Events for spring 2019
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What’s on

This is just a selection of our events. To find even more great things to do visit us online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/midlands

**Key to symbols**
- Booking advisable. Call individual property
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- Event repeated on other dates, check website for details
- School holiday event
- Easter event

**Derbyshire**

**Calke Abbey**

**Capture Calke on Camera**
Sat 15 Feb, 10.30am-12.30pm
Want to get some handy hints on how to take better photos? Come and join members of the photography team on a walk and have some fun looking for different views to photograph.

**Vintage and Handmade Fair**
Sun 1 Mar, 11am-4pm
Find that special gift or treat yourself at our popular vintage fair. Browse through a range of stalls in the Riding School to find unique vintage and handmade gifts. From fashion to homeware, there’s something for all tastes.

**Lambing at Home Farm**
Sat 28 Mar, Sun 29 Mar, Sat 4 Apr & Sun 5 Apr. 11am-3.30pm
Join us at Home Farm to see newborn lambs from Calke’s rare-breed Portland sheep flock. A wonderful opportunity to see newborn lambs with their mothers. If you’re lucky, you might even see a lamb being born.

**Explore the Wider Calke Estate**
Thu 2 Apr, 10.30am-4pm
Starting on the Tramway Trail, this walk leads you to Pisten Hill for stunning views over the Estate. Passing through farmland and woodland, discover a variety of native trees and flowers. Moderate walk with several stiles, and a small hill climb.

**Easter Holiday Fun**
Sat 4 Apr – Sun 19 Apr, 11am-4pm
Keep the holiday boredom at bay this Easter. Get your creative caps working with nature-themed crafts and activities in Squirt’s Stable and the Riding School.

**Hardwick**

**Cadbury Easter Trail**
Fri 10 Apr – Mon 13 Apr, 11am-4pm
Explore Hardwick this spring on a fun family Easter trail solving puzzles and finding clues, then feel rewarded with a Cadbury chocolate egg.

**Food Fair**
Fri 8 May – Sun 10 May, 10am-5pm
The Great British Food Fair is back at Hardwick with a wide range of delicious food and drink stalls to discover including live demos.
This is just a selection of the hundreds of National Trust events and activities taking place in the East Midlands.

**Iam Park, Dove Dale and the White Peak**

**Free Nordic Walking Taster Sessions**
Wed 26 Feb, Wed 25 Mar & Wed 29 Apr, 10am-11am
Ideal for beginners and a great introduction, this session will include a warm up, instruction and walks to practice your skills. Session delivered by White Peak Nordic Walking and poles will be provided. Booking essential, please call White Peak Nordic Walking on 07469 895267

**Spring Flowers Trail at Iam Park**
Sat 4 Apr – Sun 19 Apr, 11am-4pm
In the parkland at Kedleston and collect your Cadbury chocolate treat.

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Visit us this half term for creative craft activities and outdoor fun including adventurails. Some charges will apply for craft activities.

**Longshaw, Burbage and the Eastern Moors**

**Explore Longshaw – Free Guided Walks at Longshaw**
Wed 12 Feb, 8am-11.30am
Discover beautiful scenery, from Padley Gorge to Burbage Moor, and take in the seasons with some special insights from our volunteer walk leaders. Walks are twice a week, every Wednesday and Sunday, starting just outside the café, and usually cover around 4 miles.

**No. 44 – ‘watch a Bird’ Spotter Sheet**
Sat 15 Feb – Sat 1 Mar, 10am-3.30pm
Can you tell a nuthatch from a chaffinch? Find out about our native birds on a walk with a spotter sheet and tick off one of your ‘50 things’.

**Trust10 Longshaw**
Sun 23 Feb, Sun 22 Mar & Sun 26 Apr, 8am-10.30am
Enjoy a 10k run in the special surroundings of the Longshaw Estate. Registration is at 8.15am in the café, and the run starts at 9am. The route is two laps and suitable for runners of all abilities.

**Muck in Days**
Sun 8 Mar, Sun 12 Apr & Sun 10 May, 10am-12.30pm
Join our rangers and help to look after the moors, woods and meadows, while having fun outdoors.

**Meeting points vary and information will be kept up to date on the website.**

**Spring Detectives – Family Trail**
Sat 28 Mar – Sat 25 Apr, 10am-1.30pm
Spot signs, hear sounds and follow the scents of spring. Investigate Longshaw with all your senses at this amazing time of year and tick off some of your ‘50 things to do before you’re 11½’.

