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

What's on

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



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The Lakes

Regular events & exhibitions

Daily until 3 November
Beatrix Potter Gallery
'Telling Tales' exhibition
Featuring original artwork from some of Beatrix Potter's most popular 'little white books', 'Telling Tales' looks at why, over 100 years after the publication of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, Beatrix Potter's delightful characters still resonate with so many of us today.*

Daily until 3 November
Hill Top
Samuel Whiskers' children's trail
10am–4pm
Make your way around Beatrix's farmhouse and see if you spot Samuel Whiskers' family who have come to visit.*

Tuesday–Sunday until 27 October
Sizergh
The Sizergh Silk Road: from Goa to Antwerp
12 noon–3.30pm
It's the last chance to see King James II's Goan bedspread on display and explore Sizergh's textile history in our 2019 exhibition.*

Saturday–Thursday until 3 November
Wordsworth House & Garden
Under Northern Skies
11am–4pm
Inspired by Coleridge's *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, young curators from local communities take over his friend and collaborator's childhood home with displays and installations highlighting today's environmental concerns.*

Saturday–Thursday until 3 November
Wordsworth House & Garden
Back from the brink of destruction
11am–4pm
It's 80 years since local people saved Wordsworth House from demolition and it was opened to the public by the National Trust. This discovery room display tells the story of an extraordinary home in the 20th and 21st centuries.*

Every Monday until 21 October
Sizergh
Guided walk: Helsington Church
1.30pm
This short walk to Church Fell crosses farmland, ancient woodland, orchards and wetlands, and provides incredible views from St John's Church over the Lyth valley and Lakeland fells. **Free**

Every Friday until 1 November
Beatrix Potter Gallery
Conservation in action
1–3pm
Chat to our conservation team and see some rare items from the collection such as early editions of Beatrix's books or her jewellery.*

Every Friday until 18 October
Hill Top
Hill Top exclusive tour
2–3pm
Experience Beatrix Potter's beloved home, Hill Top, out of hours and get up close to items from the collection. **£15 BE**

Every Sunday 29 September–3 November (plus every Saturday 19 October–2 November)
Wordsworth House & Garden
Pastimes from the past
11am–4pm
Think outside the Xbox and try your hand at some indoor and outdoor games William and Dorothy would have enjoyed.*

Every weekend until 27 October
Steam Yacht Gondola
Walkers cruises
From 11am, see website for details
Make a day of your visit to Conistone with a cruise on Gondola and a 6-mile walk from Parkmoor jetty or a 7-mile walk from Lake Bank jetty. Adult **£12/£15**, family **£26/£35**

Every weekend until 27 October
Acorn Bank
Apple tasting weekends
11am–3pm
As the harvest ripens taste a wide variety of heritage apples from our collection.*

September

Tuesday 24 September

Sizergh (until 29 September)
Sizergh Uncovered
12 noon–3.30pm
See our collection in a new light; peek underneath the covers and inside the drawers of some of our oldest – and most interesting – furniture.*

Wednesday 25 September

Wordsworth House & Garden (also 2, 9 & 16 October)
Undressing the Wordsworths
11.30am
From louse-filled bigwigs to loose women: join the maid as she strips back the layers to reveal how Georgians dressed and cared for themselves.*

Fell Foot

(also 2 & 9 October)
Little explorers
9.30–10.30am
Stretch little legs with a series of guided, nature-themed walks around the park for pre-school children. These basic walking routes are suitable for the whole family. **Free**

Thursday 26 September

Whitehaven Coast (also 28 November)
St Bees beach clean
2–3.30pm
Join us and the Colourful Coast Partnership at St Bees beach to help remove marine litter and tackle the marine plastics problem. **Free**

Friday 27 September

Acorn Bank (also 18 October, 29 November)
Cooking demos
11am, 12 noon & 1pm
Drop in to see our Chef James demonstrate how we use what we grow in the garden to cook tasty, fresh food in our café.*

Saturday 28 September

Wordsworth House & Garden (also 5 & 12 October)
How green was my Georgian?
11.30am
In the Wordsworths' time, everything from leftover food to teeth and hair was recycled. Find out from the maid if we could learn some useful environmental lessons today.*

Wordsworth House & Garden (also 5 & 12 October)
The horrible truth about Georgian life
2.30pm
Step into a world of pinching matches and tipsy toddlers, as the maid describes the strange and often harsh reality of life in the 18th century.*

Sunday 29 September

Acorn Bank
Plant dyes tours
1–2pm
Follow a fascinating walk through the herb garden to find out which plants can be used to make colourful dyes and how.*

October

Thursday 3 October

Wordsworth House & Garden
National Poetry Day
11am–4pm
Celebrate National Poetry Day at poet William Wordsworth's childhood home. Seek inspiration, take in a tour or write a poem and share the things that inspire you.*

Friday 4 October

Steam Yacht Gondola
Grand Victorian Circular Tour
10.15am–5pm
Accompanied by a National Trust guide, retrace the steps of Victorian and Edwardian tourists on an adaptation of one of the original Furness Railway grand tours of the Lake District. In partnership with Windermere Lake Cruises, Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway and Mountain Goat Tours. **£75** incl. entry to all attractions and lunch at Claife **BE**

October half term

Saturday 19 October

Lyme (until 10 November)
Autumn trail at Crow Wood
10.30am–4.30pm
Explore Lyme’s woodland and find out about the myths and folklore associated with the plants, trees and the ancient landscape at Lyme.* £2

Rufford Old Hall
(until 3 November, closed 31 October & 1 November)
Scarecrow festival
11am–4pm
Rufford will be hosting its annual Scarecrow Festival based on literary characters.*

Quarry Bank (until 1 November)
October half term: people? Pah, profit!
11am–4pm
See ‘Look out for...’ for details.

