Herefordshire

Berrington Hall

Apple Harvest Weekend
Sat 5 Oct & Sun 6 Oct, 10am-4pm
Come to Berrington and celebrate the annual harvest with our ‘Apple Month’. This weekend, we’ll be celebrating with apple pressing demonstrations in the gardens, horse and carriage rides, a children’s trail and even some apple-themed goods in the shop and tea-room.

Apple Month
Sat 5 Oct – Fri 25 Oct, 10am-4pm
Join us to celebrate the harvest season with a month of traditional apple themed activities. Enjoy warming treats in the tea-room, a children’s trail, crafts, apple pressing and horse and carriage rides on selected weekends.

Rumpelstiltskin Trail
Sat 26 Oct – Sun 27 Oct, 10am-4pm
The Grimm brothers notoriously wrote some grisly fairytales. As part of our crime and punishment week we are inviting you to take on the ‘Rumpelstiltskin trail’ to see what you can uncover in the gardens.

Crime and Punishment of the 18th Century
Sat 26 Oct – Sun 3 Nov, 10am-4pm
Take on the role of Georgian detective and see if you can solve the murder mystery this half term. Do you have what it takes to hunt around the grounds and reveal the truth?

Wreath Making with the Senior Gardener
Sat 23 Nov & Sun 24 Nov, Sat 14 Dec & Sun 15 Dec, 11am-3pm
Decorate your house with something special and adorn your door with your own Berrington wreath. Join our Senior Gardener and gain his expert advice to create this special seasonal gift for your home. £10 per wreath

Croft Castle and Parkland

A Taste of Autumn
Sat 12 Oct & Sun 13 Oct, 11am-3pm
Make and sample some delicious apple juice from our heritage apple varieties such as Ellison’s orange, Gascogne’s scarlet and Cockles pippin.

Ancient Tree Walks
Sat 19 Oct & Sun 20 Oct, 2pm-4pm
Join us for a guided autumnal walk through Croft’s ancient parkland. Pop your walking boots on and join our countryside ranger as he takes you on a journey through Croft’s ancient trees.

The Weir Garden

Curious Garden Trail
Sat 26 Oct – Sun 3 Nov, 10.30am-4pm
There are rather bizarre looking vegetables popping up in the garden this Halloween half term. Follow the footsteps of the gardeners here at The Weir and stumble across peculiar pumpkins and strange squash.

Winter Wonderland Trail
Sat 16 Nov – Sat 7 Dec
(Sat & Sun’s only), 10.30am-4pm
Beat the winter blues by learning how wildlife in the garden prepares for the cold winter months with this fun family trail. Complete your sheet and receive a special prize at the end from Visitor Reception. £5.25 per trail, includes a prize

Father Christmas Visits
Sun 8 Dec, 8am-4pm
Join us for a ‘Present Hunt’ trail followed by a visit to the big man himself in his magical sleigh. Help Father Christmas by finding the hidden presents and deliver him your Christmas wish list in person. Purchase a golden ticket when you arrive. £5, includes a present

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What’s on

What’s on at the National Trust in Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands and Worcestershire for autumn 2019.

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What’s on
**Shropshire**

**Attingham Park**

Wooden Woods
Fri 25 Oct – Sun 24 Nov, 9am-5pm
Wooden Woods returns to Attingham for its second year as knitted flora and fauna take over a section of the woodlands. Add a critter to the display by getting your yarn creations to us by 20 October. See web for T&Cs.

Pumpkin Carving
Tue 29 Oct – Thu 31 Oct, 10.30am-3pm
(allow 15 mins, lasting 30 mins)
With locally grown pumpkins and an LED tea light included, you can go on a creating your own masterpiece to welcome your friends or scare away the night.

All £5.50

**Carding Mill Valley and the Long Mynd**

Apple Pressing Weekend
Sat 26 Oct & Sun 27 Oct, 10am-4pm
Come along and press your own apples to make the best juice on the planet. Bring a bucket of apples and clean, empty plastic bottles for the juice. £5 donation per press

Stars in Your Skies - Fascinating to Intergalactic
Sat 26 Oct, 8pm-10pm
Join the Sky’s team for another fascinating evening talk. They will be looking at how to see the fainter and more distant objects in the sky, whether in our Milky Way or further away. Ticket includes soup and a roll. £10

Make a Bird Feeder
Thu 31 Oct, 11am-2pm
Join our ranger team to build your own wooden bird feeder. £5

A Day in the Life of a Ranger
Thu 7 Nov, 10am-12.30pm
From sheep to heather to signs to light bulbs, a ranger’s day is extremely varied. Join Area Ranger Patrick as he explains how a National Trust ranger on the Long Mynd spends their day. Ticket includes soup and a roll. £10

Dormouse Walk
Sat 14 Nov, 10am-11.30am
This is home to the largest population of Hazel dormouse in Shropshire. Walk with us through the beautiful ancient woodland they call home, learn about their ecology and what we are doing to help them. Sensible outdoor footwear and clothing required. £4

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
Mon 2 Dec, 2pm-5pm
Pick up gifts for garden enthusiasts, keen foodies and history buffs as well as plenty of unusual stocking fillers for picky friends.

