



National Trust

News and events for spring 2020
Bedfordshire | Cambridgeshire | Essex
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What's on

This is just a selection of what's on. Visit our website for more events and inspiration
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/eastofengland

Hertfordshire

Ashridge Estate

Ringshall, Near Berkhamsted, HP4 1LT

Going Underground Trail and Craft
Monday 17 – Friday 21 February, 10am - 3pm
Complete our trail about creatures that live beneath our feet. There's a matching craft afterwards at the visitor centre.
Child £3

Easter Crafts
Tuesday 14 – Friday 17 April, 10am - 4pm
Come along to the visitor centre to create your own nature-themed craft.
Child £2



Dawn Chorus Walk
Saturday 2 & Saturday 9 May, 6 - 8am
Experience early morning bird song in a beautiful setting. Our rangers will be on hand to help you identify the calls.
Breakfast included.
Adult £15, Child £10, **B**, 01442 851227

Bedfordshire



Dunstable Downs

Dunstable, LU6 2GY

Walk It Off
Throughout the year
Get involved with our year-long celebration of walking. Whether you want to spend more time outdoors, you're keen to start getting fitter, or you'd just like to meet new people - join us on the Downs and enjoy gentle strolls of varying length for all abilities. **B**



Valentines Stargazing Evening ☆☆☆
Friday 14 February, 6pm – 9pm
What could be more romantic than a journey amongst the stars? Bring your significant other along to Dunstable Downs on Valentines Night and enjoy canapés, a complementary drink and a chance to gaze at the stars.
£20, **B**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

Bring the whole family together this Easter for fun nature-filled discoveries, as you spot the first signs of spring at the places we care for. Become a nature detective, solve the clues and finish your adventure with a chocolate treat from Cadbury. www.cadbury.co.uk/easter



- Anglesey Abbey **B**
- Ashridge Estate
- Blickling
- Bourne Mill
- Dunstable Downs
- Dunwich Heath
- Felbrigg Hall, Gardens and Estate
- Flatford
- Houghton Mill **B**
- Horsey Windpump
- Ickworth
- Lavenham Guildhall



- Melford Hall
- Morston Quay
- Orford Ness
- Oxburgh Hall **B**
- Paycocke's House and Garden
- Peckover House and Garden
- Sheringham Park
- Shaw's Corner, **B**
- Sutton Hoo
- Wicken Fen
- Wimpole Estate **B**



In partnership with



Book an event

Book online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events or call our central box office to book events at the following places...

- Anglesey Abbey, Cambridgeshire
- Blakeney National Nature Reserve, Norfolk
- Bourne Mill, Essex
- Brancaster Beach, Norfolk
- Blickling Estate, Norfolk
- Coggeshall Grange Barn, Essex
- Dunstable Downs and Whipsnade Estate, Bedfordshire
- Dunwich Heath, Suffolk
- Felbrigg Hall, Norfolk
- Flatford, Suffolk
- Hatfield Forest, Essex
- Heigham Holmes, Norfolk
- Houghton Mill, Cambridgeshire
- Ickworth, Suffolk
- Lavenham Guildhall, Suffolk
- Melford Hall, Suffolk
- Orford Ness, Suffolk
- Oxburgh Hall, Norfolk
- Shaw's Corner, Hertfordshire
- Sheringham Park, Norfolk
- Sutton Hoo, Suffolk
- Wicken Fen, Cambridgeshire
- Willington Dovecote and Stables, Bedfordshire
- Wimpole Estate, Cambridgeshire

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To book events at the following places, please call the number listed...

- Ashridge Estate, Hertfordshire, 01442 851227
- Elizabethan House Museum, Norfolk 01493 743930
- Lynden New Bield, Northamptonshire 01832 205358
- Paycocke's, Essex 01376 561305
- Peckover House, Cambridgeshire 01945 583463
- Theatre Royal, Suffolk 01284 769505

Normal admission applies unless otherwise stated.
B = Booking essential.
Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Family ticket includes two adults and two children. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Blickling Estate

Blickling, Aylsham, NR11 6NF

Percy the Park Keeper

Monday 13 January – Sunday 29 November
Throughout 2020 join Percy and his woodland friends in a series of interactive trails and events based on Nick Butterworth's classic character, Percy the Park Keeper. Each season there will be a different focus to tie in with the seasons at Blickling, bringing a variety of new trails and activities to enjoy!

