

National Trust Press Release

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Step into spring with the National Trust in Cornwall: Events in April, May and early June

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall>

Across Cornwall, National Trust gardens are filling with colourful spring blooms, and houses are looking tip-top after their intensive winter cleans. There's loads going on this season from Easter adventure trails and art workshops to guided walks and beach cleans.

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 spring, please check property website for opening days and times:

Antony

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/antony>

Easter egg hunt at Antony

8-10 Apr and 15-24 Apr (excluding Sat 19 Apr). 12noon-4.30pm.

Explore how Easter has been celebrated through time. Discover the connections between Easter, archery, dancing, kite flying and egg rolling with activities inspired by Easter celebrations across the world. The price includes Easter trail sheet, bunny ears and chocolate egg.

Price: £3.50 per trail (normal admissions apply). Booking not required.

Brilliant bees interactive talk

10 and 17 Apr. 1.30pm-2pm

An interactive presentation led by Tim Payne (City Bees) who cares for the beehives at Antony. Learn more about the lives of bumble, solitary, and honeybees, exploring their lives, our dependence on them, and their amazing skills.

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

May half term at Antony

25 – 29 May. 12noon-4.30pm.

Visit Antony this May half term and take part in some outdoor lawn games. Join us for cornhole, sack racing, croquet, an obstacle course and so much more.

Visit the house and pick up a trail booklet to discover what it was like to grow up as a child at Antony. Get to know the family members in the portraits, discover how people living in the house ate their meals and play with toys or games from the past.

Price: Free event (normal admissions apply). Booking not required.

Block printing workshops at Antony 7 and 28 May. 2pm-4pm.

Local craft artist Louise Bennett will be running an Indian Block Printing workshop at Antony on Wednesday 7 May (nature-inspired block printing) and Wednesday 28 May (Block printing – the basics). Through the workshop you will gain confidence in the techniques used for block printing and practice on scrap fabric and paper. Louise will then discuss pattern layout, colour combinations, and themes to help you decide on your final designs. No prior experience or artistic ability is required. 7 May is an adults-only session. 28 May is suitable for families and children aged 10 and up.

Price: from £30. Pre-booking essential through Stitch and Splodge - [Indian Block Printing – Stitch and splodge](#)

Cotehele

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/cotehele>

Oil Painting and knife workshop with Clare Law 2 April, 10.30am-1.30pm

Join local artist Clare Law as she shares her skills in this special workshop, suitable for complete beginners to advanced painters. In this workshop, Clare will demonstrate the step-by-step process of painting with oils and a small painting knife. Each participant will get to try her techniques, developed over her career as a professional landscape artist.

Price: £45pp without paints, £50pp with paints. Booking essential via the website.

Creature Easter at Cotehele 5-21 April, 10am-4pm

Go wild on a family-friendly trail with fun activities celebrating the feathery friends, interesting insects and marvellous mammals that live at Cotehele. Have a go at each of the activities dotted around the garden and collect your chocolate egg at the end (both dairy and vegan and Free From options available).

Price: £3.50 per trail (normal admission charges apply). Booking not required.

Gwel an Bleujenn 26 April, 2-3pm

Help us kick off our Festival of Blossom celebrations at our annual blossom procession. Meet outside Visitor Reception and follow us as we wander through the blossom, enjoy various performances by local groups and give thanks to the flowers and the promise of the fruit that will follow.

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

Blossom BioBlitz 27 April, 10am-4pm

As part of Festival of Blossom, join University of Plymouth for a Blossom BioBlitz in the Mother Orchard at Cotehele. Join us as we take a closer look at the Mother Orchard to uncover a hidden world of amazing orchard wildlife and to help us build a picture of this amazing habitat.

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

Willow Swallows and Dragonflies workshop

21 May, 10.30am-1.30pm

Join local willow artist Jasmine Fassenfelt who will show you how to make swallows and dragonflies out of natural willow. In this three-hour workshop, you will get a feel for how to work with the material and be guided at every stage.

Price: £45pp. Booking essential via the website.

The Kernow Games

22 May – 1 June, 10am-4pm

Challenge all the family to Cornish-inspired games around the garden at Cotehele. Try our jam-first cream tea race, challenge each other to see who can catch the most fish, play Cornish Snap and more whilst learning about the Cornish language along the way.

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

Drawn to the Valley Inspired by Turner

31 May – 8 June, 11am-4pm

Visit the Victorian Drawing Room to discover work created by members of Drawn to the Valley that have been inspired by J.M.W Turner and his paintings within the Tamar Valley.

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

Mosaic Birds workshop

11 June, 10.30am-1.30pm

In this three-hour workshop, join Kirsty Freeman as she helps you to design and assemble a hanging bird ornament. Kirsty will guide you through the process of cutting ceramic tiles and crockery with small hand tools to assemble your design.

Price: £45pp. Booking essential via the website

Carne and Pendower

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/carne-and-pendower>

Pendower Beach Cleans

7 April, 5 May and 2 June. 2-3pm

Soak in fantastic views and fresh air whilst helping to keep this beautiful beach clean.