Sunncroft

Murder at Sunncroft
Wed 30 Oct & Thu 31 Oct, 7.30pm-9pm
A property built for entertaining, this Halloween Sunncroft hosts a Victorian evening of fun and mystery. Are you brave enough to accept the invitation? All £35

**A Victorian Christmas**

Sat 30 Nov – Mon 2 Dec (exc Weds & Thurs), 10.30am-3pm
Come and see the house dressed for an opulent Victorian Christmas complete with local carol singers, handcrafted decorations and a left Christmas tree in the Staircase Hall.

Christmas Wreath Workshop
Mon 2 Dec, Fri 6 Dec & Sat 7 Dec, 11am-3pm
Join our talented gardeners for a Christmas wreath making workshop, using 100% natural greenery from the garden at Sunncroft. You will learn how to craft your very own unique traditional wreath. All £41

(inc. drink and a slice of cake)

Christmas Evening Opening
Mon 2 Dec, 5pm-7pm
Open to our members (please book)

Halloween Lantern Walk
Thu 31 Oct, 5pm-7pm
A Halloween evening with a difference. You can bring the lanterns you made with us, and then join us for a magical procession through the woods hunting for pumpkins on Halloween night.

All £13

**WOOLLEN WOODS**

Fri 25 Oct – Sun 24 Nov, 9am-5pm
Inspired by nature and the creatures around us by 20 October. See web for T&Cs.

The SAS bring the skies to life whatever the weather. Friday is a series of short talks with Shropshire Astronomical Society (SAS) and a glass of wine. Saturday brings a family evening talk. £10 donation per press

Sun 6 Oct, 10am-12noon
Harvest Season

Mon 14 Oct – Sun 3 Nov (Sun-Thur.) 11am-3pm
Join in with harvest celebrations in the orchard. Help us pick and press the apples from our heritage orchard, learn about traditional crafts and heritage orchard, learn about traditional crafts and make your own farmyard style apples.

Trust 10
Sun 27 Oct, 9am-11am
Join us in Corner Woods on the fourth Sunday of the month for a fun, family-friendly outdoor activity. £5

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Halloween at Wenlock Edge
Sat 26 Oct, 8pm-10pm
Help to scare away ghouls and join in with some creepy crafts. The best fancy dress will win a prize and all the little monsters will leave with a goody treat. Please wear sensible shoes, bring a torch and wrap up warm.

Child £3

All Hallows’ Eve Walk
Sat 26 Oct, 8pm-10pm
Join us to wander through the wild Wenlock woods at night watching out for bats, witches and ghouls. Please wear sensible shoes, bring a torch and wrap up warm.

Wreath Making Workshops
Sun 8 Dec, 11am-2.30pm
Speed a morning or afternoon with the team from Big Little Things Florist shop and make a Christmas wreath fit for your festive front door. We’ll provide all the materials and advice you need. £35.50

**Staffordshire**

**Biddulph Grange Garden**

Bonfire, Lantern Walk and Fireworks for £3.50
& Sun 27 Oct, 6pm-8pm
The annual bonfire and lantern walk is back. Pick up your glow stick then explore the garden by lantern light, marvel at the magnificent trees illuminated for this special event, then make your way to the tennis lawn for the lighting of the bonfire and fireworks display.

Hot food, bar and shop on the tennis lawn. Adult £3.50, child £2.50, under 2s free.

Spooky Halloween
Sat 26 Oct – Thu 31 Oct, 10am-4pm
The spooky tunnel will once again appear like magic in the Egyptian Court at Biddulph Grange Garden, dare yourself to venture through and not be scared.