Wednesday 23 October

Gawthorpe Hall
Mad science and slime
1–4pm
Have fun with some mad science and make some slime to take away. Child £2.50 BE

Thursday 24 October

Lyme (also 25, 28 & 29 October)
Pumpkin carving
10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm
Transform a pile of pumpkins into scary faces – or whatever you want! Pumpkins, equipment and templates provided, just bring your imagination.* £5.50 BE

Friday 25 October

Lyme
Fright Run
2–4pm & 6–8pm
Join the Halloween fun run around the park, fancy dress a must! 2km afternoon route for younger families, or an after-dark 6km route through the woods.* £3.70 BE

Little Moreton Hall
(also 26 October)
Torchlit tours
6–8pm
Join a torchlit tour of the Hall where you can find out how the Tudors used ritual protection marks to ward off evil spirits. £12 BE

Formby (also 26 October)
Formby: a haven for the Blitzed
11am, 11.30am, 1pm & 1.30pm
Join us for a dramatic interpretation of local life at the time of the Liverpool Blitz, with a contemporary twist. Working in partnership with Liverpool John Moores University, this 2-hour interactive promenade performance will explore historical stories set in our glorious coastal landscape. £5 BE

Saturday 26 October

Speke Hall (until 3 November)
Tudor Hallowtide
10.30am–4pm
Explore the dark and creepy side of Tudor life with Hallowtide at Speke Hall. Enjoy spooky storytelling, a Dark Woods trail and superstitious crafts.*

Saturday 26 October

Tatton Park (until 31 October)
Haunted Halloween at the Old Hall
See website for times
Dare you enter the Old Hall – reputedly one of the most haunted buildings in the country? Join in ghoulish activities and hear spine-tingling tales of haunted happenings. See tattonpark.org.uk for prices

Little Moreton Hall
(until 3 November)
Hallowtide – October half term
11am–3pm
Discover how the Tudors celebrated Halloween, explore some of the tastes of the season and take part in Hallowtide activities.*

Hare Hill (until 3 November)
Autumn nature trail
10.30am–4pm
Celebrate autumn at Hare Hill by following our nature trail through the wooded garden.*

Sunday 27 October

Gawthorpe Hall
Pumpkin trail
1–4pm
A muddy autumnal hunt for pumpkins, black cats and more in the grounds. Child £2.50

November

Saturday 2 November

Lyme
Fungi walk
10am–12.30pm
Find out all about fungi with the rangers on this guided walk through the estate.*

Sunday 3 November

Rufford Old Hall
Cook on a campfire
12 noon, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm
Learn how to light a fire without matches and sample some campfire treats.* £2

Friday 15 November

Tatton Park (until 17 November)
Foodies Festival Christmas
Times vary – please check website
Join in the festive fun at one of the UK’s biggest celebrations of food, drink and wellbeing. BE via foodiesfestival.com

Friday 22 November

Dunham Massey (until 30 December)
Christmas at Dunham Massey
From 4.40pm
The biggest Christmas event in Cheshire is back for its third year. With plenty of new surprises, it’s bigger and brighter than ever before. Discover Dunham Massey in a new light as you experience the garden and historic buildings aglow for a magical outdoor, after-dark experience. Adult £19.50, child (3–16) £13, family £62 (booking fee applies) BE

Saturday 23 November

Lyme (also Friday–Monday until 23 December, plus 24 December)
Lyme’s Christmas Stories
11am–3pm
Explore memories and stories of Christmas from Lyme’s past, through the house decorations.*

Saturday 23 November

Lyme (also Friday–Sunday until 22 December, plus 23 & 24 December)
An audience with Father Christmas
From 10am
Bring your little ones to meet Father Christmas in a beautiful country house setting.* Child £9.95 BE

Tuesday 26 November

Tatton Park
(also selected days until 5 January)
A Fairytale Christmas at Tatton Park
See website for times
Experience a magical Christmas at Tatton Park themed with all of your favourite fairy tales! See tattonpark.org.uk for prices

Wednesday 27 November

Quarry Bank (until 5 January)
Christmas at Quarry Bank
During opening hours
Explore Quarry Bank this Christmas with festive decorations in the glasshouses, special Christmas tours of the Apprentice House, and Quarry Bank House laid out for a Georgian feast.*

