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.

CORNWALL

Antony
Torpoint PL11 2QA

Glorious garden tour
Wed 16 Oct, 2.30-4pm
A walk-and-talk with a gardener, taking you from sweeping views designed by Humphry Repton to formal gardens conceived by the still-living family, the Carew Poles.

Twilight rambles
Mon 21 Oct, 6-8.30pm
See Antony's landscape in a different light as you walk around the garden at dusk, looking for signs of badgers and detecting bats with a special monitor.

Booking essential 01752 812191 (option 0)

Halloween pumpkin trail 😊
Tue - Thu, 22 - 31 Oct, 12 noon-4.30pm
Hunt for the pesky, decorated pumpkins hidden around the garden and make your way to the spooky finale to claim your prize. £2 (includes prize)

Cotehele
Near Saltash PL12 6TA

Autumn market
Sat 19 & Sun 20 Oct, 11am-4pm
You’ll find great local food and crafts at this autumn market, with stalls selling everything from tasty Cornish pasties to modern jewellery.

Haunting Halloween week at Cotehele Mill 😊
Sat 19 - Sat 26 Oct, 11am-3pm
Are you brave enough for all the spooky things going on at the mill this Halloween? Follow the children’s trail through the decorated mill buildings to claim a treat.

Halloween half-term fun on Cotehele Qiay 🎃
Mon 21 - Fri 25 Oct, 11am-3pm
Have some spooky, creative fun on Cotehele Qiay. On Mon and Tue there’ll be monster making (£3), on Wed make leaf crowns (free), Thu and Fri will be Pumpkin carving (£3).

Fright night in the house 😱
Sat 26 Oct, 5.30-7.30pm
Experience the spooky side of Cotehele as you explore the house after dark. Wander by torchlight for this spooky event, suitable for children and families. Timed tickets issued on arrival.

Secret Cotehele tour and lunch 🍊麋
Thu 7, Fri 8, Mon 11 & Tue 12 Nov, 10am-1.30pm
An in-depth tour of Cotehele house. Meet the team as they give the house its annual deep clean, learn about conservation practices and peek behind closed doors.

Booking essential 01579 351346 £27.50 (includes morning coffee and lunch)

The Christmas flower garland 🎄
Sat 16 Nov - Sun 5 Jan
When the first modest Christmas display was hung in Cotehele hall in the 1950s, little did anyone know it would become a magnificent tradition. This year’s 60ft-long garland has 32,000 flowers, all grown on the estate.

Festive wreath making 🎄
Thu 5 Dec, 10.30am-12.30pm
Join artisan florist, Miranda Hackett, for a wreath making workshop using seasonal foliage and berries.

Booking essential 01579 351346 £60 (includes materials)

Cotswold Christmas at Cotehele Mill 🎄麋
Sat & Sun, 7 - 13 Dec & daily 21 Dec - 5 Jan
Come along to Cotehele Mill this winter to see how the Langford family celebrated Christmas. Decorated for a traditional Victorian yuletide, there’ll be festive family activities and dressing up.

Let’s wassail
Sat 21 Dec, 10.30am-12 noon
Put on your festive waistcoat, dig out your trombone and help scare away the evil spirits in the Cotehele Orchards. Embellished hats and fancy dress are encouraged.

Glendurgan Garden
Near Falmouth TR11 5JZ

Celebrating autumn at Glendurgan 🍁🍂
Sat 19 Oct - Sun 3 Nov (excluding Mon 21 & 28 Oct), 10.30am-4.30pm
Pose for a picture in the outdoor autumnal photo frame, decorate a willow crown with coloured fallen leaves from the garden floor or have a go at an autumn-themed garden trail.

Beach clean
Sun 24 Nov, 10am-12 noon
Help to keep the beaches clean along the Helford River. Gloves, bags and litter-pickers provided. Finish with a complimentary hot or cold drink and cake in the Fish Collar in Durgan village.

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 well as any special offers you require further information.
North Cornwall coast and countryside

Geology rocks at Sandymouth
Thu 24 Oct, 10.30am-11.30am
See the extraordinary cliffs and rocks of the coast and how it affects today’s wildlife and landscape on a guided walk with Geologist Jane Anderson and the National Trust.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£6 (includes materials)

Half term ranger day - build a bird box
Wed 23 Oct, 10am-noon
Come to the Teetubestation above Polzeath beach to build a bird box and get some hands on tips on how to put it up in your garden at home.

£5 (includes materials)

Midday sugar hit.
Rare habitats. No fire is complete without mud and silt from the ha-ha.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£6 (includes materials)

Mobiloo at Lanhydrock
Trelissick Old Post Office Tintagel PL30 1OB
Photography competition display
Sat 5 - Sat 12 Oct, 11am-4pm
The theme for this year’s photography competition is ‘my favourite thing’. See how visitors have interpreted the Old Post Office and vote for your favourite photograph.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£50 (includes materials, refreshments and lunch)

Tresco

Apple weekend
Fri 4 - Sun 6 Oct, 10.30am-5pm
A weekend of family activities in the orchard including a talk, daily apple picking on the ha-ha and scrumping.