Come dressed up as your favourite spooky character as you complete the Halloween trail. £2.50

Dinovember
Sat 2 Nov – Sun 17 Nov, 10am-4pm
November is the month to celebrate all things dinosaur and geological at Biddulph Grange Garden. From meet the Palaeontologist to dinosaur shows, join our dino knut and natter or come along and meet the fossils. See website for prices and dates for each event and activity.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
Tue 3 Dec – Thu 5 Dec, 11am-12.30pm
Join the gardening team in their work area to make a fabulous Christmas wreath with foliage gathered for you from the garden, then come along and meet the fossils. All £38

Kinder Edge and the Rock Houses

Apple Weekend
Sat 19 Oct & Sun 20 Oct, 11am-4pm
You can try freshly squeezed apple juice in our heritage orchard, learn about traditional crafts and enjoy seasonal treats in the tea-room. All £3.50

Halloween Willow Lantern Making
Mon 28 Oct – Wed 30 Oct, 11am-4.30pm
Please bring your own apples if you want to.

Halloween Lantern Walk
Thu 31 Oct, 5pm-7pm
A Halloween evening with a difference. You can bring the lanterns you made with us, and follow us on a magical procession through the woods hunting for pumpkins on Halloween night.

Child £3

**: World’s First Snoop Fest**

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shortbread in the Garden Parlour.
Woods to toast marshmallows over the Christmas Quest stops for you to try too.

Workout Walk
Adult £10, child £8, family £30, under 5’s free

Revel in the magic of Shugborough after dark
Fri 20 Dec & Sat 21 Dec, 4pm–6pm
Join us for a candlelit ghost tour of the moated manor house. Learn all about Baddesley’s creepy tales and ghastly goings on. Tea and cake in the restaurant is included. £22

Family Fun Days - Halloween
Sat 26 Oct – Sat 3 Nov, 11am-3:30pm
Join us for a spooky outdoor trail with take-home activities. £2.50

Warwickshire
Baddesley Clinton
Baddesley Clinton Ghost Tours
Fri 25 Oct & Sat 26 Oct, 6.30pm, 7.15pm, 8pm & 8.45pm
Join us after hours for a candlelit ghost tour of the moated manor house. Learn all about Baddesley’s creepy tales and ghastly goings on. Tea and cake in the restaurant is included. £22

Choughton Court
Christmas House Tours
Fri 6 Dec, Fri 13 Dec & Fri 20 Dec, 5.45pm-10pm
Enjoy the house dressed for a traditional Christmas followed by a three-course festive supper in the Barn Restaurant. A glass of wine is included. £37.50

Charlecote Park
Halloween Pumpkin Trail
Wed 23 Oct – Thu 31 Oct, 9am-3pm
Join us to explore Charlecote parkland this Halloween. Pick up your pumpkin prize at the end and be sure to share your creations with us online.

£3

Ceramic Polar Bear Workshop
Sat 23 Oct, 10am-12.30pm
Join local ceramic artist Ros Ingram to create your own polar bear. Designed for all levels of artistic ability, you will be guided, step by step, through the process of sculpting using stoneware clay. £45

Packwood House
Halloween
Sat 26 Oct – Sat 3 Nov, 11am-3:30pm
Join us for a spooky outdoor trail with take-home activities. Complete the trail successfully and there might just be a well-deserved prize at the end. £5

Supper with the Head Gardener
Wed 6 Nov, 6pm-8.30pm
Join the Head Gardener at Packwood for a relaxed evening in the cafe with a two-course meal and a lecture on how the beautiful gardens at Packwood have evolved into what you see today. £37.50

Christmas Decorations Workshop
Sat 2 Nov – Sun 3 Nov, 10am-1pm
Explore some unseen parts of the house — the Oak Parlour, Baron’s Chamber and our new £1m Glass Gallery — and make your own Christmas decorations. £58 incl. all materials, firing, and refreshments.

Meet Father Christmas
Sun 24 Nov, 11am-4pm
See the house in all its 1930s Christmas glory before joining in with the festive arts and crafts in the old kitchen where you’ll meet Father Christmas and receive a special present. £6 per visit

Upton House and Gardens
Christmas Evening Tours
Sat 2 Nov, 6pm-11pm
Join the Head Gardener at Upton for a private tour of the house in the 1930s. The talk will be followed by a traditional cream tea. £10

Get Back to Nature this Half Term
Sat 26 Oct – Sun 3 Nov, 10am-4pm
The Woodland Den will be open for children to take part in autumn related nature activities. We will also be inviting children to decorate a plant pot and fill it with paperwhite flowers.

£3 per star

Christmas Craft Fair
Sat 30 Nov & Sun 1 Dec, 11am-4pm
Join us for our annual Christmas craft fair featuring a carefully selected range of stalls, perfect for working through those Christmas gift lists.

