**Bath Skyline**

**Bath Skyline guided walks**

Sun 1 Mar, 2-6.30pm, Tue 24 Mar & 12 May, 10am-2.30pm

Ranger-led sunset walk (1 Mar) to discover more about the history and management of the Bath Skyline, plus city to countryside walks (24 Mar & 12 May).

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

**Wild Wednesdays**

Wed 8 & 15 Apr & 27 May, 10.30am-12.30pm

A morning of fun, exploring and creativity in the woodland play area, with a different theme each time.

£2

**Nature and archaeology walks**

Sat 2 & Sun 10 May, for times see web

Guided walks with the Skyline ranger team and local experts to learn about the dawn chorus (10 May), and an amble around Bathwick Wood, examining the archaeology (2 May).

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

£13 (dawn chorus, includes breakfast), £6 (archaeology)

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**Bathwick Wood**

Examining the archaeology (10 May), and an amble around

Guided 2 & Sun 10 May, for times see web

Nature and archaeology walks

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**Bristol**

**Dyrham Park**

Near Bath NR1 4BY

February half-term nature activities

Sat 15 - Sun 23 Feb, 11am-2pm

Why not try some crafts to encourage our feathered friends to visit the garden on Mon, Wed & Fri? Both weekends there will be '50 things to do before you're 11¾' activities and nature trails on Tue & Thu mornings.

Winter tree ID walk

Sun 23 Feb & 1 Mar, 2-3.15pm

It's a challenge to identify leafless winter trees, but on this guided walk led by a tree expert learn how to identify native British trees through bark and buds.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

£5.50

**Lady's Day events**

Sat 21 & Sun 22 Mar, 11am-2pm

In the seventeenth century, the occupants of Dyrham Park would have celebrated Lady's Day at the end of March. Visitors can create dried flower willow wreaths, plant herbs or sample some seasonal cake.

£1 to plant herbs, £3 to make a wreath

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**Sing into spring: outdoor folk singing workshop**

Sat 25 Apr, 7-9pm

Sing with the dawn chorus: folk singer and musician Matt Norman leads an early morning wandering walk through woodland and valley, teaching folk songs on the way. Followed by refreshments in the garden.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

£15 (includes hot drink)

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**May Bank Holiday celebrations**

Fri 8 - Sun 10 May, 10am-4pm

Get into the spirit of the season with May day celebrations including some maypole games and country dancing in the grounds of the 270-acre site.

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**May half-term nature activities**

Sat 23 - Sun 31 May, 11am-3pm

There will be nature-themed activities and things to do outdoors. On both weekends there will be '50 things to do before you're 11¾' activities, nature trails on Tue & Thu and eco-friendly nature crafts on Mon, Wed & Fri.

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**Leigh Woods**

Near Bristol

Three-day hedge-laying course

Sun 2, 9 & 16 Feb, 10am-3.30pm

Join organic Farmer Mike Amos at Lower Failand Farm and learn how to lay a hedge from start to finish on three consecutive Sundays.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

£80

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How to book

We have indicated where there is an event charge and where booking is necessary. Please note that normal admission charges apply unless you are a member. All children must be accompanied by an adult. And please check beforehand as to whether or not dogs are welcome. We do take every effort to ensure that all event details are correct at the time of going to press. The National Trust reserves the right to cancel or change events if necessary. Tickets are non-refundable.

**Woodland adventure day**

Fri 29 May, 10.30am-2.30pm

A day of fire lighting, games, creativity and cooking over the campfire in Fairy Wood, Claverton Down. Each child must be accompanied by an adult, and each adult accompanied by a child.

Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Child (age 5+) £13, adult £26.50

**Prior Park Landscape Garden**

Bath BA2 5AH

**Garden tours**

Every Tue & Thu from 4 Feb, 11.30am-1pm

These informative guided tours lead you through Historic Prior Park, giving you a chance to find out about the project to restore the Georgian dams at the bottom of the garden.

**Half term trails**

Sat 15 - Sun 23 Feb & Sat 23 - Sun 31 May, 10am-4.30pm

Nature-themed trails and activities for the school holidays.

**Wild garlic season**

Sat 21 Mar - Sun 12 Apr, 10am-4.30pm

Wild garlic carpets the garden in spring, with a sprinkling of tiny flowers and a delicate scent. You can forage for the best leaves to take home, and pick up some recipe cards.
Dorset

Brownsome Island
Pool Harbour

"Rock Art Supplies"

February half term*
Sat 15 Feb - Sun 23 Feb, 10am-4pm
For the first time Brownsome will be open throughout February half term. We’ll be marking World Thinking Day with a whole day of free Scouting and Guiding-themed activities, plus additional Ranger Day events. Ranger days: booking essential 0344 249 1895

Spring walks*
first 6 & final 3 of every month from 6 Mar, 11am-12 noon
On the first Fri of every month navigate the island’s intriguing history on a Brownsea at war walk. On the third Fri the rangers lead a woodland wildlife or coastal creatures walk. Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Dorchester

