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Events and activities for spring 2020
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.



Wordsworth House & Garden

Lakes

Look out for...

Wordsworth House & Garden

Wordsworth 250 14 March–8 November

2020 is the 250th anniversary of the birth of William Wordsworth, one of the world's best-loved nature poets and a pivotal figure in the creation of the National Trust. Join us at his birthplace and the childhood home he shared with his parents, brothers and sister Dorothy, for a year of special events, centred around a new exhibition exploring how William was shaped both by the emotional trauma of his early years and his wild, outdoor upbringing.

Saturday–Thursday from 14 March
The Child is Father of the Man
11am–4pm

This special exhibition explores how Wordsworth was shaped by the events of his early life. Alongside insights from Wordsworth expert Kathleen Jones and poet Helen Mort, evocative photographs by Simon Mooney focus on the ephemeral nature of childhood objects and what their loss or preservation means to us.*

Monday 17 February, 30 March, 6 & 13 April, 25 May

Every hat tells a story
11.30am–3.30pm

Inspired by Dorothy's baby bonnet, on show in our new exhibition, craft a cool paper cap or a handsome hat that says something about you.*

Wednesday 19 February, 1 & 8 April, 27 May

Become a natural artist
11.30am–3.30pm

Let nature awaken your creativity and make a piece of wild art from found objects or create a poem out of stones.*

Every Wednesday 26 February–25 March & 15 April–20 May
William warts and all
2.30pm

Listen to a talk to discover – and make up your own mind about – the husband, brother, father and hypochondriac behind some of our best remembered poems.*

Tuesday 7 April
William's 250th birthday
11am–4pm

Help us celebrate Wordsworth's 250th birthday with cake, music, tours and poetry.*

Thursday 23 April
Sister of my soul
7.30pm

Torn apart as children, after William Wordsworth was reunited with his sister Dorothy, she became the centre of his world. Wordsworth expert Kathleen Jones discusses the unique sibling relationship that shaped the poet and the man. **£10** incl. glass of wine **BE**

Thursday 21 May
Loved and lost
7.30pm

Simon Mooney, whose photographs are at the heart of our new exhibition, talks about visiting the places that were special to Wordsworth and creating artwork to evoke the emotional power of childhood objects. **£5** incl. coffee and cake **BE**

Regular events & exhibitions

Daily from 15 February
Hill Top
Tom Kitten's children's trail
10am–4pm
Follow in the paw-prints of Tom Kitten's adventures as you explore Hill Top's garden.*

Daily from 15 February
Beatrix Potter Gallery
Friendship by Post exhibition
10.30am–4pm
A new exhibition for 2020, exploring the relationships that influenced Beatrix Potter's world. From Canon Rawnsley, founder of the National Trust, to Millie Warne, sister of the fiancée she lost, find out how important correspondence by post was to Beatrix throughout her life.*

Daily from 15 February
Hill Top
The Spirit of Hill Top trail
10am–4pm
Slow down in the orchard and experience the sights, sounds and spirit of Hill Top in the same way as Beatrix Potter. Follow this new trail and begin observing Beatrix's landscape in different ways.*

Daily from 14 March
Townend
William Taylor Longmire exhibition
1–4pm
See original pieces of art by local Troutbeck artist, William Taylor Longmire, including Lake District landscapes and animals.*

Daily throughout March
Aira Force
Wildflower planting
11am–4pm
Help wildflowers this spring by potting up a seed mix to take home and start your own wildflower patch of British blooms.

Daily during school holidays
Sticklebarn
Nature trail
11am–4pm
Become a nature explorer by picking up a trail that will lead you on an adventure to find bugs, birds and beasts.* **£2**

Thursday–Sunday (plus daily during school holidays) from 14 March
Fell Foot
Rowboat, paddleboard and kayak hire
10am–3.30pm
Get out on the water and see Windermere and Fell Foot from a new perspective.* **£**

Every Monday from 21 March
Sizergh
Guided walk: Sizergh Fell
11am–12.30pm
Join a 1.5-mile guided walk on Sizergh's estate to discover important archaeological sites and glimpse the incredible views over Morecambe Bay. **Free**, booking advisable

Every Monday from 21 March
Sizergh
Guided walk: Helsington Church
1.30–3pm
Enjoy a 1.5-mile guided walk through the historic landscape and be rewarded with breathtaking views out over the Lyth Valley and Lakeland Fells. **Free**, booking advisable