Price: Free event. Booking not required.

Veryan Bunker Tours

25 May. 11am and 1:30pm

Join a tour to hear the stories behind what went on in a nuclear bunker and the neighbouring starfish bunker up on Nare Head.

Price: £5pp. Booking essential via the website.

East Pool Mine

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/east-pool-mine>

East Pool Mine in WWII - 'We need tin to win the war!'

Join us in the marking the 80th anniversary of VE day and the closing of East Pool Mine with this brand-new tour. Hear the voices and stories of men stationed here for their conscription service. Explore the social landscape of those living in the area during a time of war and understand the role East Pool Mine played in providing tin for the war effort.

2 March – 2 November, 10am-4pm- Sunday to Thursday

Price: £11 per adult and £5.50 per child over 5 years

Glendurgan

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/glendurgan-garden>

Easter Adventures at Glendurgan Garden

5-21 April (excluding 7th & 14th). 10.30-4pm

Join us at Glendurgan Garden this Easter for a blooming adventure! Follow the Easter Adventures trail map and uncover the hidden wonders of wildflowers nestled throughout the garden. With fun activities for the whole family and a delicious treat waiting at the end, it's the perfect way to celebrate spring in nature.

Price: £3.50 per trail (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

May half term at Glendurgan Garden

24 May-1 June. 10.30am-4pm

Enjoy a fun-filled adventure in nature this May half term. Collect an activity booklet and pencil from the garden entrance and set off to explore. Take part in a range of engaging challenges such as unleashing your creativity with storytelling, searching for vibrant colours, discovering interesting textures and other hands-on activities. Whether you fancy observing wildlife, going on a wild walk, or making something special from natural finds, there's plenty to enjoy for all ages.

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

Garden Tours at Glendurgan Garden

Once a week, either Thursday or Wednesday, from 27 Feb – 21 May (excluding school holidays). 11am-1pm (5 March: 1.30pm-3.30pm). See website for dates.

Grow your knowledge of plants with an exclusive in-depth tour through the exotic and playful valleys of Glendurgan Garden.

Price: Free (normal admission applied). Booking essential as spaces are limited.

Godolphin

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/godolphin>

Easter Egg Hunt at Godolphin

5-27 April. 10am-5pm

Treat the whole family to a world of adventure at Godolphin on an Easter trail. Explore and take part in 10 different bird-themed activities dotted around the garden. Price includes Easter trail sheet, bunny ears and chocolate egg.

Price: £3.50 per trail (normal admissions apply). Booking not required.

Trust 10

27 April, 25 May. 8.30-11am

Join a fun, free and friendly trail run around the beautiful Godolphin estate. Two loops of 5km with stunning views throughout.

Price: Free event. Booking not required.

Visit the house at Godolphin**5-10 April, 3-8 May. 10.30am-5pm**

Venture into Godolphin House and discover the rich history within the walls of this once great mining powerhouse. Find out more about those who lived here and lives they led, in what was once Cornwall's largest and finest house.

Price: Free (normal admissions apply). Booking not required.

See the bluebells at Godolphin**Mid-April to mid-May, daily 10am-5pm.**

The appearance of bluebells is one of the most exciting signs that spring is on its way. At Godolphin you can enjoy the carpets of bluebells amongst the ancient woodland. Usually in flower late April and early May, they're a welcome sign that spring is well under way and the warmer days of summer aren't far off.

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

May Half Term at Godolphin**24 May-1 June, 10am-5pm.**

Grab your magnifying glass and join us at Godolphin as we celebrate our mighty minibeasts. Explore the gardens and discover all about some of our smallest but mightiest wildlife through games and activities dotted around the estate.

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

Lanhydrock

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/lanhydrock>

25 Things to do at Lanhydrock in 2025

Throughout the year there are many activities to do at Lanhydrock, you can pick up a free bookmark and tick them off as you go, or go paperless by downloading the list.

Price: Free (normal admission applies, if entering the house and formal garden).
Booking not required

Blossom, Floriography at Lanhydrock**11 March – 30 April**

Discover 'the language of flowers' at Lanhydrock. Throughout the house there will be opportunities to learn the meanings behind the plants and shrubs found in the formal garden and parkland, including an activity of writing a postcard to a someone special.

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

Easter Trail at Lanhydrock

Join in with the easter activities throughout the formal gardens and second-hand bookshop.

Price: £3.50 per trail (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

May Half Term at Lanhydrock

Join us for a hidden box trail during May half term, and collect your prize at the end.

Price: £3.50 per trail (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

Mullion Cove

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/mullion-cove>

Lime Pointing Sessions

12 April, 3 and 10 May. 11am-3pm

Join Mullion Cove Harbour Group and National Trust to learn a new skill, meet new people and help make some small but vital repairs to the harbour. Full training, personal protective equipment and tools will be provided.

