

## **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>

##### **Cornwall in Conflict**

**April – June (see website for available dates). 12.30noon-4.30pm**

From the English Civil War to the Second World War, the Carews of Antony have been involved in local and international conflicts. Learn more about these clashes, read their war stories, and discover the treasure trove of militaria that the Antony collection holds.

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

##### **Easter egg hunt at Antony**

**8-10 April and 15-24 April (excluding Sat 19 April). 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 April. 1.30-2pm**

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. 2-4pm**

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](#)

### **Botallack**

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

#### **Bal Maiden - a mixed media exhibition by Katie Hancock**

**1-27 April. 10am-3pm**

Botallack Count House hosts the work of Katie Hancock who aims to take visitors on a journey around the Tin Coast with a focus on the Bal maiden experience. Her work reflects upon the role of women past and present and their lives within the home but also in industry.

**Price:** Free event. Booking not required.

#### **Daily tours - The Bal Maidens of Botallack**

**1 April – 30 June. 2-2.30pm**

We are offering daily tours which look at key areas of the landscape pertinent to the toil of women and Bal maidens set to work at Botallack.

**Price:** Free event. Booking not required.

#### **Art exhibition by Rosie Mack**

**28 April – 30 June. 10am-4pm**

Rosie's work is an exploration of the riches of the local landscape and range of industrial architecture and captures the previously bruised landscape being absorbed back into nature.

**Price:** Free event. Booking not required.

### **Cotehele**

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

#### **Nature Walks**

**27 April, 25 May. 11am-1pm**

Volunteer led walk and talk of 60-90 minutes from Cotehele Quay through the amazing estate. Discover seasonal highlights, what the Rangers have been doing to care of the estate and learn about all the flora and fauna that can be found on our patch of the Tamar Valley.

**Price:** Free event. Booking required.

#### **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.

### **PondLife! at Cotehele Quay**

**5<sup>th</sup> April, 3 May & 7 June. 10.30am-1pm**

Join in on the hunt for the creatures which live in (and on!) the pond. Watch the water closely, or have a go at pond dipping, and identify any insects, fish, or amphibians you may find.

**Price:** Free event. Booking not required.

### **Festival of Blossom at Cotehele**

**26-30 April & 1-11 May. 10am-5pm**

Join us at Cotehele to enjoy the sensory magic of blossom season. Smell the scents wafting on the breeze, marvel at the pink and white clouds of blooms and take part in mindful, playful and creative events this spring.

**Price:** Free event (normal admissions 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.

### **Natalie Toms: Bleujenn**

**3-11 May. 12noon-4pm**

'Bleujenn,' Cornish for 'blossom,' explores the beauty and interconnectedness of spring flowers and the wildlife they sustain. Focusing on apple, cherry, blackthorn, and pear, Toms celebrates the fragile yet vital relationship between these blooms and the creatures that rely on them for food and pollination.

**Price:** Free event (normal admissions 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.

### **Sun, stars and planets**

**5 April. 7-10pm**

Arrive at Carnewas before sunset for a chance to look at the sun safely through telescopes before it sets, then take a closer look at the moon, stars and planets as they come into view. This Kernow Astronomers event is hosted by the National Trust. Please check for weather updates nearer the time.

**Price:** Free event. Booking not required.

### **East Pool Mine**

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

#### **Me and Mine - art installation by Kate Cartwright at Michell's Engine House**

**April – May (see website for available dates). 11am-1pm**

Kate Cartwright explores the theme of history, family and home through her art and use of raw materials. Wanting to record Cornwall in a visceral and visual way, Kate taps into the natural elements, fuelled by her emotive responses to different environments and their stories and aims to solidify the connection between place and being.

**Price:** £5 per adult & £2.50 per child (non members). Normal admissions still apply. Booking required.

### **Glendurgan**

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

### **Easter Adventures at Glendurgan Garden**

**5-21 April (excluding 7th & 14th). 10.30am-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**

**3 & 23 April, 1, 7, 15 & 21 April. 11am-1.30pm**

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

**Price:** Free event (normal admission applied). Booking required.

### **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 event (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 event (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 event (normal admission applies). Booking not required.

### **Guided wider estate walks at Godolphin**

**Every Monday April – June. 11am-1pm**

Experience a walk in nature and the dynamic countryside of the Godolphin estate by join one of the volunteers for a refreshing walk.

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

### **Lanhydrock**

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

**25 Things to do at Lanhydrock in 2025**

**1 April – 30 June. 10.30am-4pm**

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). Booking not required

### **Blossom, Floriography at Lanhydrock**

**1 – 30 April. 11am-4.30pm**

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**

**5-21 April. 10.30am-4pm**

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**

**24 May – 1 June. 10.30am-4pm**

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.

### **Levant Mine and Beam Engine**

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cornwall/levant-mine-and-beam-engine>

**Bal Maidens of the Tin Coast tour**

**See website for information on dates and times.**

We bring the copper dressing floors of Levant Mine to life to demonstrate the gruelling role women and children had to play in turning rocks to riches.

Hear stories of Bal maidens who worked at Levant and understand more about their social and economic standing in society.

**Price:** Admissions apply (see website for details). 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 (normal admissions apply). 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.

### **Forest Bathing, Mindfulness and Wellbeing Walks**

**1 June. 10.15am-1.15pm**

Forest bathing, mindfulness and wellbeing walks at Penrose, aim to connect you with nature and rewild your senses.

**Price:** £30 pp. Booking 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.

### **Trerice**

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

#### **Easter at Trerice**

**5-21 April. 10.30am-4.30pm**

Come along and explore the beautiful gardens and house of Trerice. Prices are £3.50 per trail which includes an Easter trail sheet, bunny ears and dairy or vegan and Free From\* chocolate egg.

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

### **Festival of Blossom**

**1-30 April. 10.30am-4.30pm**

In collaboration with renowned sound artist, Justin Wiggan, we have been running community-focused workshops that explore the intersection of nature, sound and poetry in the knot garden at Trerice in celebration of the arrival of spring.

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

### **Archaeological tour of Trerice**

**11 & 25 April, 9 & 23 May, 6 & 20 June. 2-3pm**

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 event (normal admissions apply). Booking not required.

### **Garden tour with Head Gardener**

**15 April. 1-2pm**

Join the Head Gardener Adam on a walking tour of the garden here at Trerice!

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

### **May half term Tudor week and falconry displays**

**25-31 May (see website for activities schedule). 10.30am-4.30pm**

Experience Tudor Week this May half term at Trefice, including falconry displays, Tudor games and a costume day!

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

**ENDS**

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**About the National Trust**

In January 2025 the National Trust marked its 130th birthday by launching its new 10-year strategy *People and Nature Thriving*.

This strategy, which will guide the charity's work and direction from 2025-2035 and beyond, focuses on three key goals:

- Restore Nature
- End unequal access to nature, beauty and history
- Inspire more people to care and take action

The plans follow the largest public consultation ever carried out by the National Trust, with more than 70,000 people – including members, volunteers and industry partners – sharing their views on the Trust's work and direction.

Read more about the National Trust's strategy [here](#).