Every Tuesday from 2 April
Tarn Hows
Guided walks
11am–2pm
Join us for a guided walk and explore the history and landscape of Tarn Hows and the surrounding area. **Free**

Every Tuesday during school holidays
Allan Bank
Grow your own
10.30am–4pm
Be inspired by the Kitchen Garden and plant your own little seed to take home and nurture.*

Every Wednesday 26 February–25 March & 15 April–20 May
Wordsworth House & Garden
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.*

Every Wednesday & Thursday from 21 March
Sizergh
Opening of the Strickland family chapel
12 noon–3.30pm
Still used by the Strickland family after 750 years, the chapel will be open for the first time in 2020. The Strickland's Catholic faith has been integral to the history of the family and now you can experience the spiritual heart of this home for yourself.*

Every Thursday
Townend
Taste of Townend
1.30–4pm
The Brownes' family recipe book is full of great recipes, from meaty mince pies and macaroons to medicines dating back to the 17th century. We'll be cooking all afternoon to recreate some of them.*

Every closed Friday
Hill Top
Reflection and respite: an alternative tour of Hill Top
1–2pm
Pause and connect with the relaxing atmosphere of Beatrix Potter's Hill Top, the place where she found respite and inspiration. **£20 BE**

Every Saturday 29 February–21 March & 18 April–16 May
Wordsworth House & Garden
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 lessons today.*

Every Sunday from 16 February plus Saturday 15 & 22 February, 28 March, 4 & 11 April, 23 & 30 May
Wordsworth House & Garden
Pastimes from the past
11am–4pm
Think outside the Xbox and try your hand at some of the indoor and outdoor games William and Dorothy Wordsworth would have enjoyed.*

First Sunday of every month
Sizergh
Gardener's tour
11am & 1.30pm
Join our gardeners to discover the delights of Sizergh's garden in spring and get top tips for your own garden.*

Every Sunday
Sticklebarn
Quiz night
8pm
Get your thinking caps on for our weekly quiz night – the winning team takes home the kitty! **£1**



Hill Top

February

February half term

Saturday 15 February

Allan Bank (until 23 February)
Craft with flowers
10.30am–4pm
Be inspired by the spring flowers in the landscape around Allan Bank and get crafting.*

Wray Castle (until 23 February)
The Great Wray Castle Sketch
10am–5pm
Inspired by the castle's gothic architecture and the natural world around it, get involved with drawing games and sketching activities for all the family.* £

Acorn Bank
'50 things to do before you're 11 ¾'
10am–4pm
Build a den in the woods, spot a bird at the hide, skim stones at Crowdundle Beck and have many more '50 things' adventures as you discover the natural world at Acorn Bank.*

Monday 17 February

Fell Foot (also 19 February)
Orienteering workshops
10am–3pm
Learn a new skill by finding your way with a map on a selection of orienteering courses around the park.* **Free**

Tuesday 18 February

Wordsworth House & Garden (also 31 March, 7 April, 26 May)
Make your mark as a Georgian
11.30am–3.30pm
Learn about 18th-century letter writing, pen a letter or poem of your own and seal it the Georgian way.*

Thursday 20 February

Wordsworth House & Garden (also 2, 9 & 10 April)
Spooky stories by the fire
11.30am & 2.30pm
Join the servants by the kitchen fire to hear some of the ghostly tales William and Dorothy Wordsworth might have enjoyed as children. Age 7+.*



Fell Foot

May half term

Saturday 23 May
Footprint (until 25 May; also 26–28 May)
Woodland explorer camp
9.30am–4.30pm
Three unforgettable days for 8–14-year olds. Live wild in the woods and immerse yourself in woodland life with a mix of bushcraft, greenwood carving, fire lighting, shelter building, storytelling and adventure. **£175 (£160 for each additional sibling) BE**

Fell Foot (until 31 May)
Paddleboards and picnics
10am–5pm
From badminton to paddle boarding, there's plenty of fun to be had at Fell Foot, so bring your picnics and get outdoors this May half term.* £

Acorn Bank (until 31 May)
Magical herbs
10.30am–4pm
Which herbs would a witch use to ward off evil spirits? Which herbs might make you live forever? Make an amulet or herbal crown and find out about the magical properties of Acorn Bank's herbs.*