Price: Free event. Booking advisable.

Pentire

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/pentire>

Easter Egg Hunt at Pentire

5-21 April. 10.30am-2.30pm

Treat the whole family to a world of adventure at Pentire on an Easter trail. Explore and take part in 10 different nature-themed activities. Price includes Easter trail sheet, bunny ears and chocolate egg.

Price: £3.50 per trail. Booking not required.

Trust 10 trail run at Pentire

27 April, 25 May. 8.30-11am

Join in on the 10km waymarked coastal trail run around Pentire and the rumps. The route is circular and consists of 1.5 laps, so a 6.35km option is available. Runners of all abilities are welcome to take part, but bear in mind this is a challenging route on a rugged section of the South West Coast Path.

Price: Free event. Booking not required.

Porth

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/porth>

Porthcurnick Beach Cleans

7 April, 5 May and 2 June. 10-11am

Soak in fantastic views and fresh air whilst helping to keep this beautiful beach clean.

Price: Free event. Booking not required.

Penrose

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/penrose>

Friends of Poldhu Beach Cleans

First Friday of the month, 9-10am

Join us on Poldhu beach to help keep it clean for people and wildlife.

Price: Free. Booking not required.

Knights of the Round Table Quest at The Penrose Stables

5 - 27 April, 10am-5pm

Make your visit to Penrose legendary by discovering the legend of Loe Pool and King Arthur's magical sword, Excalibur. Explore Penrose on this outdoor trail, and complete the Quest to find Excalibur before the Lady of the Lake does by training to be a Knight of the Round Table, collecting 'relics' and solving ye olde riddles. Join us and Havulv, a Cornish group of historic reenactors, on the weekend of 12 – 13 April to really get into the spirit of the era.

Price: Free. Booking not required.

Penrose Bat Walk

20 May 8.30 - 10pm

Join us at the Penrose Stables for a short talk about the Bats of Penrose and Cornwall, followed by a dusk walk to detect what species of bats are out and about. Led by Cornwall Bat Group.

Price: £5pp. Booking essential via website.

Penrose Social and Family Walks

Weekly walks, starting at various times and starting points. Check website for details.

The walks are led by volunteer Walk Leaders and offer the opportunity for anybody to join us for some fresh air and time in nature. Everyone is welcome, of all abilities and experience.

Price: Free. Booking not required.

Penrose Monthly Activity Sheets

Daily, 10am to 4pm

Join us at Penrose Stables to pick up your monthly activity sheet, to explore Penrose with. From nature poetry, designing a dragon, mindfulness exercises and nature spotter sheets, there will be something to keep you, and your little ones entertained each time you visit.

Price: Free. Booking not required.

St Anthony Head

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/st-anthony-head>

Discover St Anthony Battery

1 June. 11am and 1:30pm

Join a tour to hear more about St Anthony Head's fascinating history and how this quiet corner of Cornwall helped to protect our shores.

Price: £5, booking essential.

The Dodman

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/the-dodman>

Hemmick Beach Cleans

5 April, 3 May. 10-11am

Soak in fantastic views and fresh air whilst helping to keep this beautiful beach clean.

Price: Free event. Booking not required.

Trelissick

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trelissick>

Easter egg hunt at Trelissick

5 – 21 April, 10am-4.30pm

This spring, treat the whole family to a world of adventure at Trelissick on an Easter trail. Make your way along the trail and find activities for the whole family. The trail takes place between 5 – 21 April 2025, from 10am to 4.30pm, with last entry at 4pm, so come along and explore the beautiful garden of Trelissick.

Price: £3.50 per trail, booking not required.

Truro Art Society exhibition at Trelissick

3 – 18 May, 10am-4.30pm

Trelissick will be hosting an exhibition from Truro Art Society between 3 – 18 May in the stables. The exhibition, featuring work from a number of local amateur and professional artists, will include a range of media in the display.

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

May half term at Trelissick

24 May – 1 June, 10am-4.30pm

Take part in a trail through the garden that celebrates 70 years since Ida Copeland gifted the National Trust the Trelissick garden. Get involved with the celebrations in the house to share what Trelissick means to you.

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

Trengwainton

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/trengwainton-garden>

Easter egg hunt at Trengwainton

6–21 April (closed Fridays and Saturdays, except Good Friday). 10am to 5pm

Come along and explore the beautiful garden at Trengwainton, make your way along the trail and find activities for the whole family. The trail includes Easter trail sheet, bunny ears and chocolate egg.

Price: £3.50 per trail (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

May Half Term at Trengwainton

25 May – 29 May, 1 June (closed Fridays and Saturdays). 10am-5pm.

Celebrate blossom at Trengwainton by making fallen flower kebabs. Collect a stick from reception and gather fallen flowers as you explore the garden, then pop them in the ground to create a collective piece of wild art.

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

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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 2023/24 we received 25.3 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 5.38 million members, funders and donors, and tens of thousands of volunteers support our work to care for nature, beauty, history for everyone, for ever.