Stir-up Sunday
Mon 4 Nov – Fri 29 Nov (Mon & Fri only), 10am-1pm
Join local artist Marie-Jeanne and learn how to make a willow angel to add to your Christmas decorations this year. All materials will be supplied and you’ll be able to take your unique creation home with you. £10

Bookbinding Workshop
Thu 12 Dec, 10am-12.30pm
Join local artist Marie-Jeanne and learn how to bind your very own 32-page notebook. A great personalised Christmas present. All materials and tools are included. £30

Winter Warmer Workshops
Mon 4 Nov – Fri 29 Nov (Mon & Fri only), 10am-1pm
See website for further details

£30 per pumpkin

The Chronicles of Christmas
Sat 7 Dec & Sun 8 Dec, Sat 14 Dec & Sun 15 Dec and Sat 21 Dec & Sun 22 Dec, 11am-4pm
Step back in time to experience the story of Christmas in a different age — will you recognise the foods, customs, sounds and smells of a 17th-century Christmas? Can you imagine Christmas being banned — what would you miss the most?

Talk: What’s different about Christmas in a different age — will you recognise the foods, customs, sounds and smells of a 17th-century Christmas? Can you imagine Christmas being banned — what would you miss the most?
£3

Pumpkin Week
Sat 26 Oct - Thu 31 Oct, 10.30am-3.30pm
Pumpkin fun for everyone. Find out where Jack O’Lanterns came from, and carve your very own simply wicked pumpkin to take home. Keep up the spooky spirit by dressing in your Halloween best. £3.50 per pumpkin

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Don’t Go into the Cellar, Victorian printmaking and produce cards and gift Christmas Lino Print Workshops (There may be a wait at busy times) £1 per trail, £1.50 per crafter Oct - Fri 12 Nov, 11am-3pm. will also be spooky craft sessions on Wed 30 Oct & Thu 3 Nov, 11am-3pm. We will be lighting up Clent in celebration for the weather. Sat 8 Dec & Sun 15 Dec, 10am-2.30pm depending on the date. £2.50 per adult, £1 per child.

Christmas at the Courtyard Sat 6 Dec, 10am-4pm & Sun 7 Dec, 10am-4pm depending on the date. £2 per trail, £1 per crafter. Visit Clent this October half term for an exciting family-friendly fire and light workshop. We will be exploring the art of making fire using electrical, solar, chemical and friction fire starting techniques giving you the opportunity to start your own fire. We will also warm up with a hot chocolate and toast marshmallows over the fire. £8 per child, children must be 8+. £10 for a family.

Wightwick Manor and Gardens Specialist Talk: Ruskin - Life and Legacy Collections Manager, for a relaxed talk looking at the life and legacy of John Ruskin, his connections and those he inspired. Following the talk there will be a walking tour of the collection. All £20

Don’t Go into the Cellar, Victorian Theatre presents ‘The Witching Hour’ Tue 22 Oct, 7.30pm-9.45pm Montague Rhodes James returns to the Theatre presents ‘The Witching Hour’. for the weather. Thu 24 Oct & Fri 25 Oct, 6.30pm-8pm more atmospheric in the twilight and this is a not to be missed chance to see the house beautifully decorated and witness our garden illuminated during our special extended opening hours.

Your contacts

Visit Greyfriars at the Victorian Christmas Fayre Thu 28 Nov - Sat 30 Nov, 11am-9pm Visit Greyfriars at the Victorian Christmas Fayre and experience the lively atmosphere of the Victorian Christmas Fayre. Please be aware of the house numbers are given above. Sorry, no dogs allowed unless otherwise stated. All event details correct at time of going to press.

Embroiderers’ Guild Exhibition Mon 23 Sep - Mon 23 Dec & Thu 4th Dec - Thu 3rd Jan, 11am-4pm. The Guild, in collaboration with other groups, will produce aspects of Croome’s landscape through textile art and work. Working in their own unique style members will create scenes in response to the National Trust’s People’s Landscape theme for 2009.

Raf Dafford Airfield Guided Walk Sat 12 Oct & Thu 15 Nov, 11am-3pm Join our guide on a walk around the parkland taking in views across the airfield and the site of a Wellington bomber. Walk approx 2 hours, about 3 miles.

The Firs - Birthplace of Edward Elgar The Lichen and Moss Adventure Trail Sat 7 Sep - Sun 10 Nov, 10.30am-4.30pm There is more to our trees than you might think. The lichen and moss that make the trees home are all different and interesting so follow our trail to take a closer look at our terrific trees. £2 per adult, £1 per craft.

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Notes

Normal property admission applies to all events unless otherwise stated. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Family ticket includes two adults and two children. Guided walks: Prior booking for guided walks is essential as places are limited. Contact numbers are given above. Sorry, no dogs allowed unless otherwise stated.

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