Speke Hall (also 28 November)
Christmas decorating workshop
1pm
Come along and admire our traditional Christmas decorations on a guided tour of the Hall, before taking part in a workshop to make your own to take home. £18 BE

Friday 29 November

Quarry Bank (also 6, 13 & 20 December)
Baby and toddler meet Father Christmas
10.30am–4pm
Join in with a Christmas baby and toddler storytelling and play session which includes a private family visit to Father Christmas and a gift. Age 6 months–5 years. Child £10 BE

Speke Hall (also 30 November, 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 & 15 December)
Christmas past
12.30–4pm (last entry 3.30pm).
Experience the sights, sounds and scents of a traditional Christmas and enjoy lots of family activities including trails and sugar mice making.*

Little Moreton Hall
(also 30 November, 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 & 15 December)
Yuletide
11am–3.30pm
Join us for a festive feast as we celebrate a Tudor Yuletide with decorations, displays and entertainment for all ages. On Fridays, try some Tudor treats. At the weekends, the Hall will come to life with live music, storytelling and jesters.*

Little Moreton Hall (also 30 November, 1, 6, 7 & 8 December)
Father Christmas
11.30am–4pm
Your session will include storytelling, activities, a private family visit to Father Christmas and a gift to take home.* Child £10 BE

Saturday 30 November

Quarry Bank (also 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22 December)
Meet Father Christmas
10.30am–4pm
Join in with stories, games and festive activities, including a private family visit to Father Christmas and a gift. Age 4–10. Child £10 BE

Saturday 30 November

Speke Hall (also 1, 7, 8, 14 & 15 December)
A visit with Father Christmas
10.45am onwards
Have your Christmas wish list at the ready and visit Father Christmas at Speke Hall.* Child £4 BE

December

Wednesday 4 December

Speke Hall (until 6 December)
Evenings of festive music
6.30pm & 8pm
Explore the ground floor, decorated for a traditional Christmas, and enjoy a carol concert in the Great Hall, followed by festive refreshments. Adult £14, child £7 BE

Thursday 5 December

Rufford Old Hall
(until 22 December)
Traditional family Christmas
11am–4pm
See the house decorated for a traditional family Christmas and enjoy some warming treats in the tea-room.*

Friday 6 December

Tatton Park (until 8 December)
Tatton Christmas Shopping Fair
10.30am–5pm
You’re sure to find that perfect gift with over 40 stalls in the Tenants’ Hall offering a wide range of present ideas, food, drink and Christmas essentials. Free entry to fair, vehicle entry £7



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Saturday 7 December

Gawthorpe Hall (until 8 December)
Victorian Christmas
10.30am–3.30pm
Enjoy a Victorian Christmas with Father Christmas, festive activities for the children, music and a chance to meet the housekeeper in the kitchen. Adult £6, child free

Rufford Old Hall (also 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22 December)
Christmas grotto
11am–4pm
Visit Father Christmas in the grotto and let him know your Christmas wishes.* Child £6 BE

Thursday 19 December

Speke Hall (until 21 December)
Breakfast with Father Christmas
9am onwards
Get ready for Christmas with a special treat for your little ones. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, storytime with Father Christmas and take home a present. Adult £6.50, child £10 BE

January

Saturday 25 January

Lyme
Night Run
4.30–8.30pm
Experience Lyme in a new light on an after-dark run with the 3k Explorer route, or 7k Adventurer route taking in the wild moorland areas.* Explorer route £7, Adventurer route £14 BE

Notes Events are correct at the time of going to print.

Key:
* – normal admission charges apply
£ – small charge for some activities
BE – booking essential through the property

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□ – Part of Trust New Art, the National Trust’s programme of contemporary arts.

Getting in touch

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

- Acorn Bank 017683 61893
- Aira Force 017684 82067
- Alderley Edge 01625 584412
- Allan Bank 015394 35143
- Arnsdale, Silverdale & Heysham 01524 701178
- Beatrix Potter Gallery 015394 36355
- Borrowdale, Buttermere, Derwent Water, Ennerdale & Whitehaven Coast 017687 74649
- Claife Viewing Station 015394 41456
- Dunham Massey 0161 941 1025
- Fell Foot 015395 31273
- Footprint 015394 88409
- Formby 01704 878591
- Gawthorpe Hall 01282 771004
- The Hardmans’ House 0151 709 6261
- Hare Hill 01625 827534

- Hill Top 015394 36269
- Lakes Campsites 015394 32733
- Little Moreton Hall 01260 272018
- Lyme 01663 762023
- National Trust Holiday Cottages 0344 800 2070
- Quarry Bank 01625 527468
- Rufford Old Hall 01704 821254
- Sandscale Haws 01229 462855
- Sizergh 015395 60951
- Speke Hall 0151 427 7231
- Steam Yacht Gondola 015394 32733
- Sticklebarn 015394 37356
- Tarn Haws 015394 41456
- Tatton Park 01625 374400
- Townend 015394 32628
- Wasdale, Eskdale & Duddon Valley 019467 26064
- Wordsworth House & Garden 01900 824805
- Wray Castle 015394 33250