Night Run

Saturday 28 March
Join us for Night Run at Blickling Estate this spring, organised in partnership with Cotswold Outdoor. If you've ever wanted to run around the estate at night, or explore ancient woodlands after dark, then Night Run gives you the chance. Choose from the 3km explorer route or the 7km Adventurer route and have fun going at your own pace on our traffic free trails.
Adventurer ticket £14 (7km route), Explorer ticket £7 (3km route), **B**



Elizabethan House Museum

Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QH

How to Be an Elizabethan – A Beginners Trail to the "Golden Age"

Sunday 5 April to Sunday 1 November (excluding Saturdays when closed)
Ever wanted to know how to fit into Elizabethan society? Well this is your perfect starter guide! Follow the trail to find out some fantastic facts about this period in history. Cost included in museum admission.

Ruffs, Cuffs and Crowns!

Tuesday 7 April, 11am - 4pm
Design your own crown jewels and accessories fit for the Elizabethan court. Cost included in museum admission.

Terrific Tudor Dining!

Tuesday 14 April, 11am - 4pm
A look into the cuisine of the era and the dining habits of the Tudors and Elizabethans. Cost included in museum admission.



Easter Adventures

Monday 30 March – Sunday 19 April
Join us any day during the Easter holidays for family fun across the estate, as we celebrate spring awakening. Enjoy a delicious Cadbury chocolate treat when you take part in our nature themed trail around the colourful, springtime garden. Then treat yourself to nature themed shortbread or chocolate nest in one of our three cafés. £2.50 per trail (and special garden entry price), normal admission if visiting the house and garden together (plus £2.50 trail price for all including NT members)



Early bird booking...Classic Ibiza

Saturday 8 August, 8pm (gates open 6pm)
Coming this summer this popular event, now in its fifth year, sells out quickly so book early to avoid disappointment! Classic Ibiza will take you on a magical rollercoaster ride of dance music's most iconic tracks reinvented by the Urban Soul Orchestra. The rhythm builds during DJ Goldierocks set, reaching a crescendo as night falls and the grounds of Blickling Estate turn into an alfresco nightclub with accompanying spectacular laser light show.
Child £18, Adult £42.50-45, **B**
www.classicibiza.co.uk/bllickling or 01283 841601

Blakeney National Nature Reserve

Blakeney, NR25 7NE

Discover Blakeney National Nature Reserve

Saturday 25 April, 10am – 12pm
Join our ranger for a stroll around Blakeney National Nature Reserve and discover the history that has shaped it; from monasteries to tidal surges and everything in between. Hear about our important conservation work and how we look after this internationally important nature reserve. Sorry, no dogs.
Adult £11, **B**

Heigham Holmes

Martham, Great Yarmouth, NR29 4RG

World Wetlands Day Walk

Sunday 2 February, 10.30am – 12.30pm
To celebrate World Wetlands Day why not wrap up and join us for a walk out on the marshes at Heigham Holmes Nature Reserve. We'll look for harriers and other birds of prey, winter wildfowl even cranes and deer. Sorry, no dogs.
Adult £11, Child £7, **B**



Sheringham Park

Upper Sheringham, NR26 8TL

Tracker Trail

Saturday 15 – Sunday 23 February, 10am – 4.15pm
Find out how to spot the tell-tale signs animals leave behind with a fun quiz trail. Solve the clues to win a prize. Tracking wild animals is one of the '50 things to do before you're 11 and ¾'!
Child £2.50