**Trail £1, spring treat £2.50 per item**

**Longshaw’s Buzzy Trail**
Fri 22 May – Sat 7 Jun, 10am-4pm
Aren’t bees awesome? They do so many weird and wonderful things, and they pollinate our food too. Butterflies will soon be starting to emerge, in all their colourful glory. Get your wings and antennae ready and join us for our buzzy trail.

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**Apr 19 Apr, 11am-4pm**
Every Monday in February we will have two cottage tours that focus on the wonderful pieces of Arts and Crafts furniture indigenous to Stoneywell. Find out who made them and the wonderful craftsmanship that makes them so special.

**The Architecture of Stoneywell**
Wed 12 Feb, Wed 19 Feb & Wed 26 Feb, 11am-1.30pm or 4pm-5.14pm
Every Wednesday in February we will have two cottage tours that focus on the architecture of Stoneywell’s architectural quirks.

**If I Could Talk, I Would Tell You Stories**
Sat 15 Feb – Sun 23 Feb, 10am-4pm
Enjoy ‘50 things’ activities as our trail guides you around the garden and woodland. Create some wild art, discover wild animal clues and go on a scavenger hunt. Don’t miss nature-inspired crafts in the stables too.

**Muck in Days**
Sat 25 Apr, 10am-2pm
Explore the cottage at your leisure, join our volunteers to make a beautiful flower arrangement using freshly picked foliage from the garden and then treat Mum to a cream tea in the Tea Room. You’ll make a perfect Mothering Sunday.

**£5 donation for table flower arrangement**

**Observing Wildlife – Stoneywell**
Sat 8 Mar, Sun 12 Apr
Join our popular Cadbury trail as you explore Ilam Park using your trail map, and join us for our buzzy trail.

**£1 per trail**

**Junior Rangers passport and earn rewards.**

**Saturday & Sunday**
Sat 21 Mar & Sun 22 Mar, 11am-4pm
Celebrate Mother’s Day with us and make your mum a handmade gift then treat her to afternoon tea in our Coach House tea-room.

**Charges will apply for craft activities and afternoon tea**

**Mother’s Day**
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Join us to celebrate World Book Day with a host of exciting book related activities including trails, dressing-up, and storytelling.

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**May Bank Holiday**
Fri 8 May – May 10 May & Mon 25 May, 11am-4pm
Enjoy the long weekends with us as we host indoor and outdoor activities for all the family to enjoy.

**Some charges will apply for crafts and trails**

**May Half Term**
Sat 23 May – Sat 31 May, 11am-4pm
Venture into the world of children’s classic books this half term with exciting craft and trail activities to keep the whole family entertained.

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**Sudbury Hall and the National Trust Museum of Childhood**

**February Half Term**
Sat 15 Feb – Sun 23 Feb, 11am-4pm
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**World Book Day**
Sat 7 Mar & Sun 8 Mar, 11am-4pm
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**Half Term Nature Trails**
Sat 15 Feb – Sun 23 Feb, 10am-3pm
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**£1 per trail**

**Spokes and Ladders**
Sat 25 Apr, 10am-2pm
Discover the skill of seated racket and spoken and discovered in a unique demonstration by Lawrence Neal, who continues to make traditional chairs using Ernest Gimson’s original design.

**Iron Woodland Walk**
Wed 14 Apr, 11.30am-2.45pm
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**£2 per trail**

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Lincolnshire

Belton House

Walks for Wellbeing
First Tuesday of every month, 11.30am-12.30pm
Walking in nature can help with anxiety, improve wellbeing and mindfulness.
Take a break from the stresses of daily life and enjoy Belton as a space to gather your thoughts. Keep your body and mind healthy by exploring the parkland.

Guided Parkland Walk
Every Sunday, 11.30am-3pm
This peaceful setting holds many hidden secrets and is home to a host of wildlife. Join our experienced volunteers for a 2-mile walk to discover stories from Belton's history and learn about the work we do to care for this special place.

Half Term Fun at Belton
Fri 10 Apr - Sun 23 Feb, 9.30am-3pm
Open every day of the school holidays, come along and discover more about Belton’s wildflowers with crafts and activities.
Complete the winter wildlife trail and visit the Discovery Centre to create wildflower seed bombs to take home.
Small charges apply

Friday ‘50 things’ Challenge
Fri 17 Feb, Fri 2 Feb, Fri 3 Apr
Fri 14 Apr & Fri 29 May, 11am-4pm
Join the play team in Belton’s outdoor adventure playground as they challenge families to complete a different ‘50 things to do before you’re 11½’ activity every Friday during the school holidays.