Wray Castle (until 31 May)
Hoist the sails: sailing taster sessions
Various times throughout the day
Setting sail from Wray Castle's very own boathouse, instructors will be on hand to help you learn different parts of sailing a boat, from steering to setting the sails.* **BE**

Wray Castle (until 31 May)
The Teddy Bear Zip Wire
Various times throughout the day
Here's your chance to send your teddy on a wild ride down from the castle's battlements, and help raise money for the castle's *Missing Bits* project. Fundraising packs will be available during the Easter holidays.* **BE**

Wray Castle (until 31 May)
Wood fired pizzas
12 noon–3pm
Join us for a tasty wood fired pizza afternoon. **£7.50–£8.50** per pizza

Wordsworth House & Garden (also 29 May)
Walk on the wild side
11.30am & 2.30pm
Join a costumed servant on a fun, family-friendly garden tour to taste flowers, touch bugs and discover how to turn your own outside space into a wildlife haven.*

Sandscale Haws (also 16, 22, 29 & 30 May)
Coralroot orchid guided walks
10am
Sandscale Haws is home to this rare orchid but it's extremely difficult to find. Join our expert rangers for the best chance to spot this tiny plant. **Free**

Keswick (until 17 May)
Keswick Mountain Festival
Run for clean mountain rivers at England's largest mountain festival, where the National Trust is the official supported charity. All the activities can be booked via keswickmountainfestival.co.uk **£ BE**

Friday 22 May
Sizergh
Bird survey in Low Park Wood
6–8am
Join the rangers to help out with a bird survey of the woodland. Suggested donation **£1**

Cheshire, Lancashire & Merseyside

Look out for...

Little Moreton Hall

Passions of the Mind
11 March–1 November
The Tudors were a thoughtful bunch; come to Little Moreton Hall this year and discover how they were in touch with their emotions. Explore what the Tudors thought about grief, hope and love. Gain an understanding of their views towards mental health while discovering more about your own wellbeing. It's Tudor, but not as you know it.

With Tudors in mind
Daily from 12 February (except 4–19 April)
11am–4pm
Are you suffering from a passion of the mind? Follow the advice of a Tudor physician as you seek to discover a remedy on our new children's trail.*

Candlemas
15–23 February
11am–4pm
Join us to celebrate the Tudor festival of Candlemas which marked the end of the winter. Delve into the Tudor mindset at this hopeful time of year and make your own candle to take away.*

The Tudor Rose
23–31 May
11am–4pm
Spring was the traditional time for love and relationships in the Tudor year. Discover the language of flowers and how they were used to convey love and betrothal and make a gift token.*



Dunham Massey

21 March–4 November
It can be easy to rush through life without stopping to take notice. Be curious. Take in what's around you. Step into the house to explore life in the past or wander outdoors to feel inspired and connected to the outside world.

Living and dying well
Saturday–Wednesday from 21 March
11am–4pm
Did the family at Dunham Massey live and die well? Visit the house to see thought-provoking objects relating to subjects such as child birth, medicine, food and pets. See how health and wellbeing was managed in the past and how it is relevant to us today.*



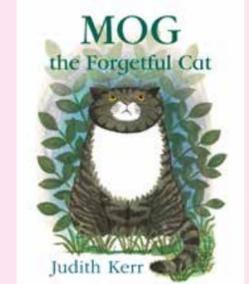
Objects in focus
Saturday–Wednesday 18 April–20 May
11am
Take a breath and a seat as we explore an object on display, focussing in on the various colours, textures and shapes that make it up.*

Trust New Art: Eye-catchers
Spring–autumn – check website for dates
8am–6pm
Walk between art installations in the park that nod to the historic sculptures and views that no longer exist. Inspired by nature and the environment, these eye-catchers help you see the park in a new light.* □

Mog the Forgetful Cat
28 March–4 November
Share in 50 years of a really remarkable cat! Explore Dunham Massey for a series of trails and activities based on Judith Kerr's classic character throughout 2020 for her 50th anniversary year.

