

National Trust Press Release

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Cotehele Apple Weekender kicks off national trust apple events in Cornwall

This autumn, celebrate all things apple at National Trust Cotehele's Apple Weekender event.

Taking place on 14 & 15 September, with pick your own apples running until 22 September, visitors can take part in an array of apple themed festivities in Cotehele's Mother Orchard of rare and special trees.

Activities on offer include orchard tours, seeing the amazing cider press in action, apple tasting and pick your own. Visitors can also watch out for something special making an appearance on the grass circle in front of the house at Cotehele.

'Many traditional orchards were lost over the last century, so we're proud to be doing our bit to conserve these local trees.' says Dave Bouch, Cotehele's Head Gardener. 'We always look forward to this time of year when we can celebrate apples and remember their importance to our history, culture and landscape.'

Cotehele's seven orchards cover approximately 15 acres and the trees planted over the last ten years were specially chosen because they are local varieties and are adapted to the growing conditions in the south west.

The Mother Orchard alone homes 125 different types of apple tree, each with its own distinctive flavour and character.

The Cotehele garden team propagate from the trees and visitors can return for 'Grafting Days' in February and learn how to grow a tree which will produce their favourite apples from the tastings on the apple weekend.

The Cotehele Apple Weekender event will run each day from 10am-5pm. Normal admission applies.

If you can't make Cotehele's apple celebrations, there are plenty of others taking place at National Trust places in Cornwall this autumn:

Trelissick Apple Weekend

Sat 5 & Sun 6 Oct. 10am – 4pm

In the stables you'll find a small press, an apple display, the garden team will be on hand to help with identifying heritage apples and there'll be plenty of traditional games for the family to play. Over in the orchard there'll be pruning advice with the garden team from 11am-4pm, archery sessions with Anchor Archery between 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm and musical performances throughout the day.

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

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

Godolphin half-term: Apple folklore and harvest activities

Sat 26 and Sun 3 Nov. 10am – 5pm

Find out more about apple harvest through the years at Godolphin and discover more about apple folklore this October half term. Enjoy apple collecting in the Orchard followed by apple pressing in the Cider House (27, 28, 31 Oct, 1 Nov – subject to volunteer availability). Get crafting, make muddy apple pies in the Mud-Pie kitchen, and more!

Price: Free (normal admission prices apply). Booking not required.

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

Apple Day at Pentire, nr. Polzeath

Sun 27 Oct, 12-4pm

Join us at Pentire to celebrate Apple Day in our restored orchard. We'll be celebrating with music and apple harvest inspired activities.

Price: Free. Parking charges apply (free for National Trust members). Booking not required

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

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Notes to editors:

About Cotehele

Cotehele is located in St Dominick, Cornwall, near Saltash, PL12 6TA. The estate and quay are open every day dawn-dusk; the garden, Edgumbe tea-room, Barn Restaurant, shop and gallery from 10am-5pm. the house is open daily from 11am-4pm, the mill from 11am-4.30pm. For more details about Cotehele, please visit

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cotehele> or facebook.com/cotehele or Twitter:

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About the National Trust

The National Trust is a conservation charity founded in 1895 by three people: Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Hardwicke Rawnsley, who saw the importance of the nation's heritage and open spaces and wanted to preserve them for everyone to enjoy. Today, across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, we continue to look after places so people and nature can thrive.

The challenges of the coronavirus pandemic have shown this is more important than ever. From finding fresh air and open skies to tracking a bee's flight to a flower; from

finding beauty in an exquisite painting or discovering the hidden history of a country house nearby - the places we care for enrich people's lives.

Entirely independent of Government, the National Trust looks after more than 250,000 hectares of countryside, 780 miles of coastline and 500 historic properties, gardens and nature reserves.

The National Trust is for everyone - we were founded for the benefit of the whole nation. We receive on average more than 26.9 million visits each year to the places we care for that have an entry fee, and an estimated 100m visits to the outdoor places that are free of charge.

Paying visitors, together with our 5.6 million members and more than 53,000 volunteers, support our work to care for nature, beauty, history. For everyone, for ever.