father’s bushcraft day
8am–2pm
Treat your dad to a day in the great outdoors, learning survival skills and cooking on a campfire with bushman Phil.

Treasurer’s House
Beer and bushcraft
10.30am–5pm
Join us for craft stalls and activities in the grounds of the Ormesby estate.

Sunday 23 June
Nunnington Hall
Midsummer’s Eve party
12 noon–8pm
Bring along a picnic or treat yourselves to lunch in the tea garden, while you sit back and enjoy live music from the Shambles Silver Band, Rock Choir and Sax Forte.

Sunday 24 June
Brimham Rocks
Walk in the footsteps of the monks
12 noon–4.40pm
Enjoy a guided walk through the countryside following the route of the monks from Brimham Rocks to Fountains Abbey.

Treasurer’s House
Bloomong locally
2–4.45pm
See how our resident flower arranger creates the displays in the house, discuss all things floral over tea and cake, and join in a special tea. £12 E0

Sunday 30 June
Upper Wharfedale, Yorkshire Dales
Meadow and woodland flowers
11am–2.30pm
Experience the colours and scents of wildflowers growing in the hay meadows, limestone pavement and woodland on a walk through Langstrothdale. £5 E0

Brimham Rocks
Geology walk
11am–2pm
From giant ferns and salamander footprints to mountains higher than the Himalayas, discover how Brimham Rocks came to be, through this 90-minute guided walk. Free.

July

Tuesday 2 July
Marsden Moor
Sheep shearing
3.30–8.30pm
At this time of year the hill farmers of Marsden are shearing their sheep. We’ll be walking to one of the oldest farms to see how it’s done on this easy 3-mile walk. Meet at Marsden railway station. Sorry, no dogs.

Treasurer’s House
Conservation and cake
9.30–11am
An exclusive behind-the-scenes insight into conservation at Treasurer’s House. With special artefacts and ‘hands-on’ experience, polish off your morning with a chat to the team over coffee and cake. £12 E0

Yorkshire

25 May – 30 September
Every Wednesday–Sunday
Goddards House & Garden
Springy summer
10.30am–5pm
Play games in the garden just like the Terry family did – enjoy tennis on the court; a leisurely game of bowls on the lawn or try your hand at clock golf.

29 May, 31 July & 4 August
Brimham Rocks
Kids’ Outdoor Day
10am–4pm
Join Harrogate Climbing Centre for a day sealawing, climbing and abseiling. Age 7+. Tel: 01423 815024 £30 per child E0

1 June, 17 & 24 August
Brimham Rocks
Family Outdoor Day
10am–4pm
Join Harrogate Climbing Centre for a day sealawing, climbing and abseiling. Age 7+. Tel: 01423 815024.

22 June
Runswick Bay, Yorkshire Coast
Kayaking for beginners
9.30am–12 noon £1.30 per head
Learn to paddle a sit-on-top kayak and see the coast from a different perspective with the East BArnby Outdoor Education Centre team.

18 July & 7 September
Runswick Bay, Yorkshire Coast
Stand-up paddle-boarding for beginners
8.30am–12 noon & 1–3.30pm
Enjoy an introduction to the world’s fastest growing water sport brings a taste of Hawaii to the Yorkshire coast. With East BArnby Outdoor Education Centre. Age 14+. £25 E0

21 July–2 September
Ormesby Hall
Summer of Sport
11am–4pm
Enjoy some playtime with a range of sporting activities in the garden, including archery, tennis and badminton.

24 July
Silver Esk, Yorkshire Coast
Canoe adventure
10am–3pm
Watch scenery and wildlife go by as you paddle along the River Esk from Rosebury to Whitby with a ranger and the East BArnby Outdoor Education team. Age 14+. £40 E0

25 July–31 August, Thursday–Saturday
Nostell
Summer of Sport
12 noon–1.30pm
Come along to Nostell for a celebration of outdoor sport with expert sessions throughout the school holidays. We’ll provide the balls, hoops and loops, you provide the enthusiasm.

4 August
Upper Wharfedale, Yorkshire Dales
Meadow and woodland flowers
10am–3pm
Come for an exciting ride into Langstrothdale Chase and Greenfield Forest. Quiet roads, forest tracks and open moorland make this an ideal first experience of a longer ride. Adult £10, child £5 (30 minute session) £6

9 August
Hardcastle Craggs
The Big Tree Climbing event
11am–4.40pm
Join The Big Tree Climbing Co. and enter a tree’s canopy with experts from the Big Tree Climbing Co. Book via www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk £20 E0

25 August
Roseberry Topping
Abseiling adventure
Various, 10am–4.30pm
Abseiling taster for all the family with Pointpit Adventure. Learn the ropes then test your nerve with a 12m (36ft) approx abseil. Age 8+. £15 (30 minute session) £30