Storytelling with Mog
28 March–19 April
12 noon–3pm
Bring the family along for classic tales of Mog the Forgetful Cat's many adventures.*

Mog the Forgetful Cat
18 April–20 May
10.30am–4.30pm
Mog always seems to be in trouble for her forgetfulness – she even forgets that she has a cat flap and gets lost in the garden! Can you help Mog find her way home so she can save the day?*



Mog & Bunny
22 May–23 July
10.30am–4.30pm
Bunny is Mog's best thing. So when Bunny goes missing, Mog goes missing too! Can you think like a cat and find out where she is hiding?*

Quarry Bank

Take a Breath
1 January–Spring 2021
2020 marks the 125th anniversary of the National Trust, which was originally founded to give people access to green spaces forever, for everyone, and this year we'll be exploring the connections between people and place. How did the living and working conditions at Quarry Bank impact the workers? And what role can Quarry Bank play in people's lives today?

A Healthy Profit
Daily until 19 April
During opening hours
An exhibition exploring the physical, mental and emotional toil of working in a mill. What did it feel like to lose a finger, to suffer from cotton lung or return to work days after giving birth? Discover the effect of mill work on the body, the treatments given to workers, and how this historical story is relevant to our health and wellbeing today.*

February half term:
Natural History Adventures
17–21 February
11am–4pm
Go on your very own nature adventure at Quarry Bank this spring, with walks, storytelling and fun nature facts. Part of the Natural History Museum's Natural History Adventures.*

The Lost Words trail
Daily from 4 April
During opening hours
Ramble over forest trails and wander through garden paths to see how many of our words for nature have been lost to time. Imagine a world where these may vanish entirely. The fate of these words is in your hands...* **£2.50**

Future Consequences
Daily from 2 May
During opening hours
In a new exhibition, we'll be exploring the impact the Industrial Revolution has had on the natural world, what regrowth and resurgence has happened since and what the environment means to us today.* □

May half term: craft and play the eco-way
25–29 May
11am–4pm
Join us for sustainable crafts and activities based on looking after the world around us and discover how you can help nature on your doorstep.*

The Lost Words Theatre
Performance: Told in Gold
26–30 May
Performances throughout the day
Enjoy an immersive outdoor performance of music, dance and poetry, based on *The Lost Words* by Robert MacFarlane and Jackie Morris, to reconnect with the natural world. Adult **£14**, child **£10**, family from **£43 BE**

Wednesday–Saturday from 11 March
The Hardmans' House
Pet Portraits exhibition
11am–3.30pm
Discover the photographic images of pets taken by Edward Chamberd Hardman in his studio in Liverpool. Often posed with props, these playful images of cats and dogs capture the affection 1950s pet owners had for their four-legged companions.*

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The Hardmans' House
Capturing Chamberd Hardman
11am–3.30pm
Delve into the archives as we uncover different aspects of Hardman's legacy and reveal the recently developed film rolls which were tucked away in the house for over 40 years!*



Rufford Old Hall

Regular events & exhibitions

Daily until 22 March
Dunham Massey
Percy the Park Keeper: The Secret Path
10.30am–3.30pm
Percy the Park Keeper and his animal friends are having some fun trimming the overgrown maze. But mazes can be confusing and now they're lost! Can you help navigate the puzzling pathways around the garden to find a secret way out?*

Daily until 3 April
Dunham Massey
Find The Lost Words
10am–4pm
Explore Dunham to see *The Lost Words* from the book by Robert MacFarlane and Jackie Morris brought to life in a trail around the deer park. Search high and low to spot the hidden words.* **£2.50**

Wednesday–Sunday from 11 March
Speke Hall
Tension, Turmoil and Traitors: The Story of Tudor Speke
12.30–4.30pm
Not every rebellion begins with a battle cry... Uncover more of the Norris family's hidden secrets during the turmoil of Elizabethan England as our exhibition unfolds further this year. What whispers will you overhear in the Great Hall? What life or death secrets are hiding within the walls?*

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Daily from late March – check website for dates
Formby
Sound Beds
Experience the unseen sonic worlds of the Sefton Coast's unique landscape in a series of relaxing listening spaces designed to give you a new perspective on Formby. Working with creative producers Curated Place, Icelandic composer, musician and contemporary artist Halla Steinunn Stéfansdóttir of Nordic Affect will explore this remarkable landscape as part of the natureproject.org □

Every Monday until 30 March
Dunham Massey
The Lost Words adult art workshops
11am–1pm
Celebrate what you love about nature through poetry, drawing, photography, music and more. Use the power of your own words and creativity to add to displays across Dunham Massey.*