£12.50

Trelissick

Christmas lantern walk
Fri 6 & Sat 7 Dec, 5.30-8pm
The walled garden and orchard will be lit up with lanterns, flaming torches and fairy lights, and local bands will be performing festive songs.

Booking essential (from 1 Oct) 0344 249 1895
£7 (includes gift)

Tresco night
Mon 21 - Thu 24 & Sun 27 Oct, 11am-4pm
Autumn-themed games in the orchard plus apple bobbing with Trengwainton-grown apples (while stocks last). You can also have a go at some of the things to do before you’re 11.5

£3.50

Tresco lantern walk
Fri 6 & Sat 7 Dec, 5.30-8pm
Pick up that perfect Christmas gift from the Tresco raft market, with a variety of gifts handmade by National Trust staff and volunteers.

£5

Tresco illuminated
Fri 6 - Sun 8 Fri 13 - Mon 23 & Fri 27 - Thu 31 Dec, 4-7pm
Tresco becomes an illuminated wonderland as the sun sets. Meadowland and the garden paths ends with a magical experience of colour and light.

£15

Tresco house festively decorated for Christmas
Daily, 6 - 31 Dec (excluding 24 - 26 Dec), 11am-4.30pm (plus evening opening for Tresco Illuminated)
A warm welcome awaits you through the wondrous front door as the halls have been decked with Christmas decorations, flowers, and twinkling lights and will be alive with festive cheer.

£11.95

An audience with Father Christmas
Fri - Sun, 6 - 22 Dec Mon 23 Dec, various times (see below)
Join Father Christmas as he returns to Trelissick to entertain families with his festive tales in the stables and hands out small gifts at the end of the story.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£6 (includes gift)

Meet the reindeer
Sat 6 - 14 Dec, 8am-2.45pm
The reindeer fly in for a festive visit to Trelissick, stable yard this Christmas.

£12

Wooden reindeer making
Mon & Tue 8 & 9 Dec, 10.30-11.50am, 12 noon-12.20pm, 12.30-12.50pm, 1-1.20pm, 1.30-2.50pm
Learn how to make a reindeer from green wood with the ranger team.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£4 (includes materials)

Storytelling with the elves
Wed 1-7 Dec, 8am-noon, 1-10pm, 2.30-4.30pm & 6-9pm
As Father Christmas takes a well-earned rest between Christmas and New Year, two of his elves will be telling their story of the 12 days of Christmas.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895
£4

Trengwainton Garden
Near Penzance TR20 8RZ
Autumn fun day
Sun 20 Oct, 11am-3pm
Join us to celebrate all things autumnal with pumpkin carving (£3 per pumpkin), games, and kitchen garden snacks. Go wolly wandering, follow the fairy fun trail and spot the autumn colours.

£5 (includes materials)

Autumn half-term fun
Mon 21 - Thu 24 & Sun 27 Oct, 11am-4pm
Autumn-themed games in the orchard plus apple bobbing with Trengwainton-grown apples (while stocks last). You can also have a go at some of the things to do before you’re 11.5

£3.50

Autumn half-term storytelling
Thu 24 Oct, 11am-4pm
In the bell tent in the orchard, storyteller Mark Harandon will be in the Undercroft, with spooky stories to intrigue all the family.

£4

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£7 (includes gift)
Arlington Court and the National Trust
Carriage Museum
Near Barnstaple EX31 4LP

Celebrating the harvest
Sat 19 Oct & Sun 20 Oct, 11am-3pm
Enjoy the harvest with a magnificent display of crops from the kitchen garden, apple and honey tasting, pressing, recipe suggestions and family activities.

Pumpkin trail 🎃 Sat 19 - Sun 27 Oct, 10.30am-4pm
Find the pumpkin hidden around the grounds and discover more about harvest and Halloween traditions.
£1

Spooky night walk 🍃 Fri 25 Oct, 5-7pm
Join us for a spooky night walk in the woods. Bring torches, the paths are uneven and steep in places.
£1

Christmas at Buckland
Daily, 1 Dec - 2 Jan (excluding 25-26 Dec), 11am-4.30pm
Step back in time and experience an Elizabethan style Christmas at Buckland Abbey. All around the kitchen, festive dancing in the great hall and the traditional Lord of Misrule causing mischief.
Festive family fun trails 🎅 Daily, 1 Dec - 2 Jan (excluding 25-26 Dec), 11am-4.30pm
Wrap up warm and head out on the estate to take part in a festive family trail in the woodland.
Festive family crafting 🎁 Selected dates in Dec (see web for details)
If crafting is your thing, then Buckland Abbey is the place for you this Christmas with the return of Naturnake for family crafting made on set dates in December.