To find even more great things to do, visit us online at nationaltrust.org.uk/north-east and nationaltrust.org.uk/yorkshire
Friday 5 July
Goddards House & Garden
(until 6 July)
Goddards in bloom
11.30am
Experience the Arts and Crafts garden rooms at their best, with a tour with our senior gardener taking in the newly created fragrant garden.
£20 incl. two-course lunch
Monday 22 July
Hardcastle Craggs
(workdays until 30 August)
Summer adventures
12 noon–3pm
Have a go at changing activities like den building, bug hunting and campfire cooking join our ranger for Wild Wednesdays on selected weeks. Free. (but £4 for campfire activities)

Tuesday 6 August
Beningbrough Hall
(Saturday–Thursday until 1 September)
School’s out for the summer 10.30am–4.30pm
Get your hands dirty hunting for bugs or making mud pies or have a go at making bread, butter making and traditional gingerbread making on certain days. £4 for bread making

Thursday 8 August
Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal
(Also 8 August)
Waterwheel workshops
1–3pm
Make a ‘splash’ down by the 800 year old mill as you discover how a water wheel works and make your own.

Saturday 10 August
Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal
(Also 11 August)
Family bushcraft
12 noon–4pm
Get closer to nature and try your hand at shelter making, fire lighting and cooking tasty outdoor foods.
£5 BE

Monday 5 August
Beningbrough Hall, Gallery & Gardens
(Also 9, 16 & 26 August)
Become a garden apprentice
11am, 3pm & 6pm
Grab your badge, pick up your trowel and become a Beningbrough garden apprentice. Working alongside our garden experts, you’ll learn new skills including seed sowing, garden maintenance and composting.

Wednesday 21 August
East Riddlesden Hall
Outdoor theatre: A Midsummer Night’s Dream
7–8.30pm
The Lord Chamberlain’s Men return with Shakespeare’s most popular comedy. Adult £16, child £8 BE

Wednesday 28 August
Ormesby Hall
(Also 30 August)
Summer Nights Film Festival
6.30pm
Relax and watch the first ever outdoor cinema screenings at Ormesby Hall this summer. Choose from Bohemian Rhapsody, Dirty Dancing and Grease. From £10.50 BE

September
Sunday 1 September
East Riddlesden Hall
(Also Saturday–Thursday until 30 September)
Footsteps
10.30am–4.30pm
A true celebration of autumn fruits. Taste, make and explore what nature has to offer at this wonderful time of year. Self-led activities and sampling for all.

Saturday 7 September
Hardcastle Craggs
(Also 21 September)
Woodland by night: wildlife watch
7–9pm
As night falls, the woodland comes alive with the activity of nocturnal wildlife. Join our rangers and a local ecologist to see what’s stirring after sunset. £5 BE

Notes
• Events are correct at the time of going to print.
• – normal admission charges apply
• – small charge for some activities
• £5 – things to do before you’re 113/4 activities

Friday 13 September
Nostell
Bat walk
7.45–9.30pm
Keep your ears and eyes peeled following our guide through the garden – we’ll be using bat detectors to spot our furry friends on this family-friendly walk. £5 BE

Saturday 14 September
Hardcastle Craggs
Twilight procession
6.30pm
50 years ago the Hardcastle Craggs Preservation Committee saved the woodland from being flooded under a reservoir forever. Today we’re celebrating their achievement – join us to recreate the proposed dam wall using light. Free BE

Monday 23 September
Brindon Rocks
Mindful yoga
10am–12 noon
Take time to pause after the summer and replenish your energy through this yoga class. Tel: 07837 996058 £10 BE

Summer Holidays
Sunday 21 July
Ormesby Hall
(Also 2 September)
Treasure Island
7pm–late
Join us for a celebration of all things Beatrix Potter and see Beningbrough’s latest exhibition, to special themed activities in the gardens, join us for a celebration of all things Yorkshire.
Act one is underway
Seaton Delaval Hall is famed as a place of drama, theatricality and playfulness and as the National Lottery Heritage Fund–supported project gets underway we’re uncovering more of the story.

What’s the plan?
Re-roofing the West Wing and installing a new heating system and breathable paint.
Reimagining the landscape to reflect the TBI estate plan, including new paths and planting.
New cafe in the Brew House and toilets in the Carriage House.
Re-flooring the basement and conserving the spiral staircases and porticos.
Brand new play area and playful interventions throughout the site.
Collaboration with local community groups, schools and partners including Northumbria University.

Charles II is wheeled away to temporary storage.

A masterclass in interior design

‘A chair is a very difficult object. A skyscraper is almost easier. That is why Chippendale is famous.’
Mies van de Rohe, Time magazine, 18 Feb 1957.

Work’s well underway to make these plans happen and already...

3,000 metres of acid free tissue paper and 600 metres of bubble wrap were used to pack and store 5,000 items from the West Wing collection. Work has now commenced on re-roofing the wing, which will be closed until 2021.

20,640 bricks were taken down and rebuilt to stabilise the west wall of the walled garden.

7,000 Welsh slates were removed from the Brew House roof, 85% of which will be reused.