DORSET

Adventure camping*
Mon 13 - Fri 17 Apr, Tue 24 Apr - Fri 1 May, Mon 4 - Fri 8 May, Mon 18 - Fri 22 May
Experience the peace and tranquility of Brownsea, with a campsite steeped in Scouting history set out in woodland with sea views. The campsite has toilets and hot showers. Tent and equipment hire available.
Booking essential via web
Adult £23.50, child £12, under 5s free

Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £18

Leigh Woods

Nature walk
Tues 15 Feb, 10am-12 noon
A day exploring Leigh Woods with the rangers. Help with a butterfly survey and learn about bats, dormice and ancient trees.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £4.50

Veteran walk tree
Sat 27 Feb, 10am-12 noon
Join ranger Tor Stanfield to discover the veteran trees, what makes them so special and how we care for them.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £8.50

Tyntesfield

Near Bristol BS44 6NB

Horse and carriage rides
Sat 15 - Sun 26 Feb & Sat 23 - Sun 31 Mar, 15 minute slots throughout the day
Travel across the estate in style like a true Victorian. Each ride lasts for 15 minutes, and you’ll be able to share your trip with the whole family.
Booking advisable 0344 249 1895 £4 per person

Victorian week
Sat 7 - Sun 5 Mar, 10am-4pm
Discover life in times past as we explore the stories of Victorian explorers, traders and folk. Expect re-enactment, living history and more.

Seasonal trail
Mon 9 Mar - Sat 26 Mar, 10am-5pm
Spring has sprung, and we’re celebrating the best of the natural world this season. Pick up a free trail map and find out what’s on at its best at this time of year.

Mother’s Day
Sat 21 - Sun 22 Mar, 12 noon-1pm, 1.30-2.30pm & 3-4pm
Treat mum to an afternoon tea in style, with the option to add bubbles for an extra bit of sparkle.
Booking essential 0344 249 1895

Food! Eating with Hardy
Join us at the home of Thomas Hardy to celebrate all things edible. There will be family-friendly activities for children.

Story telling: ‘The Keeper of the Castle’
Sat & Sun, 14 - 22 Mar, 10am-4pm
Meet the Keeper of the Castle who will take you on a journey of discover through 1000 years. Get ready for lots of fascinating facts, humour and fun.

Max Gate
Dorchester DT1 1FN

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Mon 3 Feb, 9-11am
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**Newark Park**

Near Wotton-under-Edge G12 7PY

**February half term fun**

Sat 15 - Sun 23 Feb, 10am-5pm

Stretch your legs and follow the wintry trail around the garden, tick off one of your ‘50 things to do before you’re 11¾’ activities or explore the natural play area.

**Snowshill Manor and Garden**

Broadway WR12 7TU

**Sharing the stories of Snowshill**

3-12 Feb, Sat & Sun, 11am-4pm

Over the winter a group of volunteers, led by creative writing lecturer Jane Pugh, have delved into the stories of Snowshill. Come and hear as they bring these stories to life.

**Newark in Bloom**

Daily in May, 10am-5pm

Spring has sprung across the garden and countryside. Find seasonal recipes, floral displays and garden tours.

**Snowshill Manor and Garden**

Broadway WR12 7TU

**Springtime nature discovery trail**

Sat 15 & Sun 23 Feb, 10am-4pm

Join the ranger team in clearing scrub, cutting back brambles, pulling out docks and nettles, and if time permits, monitoring woodland birds and amphibians.

**Countryside**

Near Stowey TA5 1NQ

**Bug hunting**

Fri 14 - Sat 23 Feb, 11am-4pm

Watch the flying display of birds of prey on the walk. With a ringer, you can see the birds up close on their static displays and talk to their handlers. Arrive early for this popular event.

**Colyer Court Cottage**

Nether Stowey TA21 6QJ

**Pop-up poetry**

The 25th of May, 10am-12noon

Sit back, relax, and listen to some poetry in the place where Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote ‘ Kubla Khan’ and ‘Rime of the Ancient Mariner’.
**Floralia**
Fri 1 May - Tue 30 Jun, 10am-4pm
Celebrate the magnificent spring colour at Stourhead as the rhododendron burst into bloom around the lake path. Hear stories about the plant collection and explore the wellbeing benefits of gardening.

**Tree climbing**
Fri 8 - Sat 9 @ Fri 29 - Sat 30 May, 10am-4pm
Explore Stourhead’s world-famous landscape from up high with the Big Tree Climbing Company. Booking essential via web £20 (includes garden entry for one child (age 6+) and accompanying adult)

**Ancient mythology flashmob**
Sat 9 - Sun 10 May, see web for times
Learn some simple moves inspired by Stourhead’s mythological stories and take part in this exciting mass dance event framed against the lake, trees and temples beyond. Drop-in workshops and performances throughout both days.

**May half-term garden crafts**
Sat 23 - Sun 31 May, 11am-4pm
Spring has sprung so celebrate at the Stableyard family activity area where you can choose from a range of garden crafts including flower crown-making and wildflower seed bombs. £2 per craft or £3 for three

**The Courts Garden**
Near Bradford-on-Avon BA10 6HR
Signs of spring: snowdrops Sat & Sun only, 1 - 23 Feb, then daily (except Wed) 24 Feb - 8 Mar, 11am-5.30pm
Welcome in the spring with a refreshing stroll around the garden and enjoy this season’s early arrivals.