Every Monday (except school holidays) until 13 July
Speke Hall
Mini makers
10.30am–12 noon
Join us in the restaurant to get creative with your little ones in these guided, toddler-friendly seasonal craft sessions.*

Every fourth Monday (except bank holidays)
Hare Hill
Walk with the experts
2–3.30pm
Enjoy a seasonal tour of Hare Hill with one of our gardeners or rangers to find out more about the history of the families who lived here.*

Every first Monday until 1 June
Speke Hall
Mini explorers
11.30am
Bring your baby to this friendly and welcoming storktime yoga session at Speke Hall. Become beautiful butterflies, robin redbreasts or rowing boats on the river – the only limit is your imagination! Suitable for under 3s. **£5**

Every second Tuesday (except school holidays) until 14 July
Speke Hall
Mini explorers
10.30am–12 noon
Embrace your wild side with toddler-friendly nature activities and crafts. Explore the woodlands and make friends with a tree, go on a bird hunt or be a bee hero.*

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Sandscale Haws

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Easter holidays

Saturday 28 March

Wray Castle (until 19 April)
The Birds of Wray Castle Quest
10am–5pm
Choose which Wray Castle bird you'd like to be, before discovering what challenges and delights you'll encounter here. From the jackdaws on the turrets to the robins picking up crumbs under the café tables, which one will you choose?*

Sizergh (until 9 April; also 14–19 April)
Spring adventure
10am–4pm
Stop and take notice of the wonders of spring with our family nature challenges. You'll need all of your senses to explore the garden and countryside – what will you find waking up and growing this season?* **£2**

April

Wednesday 1 April

Derwent Water (also 27 May)
Derwent Island House open day
10.15am–2.30pm
Paddle a canoe across Derwent Water to enjoy a guided tour of the Georgian house and gardens on the island and get a unique perspective of the lake. Adult **£15**, child **£4**, family **£30 BE**

Friday 10 April

Sticklebarn (until 13 April)
Celebrating Easter with nature
11am–4pm
Get involved with nature over the Easter weekend in Langdale – grow your own veg, go bird watching, help us make a giant bug house and make your own bird feeder.

Sticklebarn (until 13 April)
Pace egg racing
11am–5pm
Have a go at a traditional Easter activity. Race your own egg along our course to try to win the prize. **Free**

Steam Yacht Gondola (also 13 April)
Evening cruises
5–6.45pm
Wind down at the end of the day aboard a steam-powered boat. Watch as the white smoke puffs away above your head and listen to the crew's commentary on the local history of Coniston and key points of interest along the way. **£23 BE**

Friday 24 April

Sandscale Haws (also 1 May)
Night time safari
8pm
Hone your senses and join a ranger-led walk to discover which wildlife comes out on the dunes at night. Don't forget your torch! **Free**

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

Follow the trail and crack the clues to earn a Cadbury chocolate reward!

Allan Bank Friday 10–Monday 13 April, 10.30am–4pm * **£2.50**

Claife Viewing Station Friday 10–Monday 13 April, 10am–2.30pm **£2.50**

Derwent Water Monday 13 April, 11am–2.30pm **£2.50**

Ennerdale Sunday 12 April, 11am–2.30pm **£2.50**

Fell Foot Friday 10–Monday 13 April, 11am–4pm * **£2.50**

Hill Top Friday 10–Monday 13 April, 10am–4pm * **£2**

Loweswater Friday 10 April, 11am–2.30pm **£2.50**

Sizergh Friday 10–Monday 13 April, 10am–4pm * **£2**

Tarn Haws Friday 10–Monday 13 April, 10am–2.30pm **£2.50**

Whitehaven Coast Saturday 11 April, 11am–2.30pm **£2.50**

Wordsworth House & Garden Friday 10–Monday 13 April, 11am–4pm * **£2**

May

Saturday 9 May

Fell Foot (until 10 May)
Outdoor Festival
10am–4pm
Get outdoors and have a go at that sport you've always wanted to try, whether it's sailing, rowing or yoga.