Wassail
Sun 5 Jan, 11am-4pm
No New Year’s Eve is complete without a traditional Wassail. Dartmoor Border Morris leads the Wassail to celebrate and hope for a good harvest year next. Bring your pots and pans to make lots of noise.

Castle Drogo
Dartmoor EX6 6PB
Hydro Turbine open house 🌊 Fri 4 Oct, 11am-4pm
The Hydro Turbine building on the River Teign will be open for a look inside, with guides sharing the history of this building, its restoration and how it works.

Early evening garden walk 🌸 Thu 11 Oct, 6-8.30pm
Join one of the team for a walk and talk through the garden to take in the highlights of the season after everyone else has gone home.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £5 (includes gift)

Castle Drogo
Adult £12, child (5-17) £6, family £30

Buckland Abbey
Yelverton PL20 6EY
Volunteer recruitment weekend
Sat & Sun 12 Oct, 11am-3pm
Join us over the weekend to find out more about volunteering and the opportunities available. There’s something for everyone.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £6 (includes gift)

New Year’s Day walk with a ranger
Wed 1 Jan, 11am-3pm
A four mile walk around Arlington’s beautiful estate to welcome the New Year and blow away the cobwebs.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £6

Castle Drogo


East Devon
Coast and countryside
Shute Barton open weekend Sat 16, Sun 17 Nov, 10.30am-4pm (45 minute tours begin every 15 minutes) Usually let as a holiday cottage, take a guided tour of the house and garden, complete with bickerings, towers, royal connections and one of the largest furnaces in England.
Booking essential adult £6, child £3
Finch Foundry
Near Okehampton EX20 2NW
Halloween fun at Finch
Sun 27 Oct, 11am-4pm
The fiery furnaces of Finch present a spooky bark for some scary stories and a fun Halloween trail.
Donations to the story teller welcome

St Clement’s Day
Sat 23 Nov, 11am-4pm
Celebrate the patron saint of blacksmiths, with demonstrations, competitions, items for sale and mulled apple juice to keep out the cold.

Greenway
Near Brixham TQ5 0ES
Tea time trail 🍵 Sat 19 - Sun 30 Nov, 10.30am-5pm & Sat - Sun, 9 - 24 Nov, 11am-4pm
Walk around the house on your own, where does tea come from? These questions and more are explored on our tea garden trails for families. Pick up a trail from Visitor Reception.
Pre-booked parking essential 0803 842382

Countryside walk with a ranger 🏞 Sat 16 & Sun 17 Nov, 10.30am-5pm & Sat - Sun, 9 - 24 Nov, 11am-4pm
Join a ranger for a walk through Greenway garden out to part of the estate, and find out about the work that the rangers do to care for this special place.
Pre-booked parking essential 0803 842382

Autumn tea festival 🍂 Sat & Sun 2 Nov, 10.30am-5pm & Sat - Sun, 9 - 24 Nov, 11am-4pm
Whether your choice of tea is a delicate white of Japan or a typical builder’s brew, the Greenway should be your destination for a taste of the best.
Pre-booked parking essential 0803 842382

The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding 🍴
Sun, Sat & Sun, 10 Nov - 24 Nov, 11am-4pm
Explore Christmas puddings everywhere as Agatha Christie’s story ‘The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding’ has once again inspired the decorations and activities in her beloved holiday home and garden.
Pre-booked parking essential 0803 842382

Father Christmas visits Greenway 🎅 Sat, 17 & 24 Dec, 11.30am-3pm & 2-3.30pm
Father Christmas will be meeting children and sharing out keepsake gifts. His helpers will be telling stories and helping little ones to write their letters to Father Christmas to pop into the Greenway post box.
Booking essential Father Christmas advisable and pre-booked parking essential 0803 842382 £5 (includes gift)

Killerton
Near Exeter EX3 9LE
Tree of life 🌱 Sat & Sun 2 Dec, 9am-5pm
Explore Killerton’s link with nature through this fashion exhibition which delivers into the use of plants in clothing worn through history.

Seeing the wood and the trees 🍃 Sat 16 & Sun 17 Nov, 9am-5pm
Killerton is celebrating 100 years of the Forestry Commission, telling the story of Francis Acland and his crucial role in its formation in 1919, and how we are looking after forests now for the future.

nationaltrust.org.uk/southwest
The big pick weekend
Sat 3 & Sun 6 Oct, 11am-4pm
Come along to Killerton’s orchard for family fun, helping to harvest the apples which make the famous Killerton cider.