Spring flowers
Daily (except Wed), Sat 7 Mar - Sun 26 Apr, 11am-5.30pm
Crocuses, daffodils, snowdrops, primroses and hellebores burst into glorious life in the garden. Take in the colours and scents of the new season.

Rewinding your garden
(Daily (except Wed), 4 - 19 Apr, 11am-5.30pm
Enjoy the Easter holidays while making your garden more wildlife-friendly, with tips on making bug shelters and growing plants to encourage bees and butterflies.

**BATH AND BRISTOL**

**Prior Park**
Fri 10 - Mon 13 Apr, 10am-3.30pm
Become a nature detective to follow the clues around the garden. £2.50

**Dyrham Park**
Sat 4 - Sun 19 Apr, 10am-3pm
A celebration of nature and the animals we care for: find out about animals that were in the late 1600s but are now extinct. £2.50

**Tyntesfield**
Sat 4 - Sun 19 Apr, 10am-5pm
The Easter bunny has visited Tyntesfield and left a stash of chocolate to be found. £2.50

**Golden Cap**
Fri 10 - Mon 13 Apr, 11am-3pm
Follow the clues to complete the nature hunt around this old smuggler’s haunt on the Jurassic Coast. £2.50

**Kingston Lacy**
Sat 4 - Sun 19 Apr, 10am-4pm
Keep your eyes and ears open for the signs of spring as you follow the Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt through the woodland. £2.50

**Studland Bay**
Sat 4 - Sun 19 Apr, 10am-4pm
Explore the dunes of Studland hunting for the Cadbury Bunny in a search for the chocolate treat. £2.50

**Chedworth Roman Villa**
Fri 10 - Sun 12 Apr, 10am-5pm
Follow the clues to claim a Cadbury chocolate prize. £2.50

**Lodge Park and Sherborne Estate**
Fri 10 - Mon 13 Apr, 11am-4pm
Join the Cadbury Bunny in a search for the signs of spring at Lodge Park. £2.50

**Newark Park**
Fri 10 - Mon 13 Apr, 11am-4pm
Hop along this Easter for a nature-inspired Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt around the garden. £2.50

**Snowshill Manor and Garden**
Sat 4 - Mon 13 April, 11am-5pm
Spring really sprung at Snowshill! See whether you can spot the signs of spring. £2.50

**Westbury Court Garden**
Fri 10 - Mon 13 Apr, 10am-4pm
Hunt around the garden now bursting forth with spring flowers to find the clues and solve the quiz. £2.50

**DORSET**

**Brownsea Island**
Sat 4 - Mon 13 Apr, 10am-4pm
Follow the clues to reach the Cadbury prize. Drop into the field near the church for free Easter themed crafts. £2.50 (boat fares apply)

**Burton Bradstock**
Sat 4 - Sun 19 Apr, 11am-3pm
Bunny has gone to the seaside at Hive Beach. Follow the nature trail plus see views along the famous Jurassic Coast. £2.50

**Corfe Castle**
Sat 4 - Mon 19 Apr, 10am-5pm
Seek and discover nature clues to claim your special chocolate treat. £2.50

**WILTSHIRE**

**Durrell**
Fri 10 - Sat 25 Apr, 6-9pm
Dawn is a tranquil time of day to experience the Stonehenge Landscape and Dinton Park. The rangers will point out the wildlife at these special places.

**Pepperbox Hill wildlife walk**
Sun 17 May, 11am-2pm
On this late spring walk with a ranger, discover some of the history and wildlife associated with this chalk grassland site overlooking Salisbury.

**Cherhill butterfly walk**
Sat 30 May, 10.15am-1.30pm
The stunning chalk downland of Calstone and Cherhill Downs is packed with beautiful wildflowers and rare butterflies.

**Colesbourne**
Sat 4 - Sun 19 Apr, 10.30am-1.30pm
Become a nature detective to follow the clues. £2.50

**Cheddar Gorge and Caves**
Sat 4 - Mon 13 Apr, 10am-4pm
Discover more about nature at Cheddar Gorge and Caves. £2.50

**Pitstone**
Fri 10 - Mon 13 Apr, 10am-3pm
Uncover the traditions of spring on this year’s Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt. Solve the clues along the way to go home with a chocolate prize. £2.50

**Blighty**
Fri 10 - Mon 13 Apr, 10am-3pm
Discover more about nature at Woodchester Park and explore this beautiful hidden valley on this year’s Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt. £2.50

**Mompesson House**
Fri 10 Apr - Mon 13 Apr, 11am-4.30pm
Complete the nature checklist around the garden to claim your delicious Cadbury chocolate treat. £2

**Flower and Bird**
Sat 4 - Sun 19 Apr, 10am-4pm
Learn some simple moves inspired by George Engleheart and the spectacular displays he cultivated here.

**Dorset**

**Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts**

Bring the whole family together for fun and nature-filled discoveries as you spot the first signs of spring at the places we care for. Follow the bunny’s clues and finish your adventure with a delicious, Cadbury chocolate treat.

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