1,270 new trees are being planted to replace ones that have been recently felled or thinned.

1 cannonball dating back to 1650 was found under the foundations of the Brew House.
If you visit us this summer, the hall will look a little bit different to what you’re used to, but you’ll see up close how we’re working to look after this special place.

Help us to make all this happen at nationaltrust.org.uk/seaton-delaval-hall-appeal

5 minutes with Kate Martin, Coastal Officer for the North

From Yorkshire’s Jurassic Coast to the wildlife havens in the North East, Kate supports staff and volunteers to look after the coastline.

What’s the challenge of looking after our coast?
Wood and water are constantly reshaping our coastline. We can’t look after this alone, so we work with local communities and partners to help us look after these special landscapes.

What are your favourite things to do at this time of year?
The magnesian limestone grasslands on the Durham Coast are bursting with scented colourful wildflowers. I love taking in the salty air, and looking out for the rare Durham Argus butterfly. Or walking along the dramatic cliffs between Robin Hood’s Bay and Ravenscar, listening to the cry of the seabirds and feeling the sea breeze on my face.

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First There Is A Mountain
Help scale Seahouses beach on 4 August into thousands of mountains of sand using hollow scale models of five of the world’s most famous mountains. Katie Paterson’s artwork invites you to consider how coastlines have changed across millennia.

Functional and practical
For a contrast to the ornate designs at Nostell, take a trip to the Boosbeck showroom at Ormesby Hall this summer. With a recreated furniture shop and using previously unseen collection items, we’re sharing the story of how Jim and Ruth Pennyman helped local unemployed miners develop a new trade in furniture making back in the 1930s.

Help us restore Nostell’s dolls’ house
The Nostell dolls’ house is an intricately crafted historic house in miniature and is arguably the best example of its kind, but at over 300 years old it’s in need of conservation.

We’re raising money to help restore its intricate parts and fabric and to create a new display to bring it to life for visitors and we’d love your support.

Donate now at nationaltrust.org.uk/nostell
Summer is the perfect time to get active outdoors, especially if you find a beautiful setting to up your motivation levels. Whether you’re a sprinter or a rambler, find something to suit your sporting style.

I’d like to try something new...

If you’re seeking out a new experience, grab a wetsuit and try kayaking at Cragside. Where better to spend a day on the water, than the first home in the world powered by hydroelectricity? If you’re looking for a family day out with a difference, pack a picnic, hire a bike and try out the Dragon cycle trail at Wallington. Or, mix it up a bit at Gibside during the summer holidays, where each week you can try out a different sport at the activity zone on Green Close field.

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Take to the water

If you’re having a go at water sports, who cares if it’s a bit drizzly? Tumbleton Lake at Cragide is the perfect spot for trying activities like canoeing, kayaking or stand-up paddle-boarding, and you can also go at extreme rock pooling and coasteering at Souter Lighthouse. Insects love a bit of rain too and the little pond at Washington Old Hall is a great place to see them up close. Look out for pond skaters, the rowing insects that can generate incredible speed!

Make mud pies

Rain is an essential ingredient in our perfect mud pie recipe. Cook up a feast at East Riddlesden Hall’s famous mud pie kitchen. Or find a soggy spot at Gibside and create something to add to the muddy menu. Splash in a puddle

There are few things as tempting as jumping in puddles while you’re wearing your wellies. See who can make the biggest splash in the streams that criss cross Marsden Moor and in the grounds of all your favourite places.

Explore indoors

If the weather is too rotten to get outside, there’s plenty to see and do inside too. Take part in a hands-on workshop at Nostell and learn all about famous Yorkshire craftsman Thomas Chippendale. Or if you want to discover the natural world, head to Nunnington Hall to explore their fascinating ‘Bare Bones’ exhibition, featuring real animal skeletons! You can also try your hand at printmaking featuring real animal skeletons! You can also try your hand at printmaking at Cherryburn and family craft sessions at Benningbrough Hall, while at Ormesby Hall, there’ll be Treasure Island themed activities all summer. You’ll find even more activities for sunny and rainy days on the website and in What’s On.

I want to beat my personal best...

Whether you’re getting ready for a race or just trying to push yourself, there are plenty of training routes to choose from. Build up to the Great North Run with Great Run Local events at Gibside and Souter Lighthouse or ease in with a parkrun at Nostell and Fountains Abbey.

I want a workout...

Get your heart pumping and discover Nordic walking at Nostell. Once you learn the technique, this method of walking with poles is easier on the knees and gives a great full-body workout. If you’re feeling more adventurous, you can try sea-kayaking or stand-up paddle-boarding on the Yorkshire Coast, or moonlight mountain biking in the Yorkshire Dales.

I’ll take it easy...

Head to Goddards House and Garden for bowls and tennis on the lawn, followed (of course) by strawberries and Pimm’s on the terrace during Wimbledon. Or take inspiration from the Pennym family at Ormesby Hall and enjoy a round of mini golf in the garden.

Come rain or shine... Summer 2019