Percy the Park Keeper: One Spring Day
Thu 25 Mar - Fri 22 May, 9.30am-5.30pm
Join Percy the Park Keeper and his woodland friends on the first of four seasonal activity trails across the year. Complete the trail around the garden and collect a sticker.
Based on Nick Butterworth’s book ‘One Spring Day’, £2.50 per trail

Easter Fun at Belton
Fri 3 Apr – Tue 21 Apr (including Fri 10 Apr – Mon 13 Apr), 9.30am-4.30pm
Discover the highlights of Belton and wildlife in spring as you follow clues through the grounds. Complete a trail to receive a chocolate prize.
£3

There will be a special Easter themed chocolate egg hunt on Fri 10 Apr – Mon 13 Apr, 11am-4pm

Woolsthorpe Manor

Planets and Discovery: ‘How to discover a Planet’ at Half Term
Sat 17 Feb – Sun 23 Feb, 11am-3pm
Celebrate 90 years since the discovery of Pluto. Join in workshops, in partnership with Destination Space, and a stargazing evening to learn about Pluto, space exploration, space ports and satellites.
Stargazing at the Manor
Sat 17 Feb, evening
Explore the skies at Isaac Newton’s home on the anniversary of Pluto’s discovery in 1930.

Science Week
Fri 6 Mar – Sat 5 May, 11am-3pm
Join us for British Science Week, where we celebrate Britain’s most famous scientist and his impact on our understanding of the solar system. Visiting planetarium, school science show, school workshops and weekend activities for all.

Mother’s Day
Sun 22 Mar, 11am-3pm
Celebrate women in science on Mother’s Day with talks, pop-up science, visit to the hands-on Science Centre and special cafe offer.
‘Rhythm of Life’
Sat 4 Apr – Sun 19 Apr, 11am-3pm
Explore the science during the Easter holidays to learn how the solar system dictates nature.
‘Destination Space’ Workshops
Sat 4 Apr, Sun 5 Apr, Sat 18 Apr & Sun 19 Apr, 11am-3.40pm
In partnership with Destination Space. Come and get creative at Woolsthorpe while learning about the entrepreneurhsip needed for Space Science and exploration, including space ports and satellites.

Northamptonshire

Canons Ashby

Bugs and Beetles Trail
Sat 17 Feb – Sun 23 Feb, 10am-3pm
Find out about some of the tiny creatures that live at Canons Ashby and get out in the fresh air together. It may be a squelchy adventure so bring your wellies.

Make a Bird Feeder
Wed 19 Feb & Thu 20 Feb, 11am-2pm
Make a pinecone bird feeder for our feathered friends at this chilly time of year and have a look at our nature collection. Then take your creation home to feed the birds where you live.

Family Storytelling
Sat 7 Mar, 11am-3pm
Bring your little ones and listen to a story in honour of World Book Day earlier this week. Our storyteller will share stories of stories for younger children, so why not pop in and settle down for a tale together?

Growing Green Trail
Sat 15 Feb – Sun 23 Feb (excluding Fri 10 Apr – Mon 13 Apr), 11am-3pm
Grow your interest in the green things all around you by joining in this spring trail during the school holidays. Bring the kids and have a go, then pick up your sticker.

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 10 Apr – Mon 13 Apr, 10am-4pm
A delicious Cadbury prize awaits at the end of our outdoor Easter trail. Bring the family to explore the ancient parkland. Get in touch with nature this spring and earn your tasty reward.
£3

Dawn Chorus Walk
Sun 22 March, 4.55am-8am
Wake up with the feathered friends of Canons Ashby at first light. Look and listen out for a variety of birds during their dawn chorus with an expert guide, before enjoying breakfast in the Stables Tearoom.
£14 per person

Bach’s Coffee Cantata and works by Handel and Telemann
Sun 5 May, 6pm-7.45pm
Eboracum Baroque return with favourites by Bach, Handel and Telemann performed on baroque instruments including the Harpsichord, Baroque Trumpet and Recorder alongside professional singers.
Coffee Cantata is a comedic piece depicting the rise of the coffee house and coffee addiction in 18th-century Germany.
Adult £14, child £8

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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. Sorry, no dogs allowed unless otherwise stated.
All event details correct at time of going to press.