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6–8am
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February

February half term

Saturday 8 February

Tatton Park (until 23 February)
Scarecrow Festival
10am–4pm
Meet our themed scarecrows during half term. There'll be over 30 scattered throughout the gardens waiting for you to find.*

Saturday 15 February

Lyme (until 23 February, closed 19 & 20 February)
Bugs and beasts
11am–4pm (last entry 3pm)
Did you know that some bugs and beasts make their home in the nooks and crannies at Lyme? Find out more from the house team.*

Dunham Massey (until 20 March)
All in a day's work
11am–3pm
Step back in time and discover what life was like for the workers on the estate. Meet new characters and get hands on with traditional activities every day.*

Speke Hall (until 23 February)
Natural Speke: the underground adventures of mini beasts and busy bugs
10.30am–4pm
Join us this half term to discover the bustling mini beasts and busy bugs beneath our feet. Help create mini homes for our wiggly friends and have some bug-inspired fun.*

Rufford Old Hall (until 23 February, closed 21 & 22 February)
Treasures of a Lancashire home
11am–4pm
Explore the rooms of a 500-year-old hall. Imagine what it was like to live here and get up close to the faces of Rufford's past.*

Monday 17 February

Hare Hill (until 21 February)
Family fun for half term
10.30am–4pm
Borrow a Nature Pack and see if you can spot the early signs of nature awakening after a winter sleep.*

Formby
Make a bird box
1pm, 2pm & 3pm
Make a bird box with our rangers, to take home with you. **£5 BE**

Lyme (until 24 February; also 25–29 May)
Get Active Outdoors
11am–3pm
Get your game on and have a go at fun activities in the garden.*

Wednesday 19 February

Formby
Outside Arts
10–11am
Enjoy family fun with Outline Arts and explore our beautiful woodlands in a new way. Have a go, sketch, find and create – get your artistic juices flowing with the guidance of an expert. Age 7+. Adult **£5**, child **£3 BE**

Wednesday 19 February

Speke Hall (also 4, 11 & 18 March)
Spooky Speke
5.45pm & 7.30pm
Prepare for a scare as the Lady in Black returns to Speke Hall. Enjoy a hearty dish and sweet treat to calm your nerves, followed by a torchlight tour of the hall to discover the tales of its previous inhabitants. **£25 BE**

March

Saturday 7 March

Dunham Massey (until 8 March)
World Book Day: Percy the Park Keeper storytelling
12 noon–3pm
Celebrate World Book Day with a weekend of storytelling in the garden. Escape to Percy's park and discover all the things that he and his woodland friends have been getting up to.*

Saturday 21 March

Lyme (also 22 March)
Mother's Day afternoon tea
11am–3pm
Celebrate Mother's Day with afternoon tea, including a glass of bubbly, sandwiches, soup, and sweet treats. * **£24.95 BE**

Speke Hall (until 19 April, except 10–13 April)
Natural Speke: celebration of Mother Nature
10.30am–4pm
Join Flora the bluebell and Fauna the bunny rabbit on their fantastic adventures around the grounds of Speke Hall. Take part in planting activities, creative crafts and more family-friendly fun this spring.*

Sunday 22 March

Formby
Family fun run
10am
A guided run along the coast, with a Mother's Day treat for any mum that runs. No experience required. **£3 BE**

Speke Hall
Mothering Sunday
11am, 1pm & 3pm
Tuck into a delicious brunch or afternoon tea, followed by a walk in the spring gardens with our gardener. **£25 BE**

April

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts

Follow the trail and crack the clues to earn a Cadbury chocolate reward!

Dunham Massey Saturday 28 March–Friday 17 April, 10.30am–4pm * **£2.50**

Hare Hill Saturday 4–Sunday 19 April, 10.30am–4pm * **£2.50**

Little Moreton Hall Saturday 4–Sunday 19 April, 11am–4pm * **£2.50**

Lyme Saturday 4–Sunday 19 April, 10.30am–4.30pm * **£2.50**

Quarry Bank Saturday 4–Sunday 19 April, 10.30am–4pm * **£2.50**

Rufford Old Hall Saturday 4–Monday 13 April, 11am–4.30pm * **£2.50**

Speke Hall Friday 10–Monday 13 April, 10.30am–4pm * **£2.50**

The Hardmans' House Friday 10 & Saturday 11 April, 11am–3.30pm * **£2.50**

Wednesday 8 April

Gawthorpe Hall
Pace egging
1–4pm
Get involved in the Lancashire tradition of decorating and rolling eggs. Bring a hard-boiled egg to decorate and then roll. **£2 BE**