Night Hike

Monday 17 February, 5pm - 7.30pm and Tuesday 14 April, 8pm - 10.30pm
Join us at sunset to see what is stirring as night falls. Muntjac and Roe Deer come out of hiding and on a clear night the stars can be spectacular! Going on a nature walk at night, going stargazing and watching the sunset are three of the 50 things to do before you're 11 and ¾! Most suitable for 6-12 year olds. Come prepared with a torch and warm clothing.
Child £6, accompanying adult £4, **B**

Oxburgh Hall

Oxborough, PE33 9PS

Endurance

Saturday 15 February onwards, 11am – 5pm
As our £6million roof project gets underway, Oxburgh Hall will be revealing a brand-new exhibition, 'Endurance'. New displays and exciting new guided tours will help tell the story of 500 years of endurance. Book on the day for guided tours

Wonderful Winter Scavenger Hunt

Saturday 15 – Sunday 23 February, 10.30am – 3.30pm
Get on your wellies and get exploring! With plenty to explore, how many 50 things to do before you're 11 and ¾ can you tick off?
£1 per trail

Felbrigg Hall, Gardens and Estate

Felbrigg, Norwich, NR11 8PR

Night Hike

Tuesday 18 February, 5pm – 7.30pm, Friday 17 April, 8pm – 10.30pm
Join us at sunset to see what is stirring as night falls. Muntjac and Roe Deer come out of hiding and on a clear night the stars can be spectacular. Going on a nature walk at night, going stargazing and watching the sunset are three of the 50 things to do before you're 11 and ¾!
Adult £6, Child £4, **B**

Forest Bathing with Wild Norfolk

Sunday 5 April and Sunday 3 May, 11am - 12.30pm
Forest therapy guided walks take participants slowly and intentionally through nature. The guide gives a series of place-based invitations to connect to your senses, to yourself, and to others. Through this you'll gain a deeper appreciation of the many living and non-living things by moving slowly, and mindfully, through the trails.
£15, **B**



Wellies and Waders Walk

Sunday 22 March, 10.30 - 12.30
Join a ranger to discover this unique nature reserve hidden away on the Norfolk Broads. Along the way find out more about the site, experience its important wildlife and hear about our conservation work to help the breeding wading birds. Sorry, no dogs.
Adult £11, Child £7, **B**



Family Survival School

Wednesday 19 February and Wednesday 15 April, 10.30am – 3.30pm
Has your family got what it takes to survive in the wild? Hone your survival skills with a bitesize bushcraft adventure! Build a shelter, light a fire, forage for food and learn how to navigate with a map and compass. Come prepared for a full day out in the Norfolk backwoods! Includes free Survival Kit for participating children. Most suitable for 9 years and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Child £24, accompanying adult £20, **B**

Adder Adventure

Friday 17 April, 9.30am - 12noon
Join us as we go in search of Britain's only venomous snake – the adder! Adders are shy, but we know of some places in the Park where they can be seen if we're lucky! Includes a talk about British reptiles. Most suitable for 8 years and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Child £6, accompanying adult £4, **B**



Spring Nature Trail

Thursday 2 – Thursday 9 and Tuesday 14 – Sunday 19 April, 10.30am – 3.30pm
Come and enjoy some springtime fun with Oxburgh's family nature trail!
£1 per trail

Wildlife Workshop: Bird Songs and Calls

Saturday 2 May, 5.30am - 8.30am
Aimed at beginners, this workshop will help to familiarise you with the songs and calls of birds commonly encountered in woodlands and gardens. After an early start to listen to the dawn chorus, we'll help you 'tune in' to individual species, before consolidating your knowledge over coffee in a short classroom session.
£17.50, **B**



International Dawn Chorus Day Walk

Sunday 3 May, 5am – 8.30am
As part of International Dawn Chorus Day, enjoy an early morning guided walk with a National Trust Ranger on this special reserve. Experience the dawn chorus and look for marsh harriers, wildfowl, spring migrants and even bittern and cranes. At the end of the walk enjoy a continental breakfast. Beginners and older children welcome. Sorry, no dogs
Adult £19, Child £11 (includes continental breakfast), **B**