Killerton apple festival
Sat 12 & Sun 13 Oct, 10am-5pm
Discover over 50 different varieties of apple, including amongst the apple trees at Killerton’s orchard. There will be live music, a hog roast, great local food and apple products, including Killerton apple juice and cider.

Non-member adult £10, child £5

Pumpkin trail
Sat 19 - Sun 20 Oct, 11am-4pm
We dare you to go through this trail around the parkland and plan to see if you can spot all of the pumpkins hiding off the beaten track.

Booking advisable for house entry (timed tickets) 0344 249 1895

Christmas at Killerton
Daily, 23 Nov - 8 Jan (including 25 Dec - 26 Dec), see web for times
Explore Killerton and see it shine with decorations inspired by the popular poem ‘Twas the night before Christmas. The fun continues outside with twinkling lights, a themed trail and games.

Booking advisable for house entry (timed tickets) 0344 249 1895

Children’s trail
Mon 23 Dec, 11am-1pm & 2-4pm
A traditional Christmas at Knightshayes, dark for 23 Dec for the first time, plus Wed 1 Jan, 10am-4pm
See the house decorated for a traditional family Christmas, with presents, toys and greenery galore.

Booking essential (from 1 Oct) 0344 249 1895

Adult £10 (includes hot drink)

Wreath making
Sat 30 Nov - Tue 2 Dec & Sun 5 - Sun 5 Dec, 10:30am-12.30pm & 2.30-4.30pm
Learn the festive art of wreath making with Sarah, using greenery and foliage collected from Knightshayes’ garden, followed by lunch or a cream tea in the Rectory.

Booking essential (from 1 Oct) 0349 2811435 £7.50 (ages 8 and under, includes gift)

Knightshayes Court
Near Tiverton EX16 7RQ
A traditional Christmas at Knightshayes
Dark for 23 Dec for the first time, plus Wed 1 Jan, 10am-4pm
See the house decorated for a traditional family Christmas, with presents, toys and greenery galore.

Booking essential (from 1 Oct) 0344 249 1895

Adult £35 (includes dinner)

Night run at East Soar
Sat 26 Dec
Explore the 9km Night Run, in partnership with the Night Run Partnership, for a winter run as you explore one of the most remote places in England, to one of the first giant redwoods in the UK.

Booking essential via web
Adult £15, child (12+) £15

Enchanted Saltmarsh
Sun 31 Dec, 12 noon-8pm
Step into the magical world of Enchanted Saltmarsh and become spellbound by what you see. Follow the illuminated trail through the garden as dusk and discover fairytale brought to life.

Storytelling in the orangery
Wed 23 Oct, 4-5pm
Join the ranger to make the orangery the stage for tales from lands near and far.

Trust10
Sun 27 Oct, 24 Nov, 22 Dec & 26 Dec, 9-11am
A free monthly way-marked 10K run run through the National Trust’s finest estates. A chance to enjoy traffic free routes, great views and a unique training opportunity. Free, fun and informal; come and try it for yourself!

Christmas craft & food fair
Fri 15 Nov, 10am-4pm & Sat 16 - Sun 17 Nov, 9am-4pm
Shop local festive atmosphere and stroll amongst local craft and food stalls whilst sipping on a warm glass of mulled wine.

Non-members £3

Booking advisable via web
Adult £5, child (£1 over 1 year old) £8 (includes keepsake gift)

Storytelling with Father Christmas: real-life stories
Sun 1, Thu 5, Sat 14 & Mon 16 Nov, 3-4.45pm, 5-6.45pm
Join Father Christmas in the stables as he shares magical stories and some festive songs.

Booking advisable via web
Adult £8, child (£1 over 1 year old) £8 (includes keepsake gift)

Storytelling with Father Christmas: group bookings
Sat 14 Dec, 6.30-7.30pm
Who said Christmas was just for kids? If you’re looking for group bookings, designed for audience members who may benefit from a more informal experience, such as those with autism and sensory or communication needs.

Booking advisable via web
Adult £9 (includes a glass of mulled wine or hot chocolate and keepsake gift)

Wassail
Sat 25 Jan, 3-5pm
Join the ranger team in Saltmarsh’s orchard to bless the 2020 crop as the Wassail King and Queen share how to ‘toast’ the trees.

Booking essential 01752 333500
Adult £8, child £5, family tickets available

South Devon coast and countryside
Festive fun at East Soar
Sun 15 Dec, 12 noon-3pm
Join the rangers to make your own wreath or festive lantern from natural materials, and help the wildlife through the long winter by making a food and shelter they can take home.

Donations welcome towards the making materials

Night run at East Soar
Sat 25 Jan, 6.30-9.30pm
See the Devon Night Run Partnership with Cotswold Outdoors, a great chance to explore East Soar after dark. Your trail run entry will also raise funds for our supporting nature conservation work on the farm.

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