

National Trust Press Release

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October half-term activities at the National Trust in and around Cornwall

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During October half-term in and around Cornwall, National Trust places are hosting an array of family friendly activities. From dressing up in Tudor inspired costumes to beach cleans and learning all about bugs and flowers to a guided art tour, there's lots to keep the whole family entertained.

What's more, every time you experience a National Trust day out, you help care for these special places for future generations.

Here is what's happening near you this October half-term, please check property website for opening days and times:

Antony

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/antony

Autumn adventures at Antony

Tuesdays – Thursdays from 24 Oct to 2 Nov. 12pm – 5pm

During October half-term, bring along mini-adventurers along to see how many autumn inspired challenges they can complete. Create the best den, complete the conker and spoon race, spot signs of autumn and see who can throw a welly the furthest.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Buckland Abbey

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/buckland-abbey

Wicked water sprites!

Daily Sat 14 – Sun 29 Oct. 10am – 5pm

Explore the gardens for wonderfully watery Halloween trails! Our smallest visitors can spot fairy doors hidden around the garden, while older children will enjoy learning the legends of different water sprites as they explore. Halloween costumes encouraged!

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Harvest Weekend

Sat 21 and Sun 22 Oct. 10am – 5pm

Join us for picturesque harvest displays of produce grown at Buckland Abbey and learn about the history of Buckland as a working estate. We'll also have seasonal Tudor Cooking, pumpkin spotting in the Abbey and a food bank collection. The Buckland Cafe will also be selling seasonal treats made with produce grown by the Buckland garden team.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Water sprite crafts with Naturemake

Sun 22 Oct. 11am – 4pm

Try your hand at creating mystical sprite characters, miniature dwellings or even a fairy boat with autumnal all-natural, foraged materials to take home.

It's lots of fun and suitable for ages 4+, adult makers encouraged. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note this event is CASH ONLY on the day. Price guide £5-20, depending on size and theme of make.

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Booking not required.

History of the Abbey through its Art – guided tour

Mon 23 Oct. 2 – 3.30pm.

Discover more about Buckland's history through its art on this fascinating guided tour.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Tudor Cooking

Tue 24 & Sat 28 Oct. 11am – 3pm

Join the Tudor Cooks as they cook up a feast from harvest produce! This time-travelling experience is suitable for all ages.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Cotehele

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/cotehele

Spooky Scarecrows at Cotehele

Daily from Sat 21 Oct – Sun 5 Nov, 10am-4pm

This October half-term, head to Cotehele to see how many spooky scarecrows you can find hiding in the garden. Spot the scarecrows and read their stories from local folklore to solve the mystery. This year, our scarecrows have been made by a number of local community groups.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Celebrating the Harvest at Cotehele Mill

Daily from Sat 21 – Sun 29 Oct, 11am-4pm

Soak in the delights of autumn beneath fluttering bunting and enjoy the seasonal decorations which lead to a harvest table of abundance in the Bakery. Try the tasty treats made by our volunteer bakers, and try your hand at leaf rubbings and leaf crowns at our autumnal craft station.

Price: Free. Booking not required.

Spooky Storytime

Tue 24, Sat 28 & Sun 29 Oct. 10.30 – 11am

Calling all little witches and wizards! This half term come and listen to spooky scarecrow storytime in the Great Hall.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking advisable 0344 249 1895.

Glendurgan Garden

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/glendurgan-garden

Willow Crowns

Sat 21 – Sun 29 Oct (excluding 23 Oct). 10.30am - 5.00pm

Collect a willow crown from the garden entrance and decorate it with colourful fallen leaves from the garden floor. Head over to our apple shed for some nature-based activities including leaf rubbing and sketching. Learn more about the history of orchards at Glendurgan, take a look at our beehives and you can even try on a beekeeping outfit yourself!

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Godolphin

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/godolphin

Autumn Half-Term family fun at Godolphin

Daily Sat 21 – Sun 29 Oct. 10am – 5pm

Find out more about apple harvest through the years at Godolphin by making muddy apple pies in the Mud-Pie kitchen, having a go at an apple relay, playing an apple themed game of noughts and crosses, or even apple collecting and pressing in the Cider House and Orchard!