Ickworth

Horringer, Bury St Edmunds, IP29 5QE

Children's Crafts - Welcoming Spring

Saturday 15 - Sunday 23 February, 10.30am – 4pm (last entry 3.30pm)
Get creative this February half term with our range of children's crafts. We'll be celebrating all things spring as we welcome the new season!
Child £2.50



Run for the Roof - Launch of the Multi Use Trail

Saturday 14 – Sunday 15 March, 9.30am Saturday, 11am Sunday
As Ickworth embarks on its biggest ever conservation project, enjoy a 10k or 5k run or walk across our brand-new multi-use trail and help us fundraise for our new roof in the process. Book your tickets and start fundraising today! **B**

Dawn Chorus Walk

Monday 27 April, 5am – 7am
Listen to the world wake up as we take a walk through the estate at sunrise. Hear the birds begin to sing as we're guided by our wildlife experts and tell you all about the birds that call Ickworth home. The perfect way to welcome spring!
Adult £10, Child £5



Cooking in the Kitchen - A 1930s Experience

Tuesday 10 – Wednesday 11 March, 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30 – 3.30pm
Join our Living History Cooks for a unique chance to try out traditional 1930s recipes in Ickworth's beautiful finishing kitchen. A truly unforgettable cooking experience!
Adult £35, **B**



Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds

Bury St Edmunds IP33 1QR

Shirley Valentine by Willy Russell

Friday 31 January – Saturday 15 February, 7.30pm (matinees Wednesdays 5 & 12 February 2pm, Saturdays 1, 8 & 15 February 3pm)
Shirley is a housewife. Her kids have left home and she makes chips and egg for her husband while talking to the wall. Where has her life disappeared to? Out of the blue, her best friend offers her a trip to Greece for 2 weeks and she secretly packs her bags. She heads for the sun and starts to see the world, and herself, differently.
From £10.50, **B**, www.theatreroyal.org

Oliver Twist

Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 April, 7pm (matinees Friday 10 & Saturday 11, 3pm, morning performance Saturday 11, 10.30am)
Performed by Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds Young Company, this much-loved story of love, revenge and belonging will be taken to new heights. After fleeing the workhouse, we follow orphan Oliver in his escape to the mean streets of London. Without a penny to his name or a family to turn to, he's lured into Fagin's gang.
From £10.50, **B**, www.theatreroyal.org

Flatford

Flatford, CO7 6UL

Constable Country Rambles

Saturdays 15 February, 21 March, 18 April, 25 April, 10.30am
Join a knowledgeable guide for a walk through the beautiful Dedham Vale. Follow quiet paths to pretty villages and visit the scenes that inspired the artist John Constable. There will also be a bluebell walk this year on the 25 April.
Adult £7, **B**

Boat House Gallery Exhibitions

Coastal and Garden Birds – linocuts by Richard Allen, until Sunday 1 March
Visions of the Landscape – paintings by Suman Gujral, Saturday 7 March – Sunday 26 April
Discover a collection of linocuts from the two books "Coastal Birds" and "Garden Birds" by Richard Allen, featuring the birds of the Essex coast and garden birds. Visions of the Landscape by Suman Gujral is a collection of work exploring the interplay of light and shade in the landscape.



Sutton Hoo

Woodbridge, IP12 3DJ

Guided Nightingale Walks

Saturdays 25 April, 2 May, 9 May, 16 May, 8pm – 10pm
As the sun sets, the song of the nightingale fills the landscape of Sutton Hoo. This rare bird travels all the way from central Africa to nest here. Join ornithologist Steve Abbott or our Ranger, Jonathan, as they take you to hear their iconic song.
Adult £13, **B**

Dawn Chorus Walk

Sundays 3 & 17 May, 6 - 8am
Rise early and be rewarded with a cacophony of bird song. Join ornithologist Steve Abbott or our Ranger, Jonathan, who will be there to help you identify the many different birds who call Sutton Hoo home in Spring.
Adult £13, **B**

