

National Trust Press Release

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October half term with the National Trust in Cornwall

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Across Cornwall, National Trust places are gearing up for October half term as the trees slowly turn to copper and the pumpkin harvest begins. There's plenty to keep the kids entertained this October half term, from apple celebrations to spooky Halloween trails, and storytelling to family autumn walks.

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 further information including how to book:

Antony

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

The Antony Pumpkin Hunt

Tue 29 to Thu 31 Oct. 12noon-4.30pm

Pick up your trail sheet and use the pumpkins as your guide to find various autumn inspired activities around the garden. Do you dare to take on the pumpkin kerplunk, listen to spooky stories in the storytelling area, or take part in our fancy-dress competition? Price includes a pumpkin trail sheet and a velvet pumpkin prize.

Price: £2 per trail (normal admission prices apply). Booking not required.

Cotehele

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

Spooky Scarecrows

Daily 24 Oct to 11 Nov. 10am-5pm

Pick up your free trail sheet from Visitor Reception and then explore the gardens at Cotehele to see how many spooky scarecrows you can spot. Each scarecrow has their own folklore story. Will you be able to crack the riddle to solve the mystery? This year, the scarecrows have been made by local schools and community groups.

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

Spooky Storytime

Daily 29 Oct, 31 Oct, 1 Nov and 2 Nov. 10.15-10.45am and 11.30am-12noon

Calling all little witches and wizards! This half term come and listen to spooky story time in the Victorian Library with our rather spooky scarecrow storyteller. Fancy dress is encouraged.

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

Nature Walk

Sun 27 Oct. 11am-1pm

Join our Nature Walks volunteer Andy on free monthly walks to learn about the ecology of the beautiful and varied Cotehele estate. Discover seasonal highlights, what the Rangers have been doing to care of the estate and learn about all the flora and fauna which can be found on our patch of the Tamar Valley.

Price: Free (normal admission prices apply). Booking essential 0344 249 1895, or via the website.

Glendurgan

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

One Bag Beach Clean

Sat 19th Oct. 10.20am-11.45am

Help us preserve the natural beauty of the North Helford by joining Carol of One Bag Beach Clean at Bosveal car park.

Price: Free to attend, booking not required.

Orchard Talk

Tue 22 Oct. 11am-1pm

Celebrate Apple Day this October with a special talk from Head Gardener, John Lanyon.

Price: Free (normal admission prices apply). Limited spaces, booking essential.

October half term at Glendurgan Garden

Tue 22 Oct. 11am-1pm

This October half term, embrace the changing season at Glendurgan Garden.

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

Godolphin

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

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Sun 27 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 prices apply). Booking not required.

October Half Term at Godolphin

Daily to Sat 26 Oct to Sun 3 Nov. 10am-5pm (4pm close from Nov 1)

This October half-term, find out about the apple harvest through the years at Godolphin and discover more about apple folklore. Join in with the apple pressing in the Cider House, get crafting, do some apple collecting in the Orchard, make muddy apple pies in the Mud-Pie kitchen, and more! The apple pressing will take place on 27, 28, 31 Oct and 1 Nov, 11am-3pm.

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

Lanhydrock

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

October half term: Cornish Piskie Trail

Daily Sat 12 Oct to Sun 3 Nov. 10.30am-4pm

This October half-term, have an adventure at Lanhydrock as you search for the Cornish Pixies hiding in the gardens. Some cheeky Cornish Pixies have stolen some items from the house at Lanhydrock. Can you find them all and get what they've taken back to where it belongs?

Price: £3 per trail including a prize (normal admission prices apply). Booking not required.

Penrose

Penrose family walks

Wed 30 Oct, 11am-12.30pm. Sat 2 Nov, 2-4pm

Join us for a family friendly walk at Penrose, guided by our volunteer walk leaders. Everyone is welcome, of all abilities and experience and including children of all ages.

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

Pentire

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

Apple Day at Pentire

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. Booking not required.

The Dodman

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/the-dodman

Hemmick beach cleans

Sat 2 Nov. 10-11am

Can you spare an hour or so to help us keep Hemmick beach looking beautiful, and safer for wildlife? Gloves, bags and litter pickers provided. Please also feel free to bring your own gloves if you'd like.

Price: Free. Booking not required.

Tintagel Old Post Office

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/tintagel-old-post-office

UV torch trail

Daily Mon 21 Oct to Sun 3 Nov. 11am-3.30pm

Visit over October half term to take part in our popular Ultra Violet torch trail around the house and win a prize.

Price: £1.50 per trail (normal admission prices apply). Booking not required.

Trelissick

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

October half term

Daily 26 Oct to 3 Nov. 10am-4.30pm

This October half term head to Trelissick and embrace your creativity in the garden as part of a free half term trail. You'll search for autumn colours on a colour wheel, find the heritage apples hidden in a wordsearch and write an autumn poem.

Take a walk exploring the countryside and tick off some of your '50 things to do before you're 11¾', one of our autumn favourites is #6 'go welly wandering' which is perfect for a wet day exploring.

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

Trengwainton

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

Half-term family fun

Sun 27 to Thu 31 Oct and Sun 3 Nov 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 some wild art. Play autumn colour spotting and see how many you can tick off, collect fallen apples or check out the pumpkin display.

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

Trerice

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

Halloween half term fun

Daily Sat 26 Oct to Thurs 31 Oct. 10.30am-4.30pm

Come dressed up in your favourite Halloween costume and explore Trerice with plenty of dragon-themed fun. We will have dragon themed activities, including storytelling and 'Trerice dragon school', where you can learn how to train your dragon.

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

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Notes to editors

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The National Trust is an independent 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.

We care for more than 250,000 hectares of countryside, 780 miles of coastline, 1 million collection items and 500 historic properties, gardens and nature reserves. In 2022/23 we received 24 million visitors to our pay for entry sites. The National Trust is for everyone - we were founded for the benefit of the whole nation, and our 5.7 million members, funders and donors, and tens of thousands of volunteers support our work to care for nature, beauty, history for everyone, for ever.