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Sunday 12 April

Gawthorpe Hall (also 13 April)
Easter Bunny trail
1–4pm
Hop around the grounds to hunt for the hidden Pendelfin bunnies. **£2.50**

Alderley Edge (also 26 April, 10 & 24 May, 7, 14, 21 & 28 June)
Guided walks
2pm
Learn about the history and legends of Alderley Edge as you explore with one of our walks guides. **Free**

Saturday 25 April

Formby
Den building
10am–12 noon
Ever fancied building your own home? Give it a go in a prime seaside location. Child **£3 BE**

Tuesday 28 April

Formby
Formby footprints walk
9.30am–12.30pm
Discover the fascinating story of Formby's prehistoric footprints and search for traces on the foreshore with one of our archaeology experts. **£5 BE**

May

Saturday 2 May

Lyme (also 3 May)
Dawn chorus walk
5.30–8am
Join the rangers for an early morning walk to hear some of Lyme's more vocal residents.* **£13.50** incl. breakfast **BE**

Dunham Massey (also weekends until 19 July, except 30 & 31 May)
Music in the garden
12 noon–2.45pm
Relax with family and friends with live music in the garden. Dig out your picnic blanket and let the music carry you away.*

Thursday 7 May

Formby
In search of Formby asparagus
3–5pm
Discover how generations of farmers grew asparagus in the Formby dunes and find out how we're helping to keep the asparagus tradition alive. **£5 BE**

Friday 8 May

Little Moreton Hall (until 10 May)
May Day celebrations
11am–4pm
Join us over the May Day weekend, a time of celebration in the Moretons' calendar, for springtime activities and Tudor maypole dancing.*

Lyme (until 10 May)
VE Day
10.30am–5pm
Discover what Lyme was like during the Second World War throughout a weekend of VE Day celebrations.*

Friday 8 May

Speke Hall (until 10 May)
Tudor Maytide
10.30am–4pm
Join us for a historical celebration of spring, with living history, market stalls, food fit for a Tudor king and Tudor activities and crafts.*

Saturday 9 May

Gawthorpe Hall
Painting Padiham
11am–3pm
See the artists painting in the garden, create your own mini artwork and take a trip to Padiham on the free vintage bus.*

Thursday 14 May

Formby
Reading the landscape
10am–12 noon
Discover more about the history and nature at Ravenmeols, while learning to look at our landscape in a different way. **£5 BE**

Saturday 16 May

Tatton Park (until 17 May)
Tatton Park Country Fair
10am–5pm
This family country fair will have something for everyone including arena entertainment, gifts, crafts, food and drink. Adult **£9**, concession **£8**, child **£4**

Formby
Coastal run
9.30am
Join us for a 10km run on countryside paths and along stunning coast. **£5 BE**

May half term

Saturday 23 May

Speke Hall (until 31 May)
Natural Speke: swifts, swallows and the sounds of spring
10.30am–4pm
Take flight this half term and experience the sights and sounds of spring at Speke Hall. Listen out for the resident birds, bees and beautiful trees and take part in fun trails and wild activities.*

Hare Hill (until 6 September)
Art is second nature
10.30am–4pm
Bring your imagination to Hare Hill this summer and have family fun following the Second Nature trail to create art inspired by the garden.*

Lyme (until 25 May)
Kites at the Cage
12 noon–4pm
Bring your own kite to show off your skills, or buy one from our team up at the Cage, during this annual celebration of kiting.*

Monday 25 May

Dunham Massey (until 29 May)
Nature detectives
12 noon–3pm
Get closer to nature and learn some fun bushcraft skills. Create a masterpiece using natural materials, go on a bug hunt or have a go at forest bathing.*

Thursday 28 May

Formby
Treasures and castles
10am–12 noon
Explore the sandy Sefton Coast to collect amazing treasures that have been washed up, from shells to shark eggs, and decorate your own sand castle. Child **£3 BE**

Saturday 30 May

Dunham Massey (also 31 May)
Teddy Bears' picnic
12 noon–4pm
If you come down to Dunham Massey today, you're sure of a big surprise! Bring your favourite teddy and a picnic for stories, music and teddy bear fun.*

Notes

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

Getting in touch

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