Wilderness Workshops - Foraging and Natural Navigation

Monday 6th April, 10.30am – 1.30pm
Back to Wilderness are returning to Sutton Hoo for another series of wilderness workshops. Have a go at Foraging and Natural Navigation where you can learn to read the landscape in the same way as the Anglo-Saxons did.
£18, **B**



Melford Hall

Long Melford, Sudbury, CO10 9AA



Conservation in Action

Wednesdays 29 April and 27 May, 1 – 3pm
Meet our conservation staff and volunteers who will demonstrate and explain some of the work they do behind the scenes, to keep Melford Hall in the best possible condition.
£11, **B**

Dunwich Heath

Dunwich, IP17 3DJ

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 February, 10-3pm
Head along to the Coastguard Cottages and sample some of the Mad Hatter's cakes!

Spring Bird Identification Course

Tuesday 28 April, Tuesday 12 May, Tuesday 26 May, 8am – 12pm
Whether you're new to birdwatching or hoping to brush up your skills, our half-day walks led by Suffolk bird expert, Steve Piotrowski, are a fantastic opportunity to learn how to identify a wide range of birds in varied habitats around Dunwich Heath. A light lunch will be provided.
£35, **B**

Early Morning Birdsong Walk

Tuesdays 14 April & 5 May, 6.30 – 8am
Join the ranger team for an early morning walk around Dunwich Heath to listen to the dawn chorus followed by a hearty breakfast in the tea room.
£20 including cooked breakfast, **B**

Wilderness Workshops - Axe Throwing

Friday 17 April, 10.30am - 4.30pm
Try your hand at axe throwing and learn to battle like an Anglo-Saxon warrior! (1 hour throwing time, in timed slots).
£10, **B**

Myth and Magic Walk

Saturdays 18 April & 25 April, 6.30 - 7.45pm, 9 & 30 May, 7 - 8.15pm
Join us on a journey through the mythical past of our Anglo-Saxon ancestors and discover Sutton Hoo's enigmatic landscape through the rune poetry of the Anglo-Saxons as the sun sets over the Royal Burial Ground.
£12, **B**

Lavenham Guildhall

Lavenham, Sudbury, CO10 9QZ

Discover Lavenham's Secrets Walk

Fridays 6 March, 10 April, 1 May, 22 May, 10am
Join a guided walk around the historic centre of this unique medieval village. Enjoy coffee and shortbread in our pretty tearoom, with a short talk about the building before you set off to discover hidden gems and hidden secrets of Lavenham. The tour lasts around two hours.
£11, **B**

Orford Ness

Orford, IP12 2NU

Overnight Photography Tour

Saturday 4 - Sunday 5 April, Starts 4pm Saturday, ends 4pm Sunday
A rare chance to spend the night on Orford Ness capturing this unique landscape at dawn and dusk.
Member £141, Non-Member £149, **B**

Photography Tour

Sunday 26 April, 9.15am - 5pm
Spend the day on Orford Ness with our experienced photographers. Learn how to capture the perfect image of this unique landscape. Includes access to the AWRE site usually off limits to the public.
Member £69, Non-Member £76.50, **B**



Cambridgeshire

Houghton Mill

Nr Huntingdon PE28 2AZ

Waterclose Meadows Campsite Open Weekend

Saturday 7 March – Sunday 8 March,
10.30am – 3pm

Take an early look around our campsite before we re-open for the season the following week and discover the changes we've made over the winter. Peek into our glamping pods, explore the beautiful site and facilities, enjoy refreshments in the tea room and take part in outdoor activities.



Help a Bird Build a Nest

Tuesday 7 April, 1pm - 4pm

Help a family of birds build a cosy nest this spring. We'll show you how to make a collection of natural materials which can be placed in your garden. Watch as birds come and choose their favourite scraps to feather their nests.