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

A short guided walk through a mining landscape

Fri 20, Sat 21, Tue 24, Fri 27, Sat 28 and Tue 31 Oct. 1.30 – 2.15pm

Join us on a short walk through a mining landscape, guided by one of our volunteers to highlight key features and stories of Godolphin woods not to be missed.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

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Sun 22 Oct. 8.30 – 11am

Join a fun, free and friendly trail run around the beautiful Godolphin estate. Two loops of 5km with stunning views throughout. Post run refreshments and cake available from the tea-room.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Guided estate walks

Every Mon in Oct. 10.45am – 1pm

Learn more about the mining history of Godolphin and explore the wider estate with volunteer guided walks taking place every Monday.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Lanhydrock

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/lanhydrock

Dormouse half-term trail

Daily from Sat 21 – Tue 31 Oct. 10am - 4pm

This October half-term, head to Lanhydrock to join dormouse and his woodland friends as they search the garden for the perfect autumn party food.

Price: £3 per trail (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Autumn colour at Lanhydrock

Daily throughout Oct. 10.30am - 5pm

As autumn dims the Lanhydrock floral borders, the garden is still alive with pops of colour; scarlet and yellow from Japanese acers, the vivid red of the Persian ironwood and the purple sweet gum tree. Enjoy a peaceful stroll and find a hidden bench for some quiet contemplation.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

North Cornwall

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/carnewas-at-bedruthan

Sun, stars and planets with Kernow Astronomers

Sat 21 Oct. 4.30-8pm

Join Kernow Astronomers for an evening of gazing up into the sky using telescopes and benefiting from their expert knowledge.

Price: Free. Booking not required. Please check website as event will move to the Fri evening if forecast is for cloudy skies.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/pentire

Apple Day at Pentire, nr. Polzeath

Sat 21 Oct, 12-4pm

Join us at Pentire to celebrate Apple Day, with live music and some orchard inspired activities.

Price: Free. Booking not required.

Saltram

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/devon/saltram

Magic and Myths Trail

Daily Sat 21 Oct – Sun 5 Nov. 10am – 4.15pm

Follow the trail around the garden to discover the folklore tales surrounding the superstition and magical properties of trees. Collect a wand from the wand shop at the Welcome Centre (or bring your own) and cast magical spells around the garden at each of the trail points. The Pesky Pumpkins are back! Can you spot them all around the garden?

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Autumn Wild Wednesdays

Wed 25 Oct. 11am – 12.30pm & 2 – 3.30pm

Join us at the forest school to learn how to make a campfire before toasting some tasty marshmallows.

Price: £4 child (normal admission applies). Booking essential 0344 249 1895.

Trelissick

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trelissick

Seasonal activity sheets

Daily Mon 2 - Fri 20, Mon 30 & Tue 31 Oct. 10am – 4.30pm

Get up close with nature this autumn and use the seasonal activity sheets to help you explore the garden.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

October half term autumn trail

Daily Sat 21 to Sun 29 Oct. 10am – 4.30pm

This October half term explore Trelissick and find the autumnal words hidden through the garden. Once you've found all the autumn words use them to create your own poem about autumn at Trelissick.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Trerice

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trerice

Archaeological tour of Trerice

Fri 20 Oct. 2.00 – 3.00pm

You can learn about the archaeological and architectural history of Trerice on an hour long guided tour of the gardens. Find out about key features of the property and how they have changed over time, as well as archaeological digs and finds across the whole site.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Halloween half term fun at Trerice

Daily Sat 21 – Sun 29 Oct. 10.30am – 4.30pm

For the whole week of half term, come dressed up in your favourite Halloween costume and explore Trerice! Pass through the witch's lair at reception, listen to some spooky stories and spot the creepy crawlies around the house. You can conjure up your own potions outside in the garden at two potion stations.

On Monday 23 October there will be a costume day where you can get dressed up in Tudor-inspired costumes made by the volunteer costume group.

On Saturday 28 and Sunday 29, you can also take home a pumpkin from Visitor Reception for a small donation.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Apple walk at Trerice

Tue 24 Oct. 2 – 3pm

Join in with a walking tour of the apple trees of Trerice and identify the different, old varieties of apple we have on site with our Head Gardener. Throughout October, our welcome team will also be busy picking apples which will be available to buy for a donation from visitor reception.

Price: £5 (normal admission applied). Booking essential 0344 249 1895.

Trengwainton Garden

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trengwainton-garden

October half-term family fun at Trengwainton

Sun 22 to Thu 26 Oct and Sun 29 Oct. 10am – 5pm

Get welly-ready this October half term with our autumn-themed family activities. Follow the sensory trail and splash and crunch your way around the garden. Collect fallen leaves to make leaf bunting or try printing with them. Play autumn colour spotting and see how many you can tick off; collect fallen apples or guess the weight of the pumpkin.

Price: Free (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

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