Spring Colour

Wednesday 8 April – Thursday 9 April and

Tuesday 14 - Thursday 16 April, 10.30am – 2pm

Join us as we watch nature spring back into life. Explore our mini nature trail and discover which spring bulbs have appeared above the ground this Easter.

Wicken Fen

Wicken, Ely, CB7 5XP

Winter Survival Skills

Monday 17 February
10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm

What do humans and animals need to survive in the wild? Learn about simple orienteering, animal tracks and signs and how to build shelters. Age 5+
£6.50, B

The Wild Remedy – how our interaction with nature benefits our mental health

Thursday 12 March, 7pm

An evening talk by author Emma Mitchell, exploring the ways in which the countryside and wildlife around us improves our wellbeing.
£8, B



Minibeast Hunt

Wednesday 15 April

Explore the long grass, under logs and in the trees to see what bugs and beasties you can find. Our team are on hand to help you identify what you find!

£4.25, timed tickets, B

Wimpole Estate

Arrington, Royston, SG8 0BW

There will be a new Welcome to Wimpole in 2020, as we're moving to our new car park and entrance. Check our website for the latest details, opening times and prices

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wimpole



Spring Scavenger Hunt

Thursday 2 – Sunday 19 April, 10am - 5pm

Pick up a free trail sheet from the visitor welcome building when you arrive and join the hunt for birds, bugs, flora and fauna. Tick something off your '50 things' list and get a sticker.

Lambing Time

Saturday 25 April to Sunday 10 May,
10.30am - 5pm

Witness the arrival of spring as newborn lambs frolic in the fields. Head to Home Farm to meet our rare breed ewes and lambs and if you're lucky you may see a live birth. Learn more about lambing from our dedicated farm team.



Anglesey Abbey

Lode, Cambridge, CB25 9EJ

Unearthing Our Past

Selected dates in March

Join us to see an archaeological dig in progress. As we explore the layers of monastic history under our front lawn, there'll be lots of ways for you to find out more about the stories we uncover and get involved.



A Celebration of Nature

Monday 1 April – Sunday 31 May

A celebration of nature with events, talks, trails and more. Take part in our wellbeing walk or an outdoor yoga class, meet local authors and enjoy a variety of new talks and events. Extra family events and trails during school holidays. Booking cost for some talks and events.

All Things Baking

Friday 8 May – Sunday 17 May

Turn your hand to all things baking (or tasting!) with talks, samples and demonstrations celebrating National Mills Week. Booking cost for some talks and events.



Knitting at Bourne Mill

Thursday 23 April, 10am - 3pm

Feeling crafty? Join in the fun with our volunteer spinners and weavers who will be on hand to teach knitting. Bring your own knitting needles or borrow a set and cast on.



Essex

Bourne Mill

Colchester, CO2 8RT

Weaving at Bourne Mill

Thursday 20 February, 10am - 3pm

Experience the traditional craft of weaving with our local spinners and weavers. There will be demonstrations of weaving wool on a loom or you can join in with paper weaving.

Spinning Demonstration

Thursday 2 April, 10am - 3pm

Local spinners and weavers will be on hand to demonstrate the process of spinning and explain about its fascinating history.

Peckover House and Garden

Wisbech, PE13 1JR



Grand Tour Exhibition

Saturday 22 February, 12am – 3.30 pm

Peckover's Grand Tour exhibition opens! We will be delving into the travels made by the Peckover family as they explored overseas. Enjoy exploring this Elegant Georgian town house with wonderful walled garden.

Mother's Day

Sunday 22 March, 11am – 4pm

Are you looking for a Mother's Day with a difference? Then why not visit Peckover House and experience the life of the Peckover sisters as they immerse themselves in the craft activities of their time (performance by LEADA). Then relax in our Reed Barn tearoom with our special range of dishes to celebrate Mother's Day.

Orangery Talks

Thursday 2 April, 1pm

Join our Head Gardener in Peckover's historic orangery and discover how the garden team care for Peckover's 300-year-old orange trees. Our head gardener will explain the behind the scenes work that is required to ensure the orangery display looks good all year around.

